

Vermilion Municipal Court

2008 Annual Report



W. Zack Dolyk
Judge

Tamara Horton
Clerk

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	Reviewed	Approve	Disapprove
Commrs	✓		
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RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

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EMPLOYEE ROSTER

W. Zack Dolyk	Judge
Tamara Horton	Clerk
Michelle Fiegelist	Chief Deputy Clerk/Bailiff
Elizabeth Henderson	Deputy Clerk
Candace McDoniel	Deputy Clerk
Stephanie Lukovics	Deputy Clerk
Richard Baker	Bailiff
Randy Strickland	Probation Officer
Norman Stover	Security Officer
Norman Hendrickson	Security Officer
R.J. Budway	Prosecutor
Kathleen Fischer	Prosecutor's Secretary

Pursuant to Section 1901.14 Ohio Revised Code, I respectfully submit the following report relative to the operation of the Vermilion Municipal Court for the year of 2008.



Tamara Horton, Clerk of Court

2008 YEAR END REVIEW

Enclosed is the 2008 report for the Vermilion Municipal Court. This was the first year of my tenure on the bench. It was another year of growth for the Court thanks to the hard work of all of our staff.

The summary attached to this review demonstrates that the criminal and traffic case loads both increased in 2008.

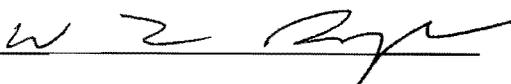
There were 4597 criminal and traffic cases filed in 2008 an increase of 235 cases from 2007. We were able to complete 4492 of these cases. In addition we bound over 134 felonies to the Erie and Lorain County Grand Juries.

Once again, the bleak economy appears to be the cause of the increased civil caseload. We also had 607 new civil cases filed in 2008 an increase of 59 new filings from 2007. We completed 548 civil cases.

We have greatly increased the use of alcohol monitoring devices to ensure that defendants on probation are not consuming alcohol. Some of these devices require the driver to blow into a machine which doesn't enable the vehicle to start unless the driver has not consumed any alcohol.

This year we updated our Local Rules of Court and fee schedules. We are continuing our efforts to streamline our procedures in order to provide the most fair and efficient system possible. We are also actively working to maintain and upgrade our facility and equipment.

Our goal remains to continue to provide justice to the citizens of Vermilion and the surrounding townships in the most efficient and professional manner possible.



Judge W. Zack Dolyk

**VERMILION MUNICIPAL COURT
SUMMARY REPORT**

Number of Court Sessions:

Traffic/Criminal: 110

Civil: 95

2008 Traffic & Criminal Cases Filed				
Agency	Erie County Traffic Cases Filed	Lorain County Traffic Cases Filed	Erie County Criminal Cases Filed	Lorain County Criminal Cases Filed
Citizen			45	13
DOG			5	
ECHD				
LCMP		22	5	75
MISC.			13	12
ODNR			6	4
OSP	804	352	21	17
SCIT			24	4
SHF	444	34	244	8
SVER	1	17	41	93
VER	405	797	197	214
OSPT	284	393	1	2

2008 Traffic & Criminal Cases Completed		
Agency	Traffic Cases	Criminal Cases
LCP	20	68
OSP	1195	23
OSPT	639	3
SHF	501	235
SVER	21	87
VER	1196	382
CITZ		45
DOG		6
ECHD		
MISC		26
ODNR		9
SCIT		36

BINDOVERS		
	Traffic	Criminal
Erie County Common Pleas Court	8	61
Lorain County Common Pleas Court	16	49

2008 Civil Cases Filed & Completed		
	Filed	Completed
CVE	5	3
CVF	422	237
CVG	86	23
CVH	21	
CVI	73	46

TOTAL MONEY COLLECTED IN 2008

Receipts	\$632,334.01
Credit Card:	\$171,448.99
Web Payments:	\$15,890.50
Civil Account:	\$287,447.62
Trusteeship Account:	\$39,310.54
Rental Escrow Account:	<u>\$0.00</u>

\$1,146,431.66

2008 Traffic / Criminal Financial Report

Balance on Hand December 31, 2007	\$15,957.38
Receipts	\$632,334.01
Credit Card	\$171,448.99
Web Payments	\$15,890.50
Reinstated into Account:	\$4,264.92
	\$839,895.80
Bad Checks & Web Payment Errors	\$6,545.42
	\$833,350.38

2008 DISBURSEMENTS

City of Vermillion

Ordinance Fines	\$129,800.78
Costs	\$141,629.47
Collection Costs	1,706.28
Legal Research Fund	\$11,010.00
Computer Fund	\$18,320.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$32,688.32
40% O.S.P. Fines	\$55,786.58
V.P.D. Law Enforcement	\$1,970.00
Probation Costs	\$52,209.50
Drug Tests	\$105.00
Indigent Alcohol Fund	\$3,311.00
Misc. Costs	\$114.00
SVDR Drug Fines	\$1,007.00
Citizen Fines	\$1,021.71
Railroad Grade Crossing Imp. Fund	\$1,750.00
Jury Fees	\$835.35
Credit Card User Fee	\$2,220.00
Building Department Fines	\$401.00
Court Security Fund	\$3,401.00
Vehicle Maint. Fund	\$3,401.00
Court Education Training Fund	\$1,130.00
Indigent Drivers Interlock Fund	\$400.00
OVI Fines	\$150.00

\$464,367.99

State of Ohio

50% OSP Fines	\$69,100.72
RRF	\$30,834.00
General Revenue	\$51,153.00
Seat Belt	\$8,272.00
Liquor fines	\$1,591.50
Expungement	\$540.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund	\$2,508.00
Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund (1.50)	\$1,167.00

\$165,166.22

Erie County Auditor

Dog	\$375.00
Highway Maint. Fund	\$1,294.00
SCITZ	\$1,445.50
Sheriff	\$67,244.85
SVER	\$8,563.52
Uniform Traffic	\$6,066.16
Turnpike	\$2,315.10
Liquor fines	\$1,540.00
Sheriff Drug Fines	\$1,788.00
Political Subdivision	\$5,100.00
Sheriff Law Enforcement Agency	\$730.00
Public Defender Fund	\$1,619.80
Sheriff Fees	\$832.20
Witness Fees	\$0.00
OVI Fines	\$281.00

\$99,195.13**Lorain County Auditor**

Highway Patrol Traffic & Criminal Fines	\$6,037.10
Other State Traffic Fines (4511 & 4513)	\$3,671.40
Other State Fines (4503, 4505, 4507, 4509,4510)	\$3,387.80
Offense Related to Highways (5589 & 5577)	\$9,734.00
State Criminal Fines	\$5,496.45
State Liquor Law	\$51.50
Dog and Kennel Fund	\$0.00
Education & Enforcement Fund	\$0.00
Alcohol Treatment Fund	\$0.00
Sheriff's Housing Fund	\$2,188.00
Jury, Witness, Sheriff, Record Sealing & Misc.	\$0.00
Public Defender	\$1,650.00
Any Other Fines Not Listed: Law Library	\$600.00

\$32,816.25

OSP LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY	\$915.40
OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$895.00
OHIO STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY	\$1,901.50
L.C.M.P. FINES	\$2,479.00
SANDUSKY BAY LAW LIBRARY ASSN.	\$1,848.45
LORAIN COUNTY LAW LIBRARY	\$0.00
OSP POST 22-DRUG FINES	\$394.90
OSP POST 47-DRUG FINES	\$2.10
OSP POST 90-DRUG FINES	\$0.00
ODNR	\$995.00
PCSO	\$9,854.33
OHIO INVESTIGATIVE UNIT	\$202.50

OHIO DEPT. PUBLIC SAFETY-CIGARETTE VIOLATIONS	\$260.00
RESTITUTION PAYMENTS	\$9,478.11
ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR: IDSF	\$75.00
OHIO DEPT. PUBLIC SAFETY: DEFC	\$2,291.00
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO REPARATIONS: IDFC	\$3,265.00
TOTAL 2008 DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$796,402.88</u>
BALANCE	\$36,947.50
SUNDRIES	<u>\$20,289.50</u>
BALANCE	\$16,658.00
BOND ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008	\$16,658.00

The Bond on Hand represents bonds being held on pending cases in the Vermilion Municipal Court and will be carried over to the beginning of the year 2009.

2008 Civil Financial Report

Balance on Hand December 31, 2007:	\$2,543.08
Total Collections:	\$287,447.62
Reinstatements & Uncashed Checks	<u>\$1,257.00</u>
	\$291,247.70
Bad Checks	
	\$291,247.70

2008 DISBURSEMENTS

City of Vermilion

Costs	\$56,039.26	
Costs: Legal Aid	\$142.22	
Legal Research Fund	\$1,767.00	
Computer Improvement Fund	\$2,945.00	
Capital Projects Fund	\$4,743.00	
Court Security Fund	\$517.00	
Vehicle Maint. Fund	\$517.00	
Misc. Costs	\$326.94	
Uncashed checks	<u>\$0.00</u>	
		\$66,997.42

Treasurer, State of Ohio

Treasurer, State of Ohio - Legal Aid	\$14,076.81
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Miscellaneous

Judgments	\$193,251.89
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Sundries	\$15,910.72
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Disbursements	<u>\$290,236.84</u>
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BOND ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2008	\$1,010.86
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The Bond on Hand represents funds held on pending cases in the Vermilion Municipal Court and will be carried over to the beginning of 2009 year.

2008 Total Paid to City of Vermilion for Traffic, Criminal And Civil Cases

January			
Traffic/Criminal	\$37,673.85		
Civil	\$4,235.06		
Trusteeship	\$383.52		
Rental Escrow	<u>\$0.00</u>		
			\$42,292.43
February			
Traffic/Criminal	\$44,390.78		
Civil	\$7,020.22		
Trusteeship	\$370.11		
Rental Escrow	<u>\$0.00</u>		
			\$51,781.11
March			
Traffic/Criminal	\$27,468.54		
Civil	\$5,324.86		
Trusteeship	\$543.80		
Rental Escrow	<u>\$0.00</u>		
			\$33,337.20
April			
Traffic/Criminal	\$38,586.14		
Civil	\$4,868.93		
Trusteeship	\$368.59		
Rental Escrow	<u>\$0.00</u>		
			\$43,823.66
May			
Traffic/Criminal	\$35,161.54		
Civil	\$6,144.24		
Trusteeship	\$372.10		
Rental Escrow	<u>\$0.00</u>		
			\$41,677.88
June			
Traffic/Criminal	\$42,130.70		
Civil	\$5,275.57		
Trusteeship	\$372.38		
Rental Escrow	<u>\$0.00</u>		
			\$47,778.65
July			
Traffic/Criminal	\$43,732.60		
Civil	\$6,194.97		
Trusteeship	\$586.56		
Rental Escrow	<u>\$0.00</u>		
			\$50,514.13

2008 Total Paid to City of Vermilion for Traffic, Criminal and Civil

August	Traffic/Criminal	\$38,118.51	
	Civil	\$4,022.06	
	Trusteeship	\$192.64	
	Rental Escrow	\$0.00	
			\$42,333.21
September	Traffic/Criminal	\$48,192.80	
	Civil	\$6,578.30	
	Trusteeship	\$548.75	
	Rental Escrow	\$0.00	
			\$55,319.85
October	Traffic/Criminal	\$39,501.15	
	Civil	\$6,031.54	
	Trusteeship	\$35,572.09	
	Rental Escrow	\$0.00	
			\$81,104.78
November	Traffic/Criminal	\$34,428.75	
	Civil	\$6,510.51	
	Trusteeship	\$0.00	
	Rental Escrow	\$0.00	
			\$40,939.26
December	Traffic/Criminal	\$34,982.63	
	Civil	\$4,791.16	
	Trusteeship	\$0.00	
	Rental Escrow	\$0.00	
			\$39,773.79
			\$570,675.95

Breakdown:	Traffic/Criminal	\$464,367.99	
	Civil	\$66,997.42	
	Trusteeship	\$39,310.54	
	Rental Escrow	\$0.00	
			\$570,675.95

GRAND TOTAL PAID TO THE CITY OF VERMILION	\$570,675.95
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2008 Total Paid to Treasurer, State of Ohio
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	Civil	Criminal
January	\$576.18	\$13,352.75
February	\$1,634.49	\$15,023.95
March	\$985.05	\$9,840.15
April	\$1,084.05	\$12,031.64
May	\$1,698.84	\$11,197.48
June	\$1,010.79	\$14,920.90
July	\$1,133.55	\$15,676.73
August	\$907.83	\$13,381.66
September	\$1,337.49	\$18,925.21
October	\$995.94	\$15,547.15
November	\$1,425.60	\$12,223.00
December	\$1,287.00	\$13,045.60
	\$14,076.81	\$165,166.22

Breakdown:	CIVIL	\$14,076.81
	CRIMINAL	\$165,166.22

GRAND TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$179,243.03
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**Comparison Report - Traffic / Criminal Account
1966-2008**

Year	Ordinance Cases Filed	State Cases Filed	Total Collections	Total Paid City
1966	881	292	\$38,704.90	\$34,402.85
1967	686	408	\$35,796.40	\$28,725.31
1968	1083	578	\$42,474.72	\$35,435.43
1969	869	538	\$38,358.89	\$32,917.82
1970	1171	334	\$40,028.21	\$34,576.91
1971	1207	415	\$43,634.75	\$37,665.78
1972	1407	351	\$64,406.84	\$54,193.50
1973	1489	504	\$74,683.96	\$58,755.87
1974	1398	477	\$82,397.75	\$68,049.18
1975	1444	651	\$96,719.64	\$78,146.82
1976	1578	1074	\$113,190.86	\$90,596.55
1977	1713	1224	\$115,279.38	\$83,930.33
1978	1622	1128	\$127,504.20	\$99,300.97
1979	1397	1644	\$142,964.42	\$96,103.82
1980	1616	1720	\$188,585.55	\$133,002.88
1981	1433	2020	\$188,591.65	\$120,916.44
1982	1399	1411	\$188,756.53	\$120,499.52
1983	1506	2034	\$303,313.07	\$197,553.42
1984	1517	2509	\$290,968.16	\$178,431.49
1985	1487	2690	\$307,550.48	\$181,254.49
1986	1426	2942	\$300,194.35	\$164,985.43
1987	1457	3000	\$302,080.86	\$184,771.90
1988	1492	3079	\$325,083.87	\$181,223.43
1989	1281	2851	\$372,828.54	\$204,320.60
1990	1581	2629	\$349,974.50	\$191,438.17
1991	1658	2673	\$323,681.65	\$180,402.50
1992	1547	2449	\$378,057.69	\$201,766.01
1993	1710	2838	\$460,670.68	\$246,558.51
1994	1576	3030	\$470,120.95	\$249,220.15
1995	1513	3862	\$495,789.20	\$260,736.34
1996	1736	3571	\$525,941.40	\$278,383.55
1997	1827	2659	\$517,296.40	\$273,784.43
1998	1514	2784	\$500,547.83	\$247,819.64
1999	1477	3005	\$568,440.92	\$268,657.27
2000	2642	2455	\$710,961.12	\$348,615.32
2001	2281	2621	\$847,722.07	\$341,915.25
2002	2334	3929	\$882,731.69	\$408,533.77
2003	2469	2708	\$801,741.79	\$396,140.71
2004	2392	2738	\$819,917.26	\$387,279.01
2005	1551	3399	\$842,009.81	\$434,945.61
2006	1429	2936	\$811,586.00	\$452,987.74
2007	1174	3070	\$824,915.92	\$460,655.38
2008	1411	2995	\$833,350.38	\$464,367.99

Comparison Report - Civil Account 1966-2008				
Year	Civil Cases Filed	Small Claims Filed 9/98	Total Collections	Total Paid City
1966	128		\$3,267.69	\$934.00
1967	202		\$5,134.09	\$1,134.09
1968	172		\$5,311.84	\$2,005.44
1969	177		\$7,019.52	\$1,869.54
1970	155		\$4,329.01	\$1,342.00
1971	144		\$5,371.86	\$1,919.94
1972	120		\$11,244.57	\$2,632.02
1973	134		\$4,737.10	\$2,174.76
1974	127		\$7,795.77	\$2,573.00
1975	134		\$7,087.00	\$2,231.35
1976	212		\$11,529.17	\$3,849.09
1977	162		\$8,805.06	\$3,570.44
1978	233		\$10,300.71	\$3,380.86
1979	252		\$14,665.14	\$5,257.59
1980	308		\$16,985.80	\$6,176.63
1981	288		\$17,353.10	\$1,803.87
1982	263		\$16,321.99	\$12,259.47
1983	252		\$20,781.47	\$12,565.55
1984	227		\$30,012.57	\$13,128.77
1985	247		\$32,993.28	\$16,961.70
1986	232		\$26,817.09	\$12,153.55
1987	279		\$21,580.10	\$12,532.61
1988	277		\$27,214.27	\$13,926.42
1989	261		\$25,777.12	\$14,406.71
1990	269		\$37,192.20	\$14,416.39
1991	212		\$25,603.99	\$12,472.53
1992	225		\$26,377.02	\$13,100.06
1993	178		\$43,662.72	\$11,104.24
1994	218		\$41,206.34	\$14,563.20
1995	207		\$34,718.55	\$13,455.01
1996	221		\$43,172.16	\$11,829.26
1997	278		\$46,644.89	\$19,232.49
1998	268	81	\$81,374.93	\$23,152.52
1999	192	99	\$66,742.85	\$24,429.94
2000	269	83	\$99,756.72	\$25,935.27
2001	261	72	\$176,454.94	\$27,486.06
2002	358	89	\$186,367.24	\$36,540.82
2003	393	89	\$199,366.66	\$46,458.71
2004	406	79	\$220,173.23	\$48,111.50
2005	342	57	\$193,424.64	\$36,055.05
2006	354	79	\$245,553.62	\$44,577.07
2007	501	43	\$263,989.44	\$67,350.52
2008	534	73	\$269,534.06	\$66,997.42

Comparison Report - Trusteeship Account 1966-2008				
Year	Cases Filed	Total Collections	Total Paid City	
1966	28	\$11,228.63	\$180.36	
1967	19	\$15,312.36	\$361.32	
1968	9	\$23,660.72	\$501.58	
1969	12	\$19,695.06	\$490.53	
1970	8	\$12,189.53	\$284.61	
1971	7	\$12,352.08	\$283.96	
1972	4	\$18,330.79	\$560.94	
1973	4	\$11,028.67	\$521.06	
1974	3	\$7,131.75	\$377.72	
1975	7	\$8,876.25	\$470.74	
1976	2	\$11,200.69	\$524.70	
1977	2	\$14,343.67	\$757.16	
1978	3	\$9,288.95	\$407.40	
1979	0	\$4,718.48	\$196.39	
1980	1	\$2,550.21	\$135.08	
1981	2	\$1,770.30	\$99.04	
1982	1	\$2,450.54	\$118.68	
1983	2	\$3,294.61	\$178.06	
1984	3	\$2,467.24	\$130.68	
1985	2	\$5,752.04	\$283.26	
1986	1	\$2,283.79	\$118.49	
1987	1	\$1,034.60	\$44.86	
1988	1	\$951.21	\$69.75	
1989	2	\$4,619.28	\$207.58	
1990	2	\$7,979.67	\$368.08	
1991	0	\$4,782.49	\$180.57	
1992	0	\$2,152.66	\$111.06	
1993	0	\$1,001.61	\$48.87	
Trusteeship account has been inactive since 1993				
2007	1	\$382.61	\$7.55	
2008	0	\$39,310.54	\$793.73	

Comparison Report - Rental Escrow Account 1975-2001				
Year	Cases Filed	Total Collections	Total Paid City	
1975	2	\$931.25	\$9.23	
1976	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1977	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1978	1	\$606.00	\$3.00	
1979	2	\$389.86	\$3.86	
1980	3	\$580.75	\$5.75	
1981	6	\$7,453.85	\$78.75	
1982	1	\$888.80	\$8.80	
1983	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1984	2	\$623.20	\$13.20	
1985	4	\$3,171.33	\$97.35	
1986	0	\$21.00	\$21.00	
1987	1	\$809.00	\$9.00	
1988	1	\$224.20	\$2.20	
1989	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1990	3	\$2,727.00	\$27.00	
1991	2	\$4,782.49	\$28.90	
1992	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1993	1	\$858.50	\$0.00	
1994	1	\$686.50	\$15.00	
1995	1	\$12.50	\$6.00	
1996	1	\$1,160.75	\$10.75	
1997	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1998	1	\$631.25	\$6.25	
1999	2	\$1,699.83	\$16.83	
2000	1	\$631.25	\$6.25	
2001	1	\$828.30	\$8.30	

Rental Escrow account has been inactive since 2001

2008 Probation Department Report

ACTIVE CASES AS OF 12/31/08:	168
NEW CASES:	245
PRE SENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS	8
PROBATIONERS WITH INACTIVE STATUS:	85
ACTIVE ARREST WARRANTS	7
PROBATIONERS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS:	14
DRUG PROGRAMS:	
INPATIENT PROGRAMS	7
OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS:	135
DRUG/ALCOHOL MONITORS (BRACELETS ETC)	15

Probation Fees Collected 2008: \$52,209.50

Comparison Report - Probation Department 2001-2008

Year	New Cases	Total Probation Fees
2001	136	\$2,111.61
2002	102	\$11,511.39
2003	172	\$26,753.30
2004	194	\$37,568.70
2005	235	\$62,063.80
2006	200	\$60,251.50
2007	177	\$54,161.85
2008	253	\$52,209.50