

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD April 2, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on April 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Ben Browning (Trustee), Lee Cole (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk) . Members absent: none.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jeff Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. B. Browning made the motion to approve the agenda for this month and the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Rose Polizzi (resident) stated concern regarding Stevenson Lake Road. She stated it is a safety hazard and is concerned that said road is not on the ICRC agenda for repairing soon. She stated the ICRC secretary advised we apply for 2% money. Michelle Anderson (resident) stated she was at the meeting to see what will be done regarding the petition. Jill Bourland (resident) also stated she was at the meeting to see the progress of the petition. Nathan Rodgers (resident) stated he had some information regarding the outside ramp and would share during "Old Business". Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.) stated he has property on Stevenson Lake Road and there are some bad trees that could affect the road if they fell. Nick Wood (candidate for Probate Judge) spoke about his upcoming candidacy for Probate Judge.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Fire Department: Open negotiations to roll back the CAFD millage from 1.1 mil to 1.0 mil.
 - 2. Property Tax:
 - a. Tentative Pre-BOR values, all classes:

i) Assessed	\$ 68,615,800.00
ii) Taxable	\$ 46,893,753.00
iii) Assessor Opinion of Value	\$127,605,207.00
 - 3. Roads:
 - a. Township Road Tour.
 - b. Grant Twp will take on N. County Line Road from Crawford Intersection 1 mile.
 - 4. Solid Waste: Had a couple complaints over last 30 days.
 - 5. Township Assets: Kickoff Cemetery Project and discuss drain clearing with Drain Commission.
 - 6. Zoning: No Known issues before county.
 - 7. Other:
 - a. Smith/Norris Property at 104 Hillcrest. Still trying to get the house sold.
 - b. Soil Conservation Household Chemical Day, May 19th. This is for chemicals & paints. It will be at the fairgrounds.
 - c. Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday May 28th at our cemetery.
 - d. Little Tobacco Drain Developments.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Elections Issues: People interested in being a Precinct Delegate must file with the County Clerk before May 8th at 4 p.m.

G. Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Report as of: March 31, 2018

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$146,267.11
b. Waste Management.....	\$115,121.82
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,731.74
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 45,055.22
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$ 76,809.64

2. Funds Received for the month of March 2018

a. State of Michigan Revenue Sharing	\$ 18,548.00
c. Chemical Bank...Interest	\$ 14.05
d. Vernon Tax Account-Summer admin.....	\$ 230.33
e. Vernon Tax Account-General.....	\$ 6,416.27
f. Vernon Tax Account-Waste.....	\$ 15,960.00
g. Vernon Tax Account-VCHL.....	\$ 465.71
h. Local Community Stabilization,	\$ 133.96
i. Charter -Franchise Fee.....	\$ 313.00

3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by B. Browning to pay bills for a total of \$22,634.24. Motion seconded by Lee Cole.. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: None.
2. Lee Cole: None.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of a U. S. Department of Justice Compliance Review of ADA Issues at the Township Hall.

Nathan Rodgers had a contractor from his company look at the ramp situation. He will have more information for the board at the next meeting. S. Allen made the motion to table this discussion again. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Discussions and Actions regarding receipt of petition to the Electors of the township to request that the Township Board adopt an Ordinance creating a Planning Commission pursuant to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33.

- a) Met with Attorney Council on March 13, 2018.

i) Review of Discussion

ii) Ballot Language

This was informative information. No action required.

3. Consideration of 2018 Road Program.

- a) Gravel will be mined from Clare County Pit for 2018 at \$14,003/mile and \$15,008 with contingency.

This is informative information. Will continue to look into pricing.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Ballot questions for Creation of Planning Commission; Planning, Zoning and Land use Regulation Millage; and Road Improvement and Maintenance Millage. Motion by Lee Cole to Change the terms from 20 years to 10 years in the two millages. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt Resolution 003-2018 as amended was made by B. Browning. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Roll Call vote taken. 5 yes and 0 no. This resolution was declared adopted.

K. Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. on April 2, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

VERNON TOWNSHIP PROJECT LIST 2017-2018

The following items have not been prioritized:

1. Township Hall:
 - a. Extend Parking on South Side of Roadway.
 - b. Evaluate Roof

2. Cemetery:
 - a. Set Boundary Markers.
 - b. Protect Burial Lots From Being Driven On.
 - c. Coleman Road Access.
 - d. Drainage.
 - e. Install or Repair Existing Flag Pole or remove altogether.
 - f. Consider putting a dumpster at the Cemetery.
 - g. Tree work.

3. Zoning:

4. Waste:
 - a. Consider a Township Wide Hazardous Waste Collection Day of Promotion of Soil Conservation District Events.

5. Internet Service:
 - a. Consider methods to infill areas not yet serviced by High Speed Internet.
 - b. Consider internet service at the Township Hall.

6. Fire Protection:
 - a. Work to balance fire department payments to 1 mill of contributing taxable values.

7. Roads:
 - a. Evaluate Gravel roadways for areas in need of drainage and prepare list by priority.
 - b. Consideration of new Road Millage issue.