

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD August 6,,2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on August 6, 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 Lee Cole. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.), Jim Irwin (resident), Elvis Denton (resident), Priscilla Thompson (resident), Karen Gale (resident), Vaughn Jenkins (cemetery Caretaker), Ron Carpenter (resident), Brent Duffett (resident), Michelle Anderson (resident), Kelly and Denise Bean (residents) and Jim Bisset (resident). Karen Gale voiced her appreciation to the board for what they do. Elvis Denton also voiced his appreciation to the board and questioned what will be done for Stevenson Lake Road. Priscilla Thompson had questions about the ramp to the hall.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
1. Property Tax: Had July BOR.
 2. Township Assets:
 - a. New Concrete dumpster landing pad installed.
 - b. Access Ramp Issue at Hall.
 - c. Survey of Cemetery Boundaries requote.
 3. Roads:
 - a. Potential of road tube under Isabella on Northside of Old 10.
 - b. Ditching of Isabella, between Old 10 and Clareabella Roads.
 - c. Gravel Invoices \$13,415.63 below budget.
 4. Other:
 - a. Supervisor recall petition language rejected.
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: see packet.
- G. Treasurer's Report
1. Financial Report as of: July 31, 2018.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$101,418.21
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 86,653.06
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,128.62
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 45,820.20
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$ 76,924.99
 2. Funds Received for the month of July 2018

a. Chemical Bank, Interest for 4 months....	\$ 73.73
b. Martin Funeral Home.....	\$ 150.00
c. Local Comm. Stabitzation Auth.....	\$ 4,348.42
d. Charter Payment.....	\$ 316.27

- 3 .Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by B. Browning to pay bills for a total of \$63,747.74. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: No report.
2. Lee Cole: No report.

I. Old Business:

- 1.Consideration of adopting a Public Comment Policy.
 - a. Review of Clare BOE and MTA sample Public participation rules. Motion by S. Allen to table this. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. Review of a U. S. Department of Justice Compliance Review of ADA Issues at the Township Hallral.
 - a. Review of specifications and bids for installation of ADA ramp and threshold modifications.
 1. cement--no railings or removal of old ramp in estimate.
 2. Integral--treated wood, they would demo whole structure.
 3. Integral--composite wood and vinyl railing.
 - B. Browning made the motion to table this until next month. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. S. Allen made the motion to table this. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Budget and Accounts Transfer.
 - a. B. Browning made the motion to transfer \$300 from Assessors Records Update Expense (line item #257-960) to Auditing/Professional expense (line item #851-980). Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - b. Loren Cole made the motion to transfer \$50,000 from the General account to the Savings Account. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. Consideration of Waste Management request to increase recycling fee \$0.12 per residence per month for a monthly total of \$74.40 per month. Loren Cole made the motion to allow the increase of \$0.12 per month per residence for recycling fee. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with roll call vote.
3. Consideration of request for rate increase for the Cemetery Caretaker. Motion by S. Allen to give an additional \$50 to the Cemetery Caretaker per mowing due to the additional land at the cemetery. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.

K . Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. on August 6, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:



Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk