VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD August 5, 2019

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on August 5, 2019 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.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
3. B. Browning made the motion to approve the minutes from last month and the agenda for this month.

Lee Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed.

1. Visitors present: Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.) commented on the dead trees along the roads; Vaughn Jenkins (township caretaker) commented about a tree that needs to be removed at the hall. John Stough had questions about the Board’s decision on Recreational Marijuana.
2. Supervisor’s Report:

1. Property Tax: July BOR was held on July 19th with Joe McGuire, Ken Warner and Tom Ley.

2. Township Assets:

a. Cemetery:

i. Solar Water well pumps vs Electric service

b. Township Hall: U.S. Attorney has requested pictures of the improvements. J. Bean states he will send to her.

3. Other:

a. Abandon house at 104 Hillcrest. May be close to closing the deal on this property.

b. Next month need to set the Garbage Collection and VCHL Assessments.

c. Council of Governments Meeting august 21st in County Commission Chamber. Pete Preston, Equalization Director will speak on all things Personal Property and Real Estate

Taxes.

1. Clerk’s Report:
2. Budget: see packet.
3. Miscellaneous: Consideration of our accountant doing the yearly F-65 report.
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Financial Report as of: July 31, 2019.
   1. General Fund Checking……………………….. $ 120,971.43
   2. Waste Management……………………………. $ 89,185.25
   3. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 3,406.70
   4. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 48,716.98
   5. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 77,376.84
   6. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 8,140.89

2. Funds Received for the month of July 2019.

a. State of Michigan …………..…………………… $ 18,437.00

b. Vernon Township summer Admin.…………….. $ 821.99

3. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for a total of $24,651.16. B. Browning made the motion to

pay said bills. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

1. Trustees’ Reports
2. B. Browning: Will give cemetery improvement report later.
3. Lee Cole: None.
4. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Continue to table.

2. Review of Cemetery Improvement Project: Continue on Table as Costs Determined.

a. Drainage

b. Electric Service

c. Water. There was discussion about new wells at the cemetery and how they need to be 75 feet from graves. Loren Cole made the motion to approve the purchasing and

installation of solar powered water systems in the cemetery. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Communications with Taxpayers, Residents and Voters. Continue to Table.

a. Facebook.

b. Instagram

c. Mail

d. Newspaper

J. New Business:

1. Review of Parking Lot Expansion. Motion by S. Allen to table this

item. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.

1. Consideration of Upgrading Computer/Computers and Internet Service at the Hall.

B. Browning made the motion to authorize the clerk to purchase a new computer not exceeding $1500 for the hardware. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Some discussion about the possible need for Internet at the Hall in the future for voting but not for the present.

K. Adjournment: S. Allen made a motion to adjourn. Loren Cole seconded the motion. Motion

passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on August 5, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk