

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD August 1, 2016

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on August 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Jacob McConnell (Trustee), Mike Turner (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: none.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean who led the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. J. McConnell made the motion to approve the agenda for this month and the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by L. Cole. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Elvis Denton (resident)-complimented the roads, hall and cemetery. Gordon Gilchrist (resident)-commented on zoning issues. Priscilla Thompson (resident)-just observing. Vaughn Jenkins (for cemetery)-informed the board that the “No dumping” signs are up. Jeff Bean’s granddaughter.
- E. Supervisor’s Report:
 - 1. Property Tax:
 - a. Dan & Cheryl Haring Land Division, Section 24.
 - b. Thorpe & McGuire Lot line adjustment; Lapham is surveying.
 - 2. Solid Waste:
 - a. Trash Contract expires 12-31-16.
 - 3. Township Assets:
 - a. Hall: New Executive chairs are here.
- F. Clerk’s Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Election Issues: Election tomorrow.
- G. Treasurer’s Report
 - 1. Financial Report as of: July 31, 2016

a.	General Fund Checking.....	\$126,183.28
b.	Waste Management.....	\$ 64,129.42
c.	Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 2,685.52
d.	Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 42,934.26
e.	Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f.	Super High Yield Acct -----	\$ 76,434.05
 - 2. Funds Received for the month of July 2016

a.	State of MI Revenue Sharing.....	\$ 16,511.00
b.	Chemical Bank: interest.....	\$ 28.96
c.	City of Clare...Revenue Sharing.....	\$ 2,625.56
d.	Cemetery O/C.....	\$ 350.00
 - 3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by S. Allen to pay bills for a total of \$22,268.031. Motion seconded by M. Turner. Motion passed.
 - 4. Miscellaneous:
 - a. S. Allen informed the board that the county is looking to go to electronic tax-roll and wants the township to go to BS&A.
 - b. S. Allen informed the board that her duty clerk is stepping down.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Jack McConnell-No report.
2. Mike Turner-No report.

I. Old Business:

1. Review Bids for Bi-Annual Audit: L. Cole made the motion to accept the bid from Baird, Cotter and Bishop for the Bi-Annual Audit. Motion seconded by J. McConnell. Motion passed.
2. Appoint a Vernon Township resident for the rotating Library Board Position.: S. Allen made the motion to appoint Elvis Denton to the rotating Library Board position. Motion seconded by L. Cole. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Discussion of Solid Waste Contract Renewal:
Will continue to discuss this next month.
2. Discussion of Roof Field Status:
Will continue reviewing options.

K. Adjournment. L. Cole made the motion to adjourn. J. McConnell seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

VERNON TOWNSHIP PROJECT LIST 2016-2017

The following items have not been prioritized:

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

2. Establish Record Retention Procedure:
 - a. Fire safe file storage of paper documents—4 have been purchased and waiting to be set up in the office.

3. 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.

4. Zoning: On hold for now.

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

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

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

8. Roads:

- a. Evaluate Gravel roadways for areas in need of drainage and prepare list by priority.
- b. Consideration of new road millage issue.