

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD December 4, 2017

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on December 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Ben Browning (Trustee), Lee Cole (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk) . Members absent: Jeff Bean (Supervisor).
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Loren Cole 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: There were at least 16 residents and visitors present. Corey Bourland (resident) stated he had concerns for the upcoming wind farm. States he does not want it. Asked the board if an Ordinance could be set up for our township without going to the county planning commission. Nathan Rodgers (resident) spoke and stated he spoke with a lawyer regarding house value, decibels, setbacks and other issues. Andrea Laney (resident) stated she supported what Nathan said. Rhonda McGuire (resident) asked the board if the Windmill Farm Organization had come to speak to this board. Kyle Camp (resident) has concerns regarding property lines and the windmills. He states he supports a Planning Commission on the local level.
- E. Supervisor's Report: (presented by Loren Cole)
1. Fire Department: Time to consider renewal of fire protection from CAFD. A letter was sent to Jim. Chapman from J. Bean. There has been no response back as of yet.
 2. Property Tax:
 - a. Revised tax actions coming up at December BOR:
 1. Aaron Miller
 2. Jeremy Laney
 3. Roads:
 - a. For 2018, consideration of cooperating with
 1. Grant Township on N. County Line:

a. Crawford to Meridian	3 Mile
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 2. Wise Township on Summerton:

a. N. County Line to Stevenson Lake	3 Mile
b. Coleman to Battle	1 Mile
 3. Gilmore township on Meridian:

a. N. County Line to Herrick	1 Mile
b. Coleman to Vernon	<u>2 Mile</u>

Total Gravel Surface 10 Miles
 4. Isabella Township on Vernon

a. Isabella to Summerton	<u>1 Mile</u>
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Total Paved Surface 1 Mile
 - b. Review of ICRC ditching and drainage Quote: Motion by S. Allen to table this. Second by B. Browning. Motion passed.
 3. Other:
 - a. 2020 Local Census update of Addresses Operation (LUCA). The County will be doing this the townships. We will review their final numbers.
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: see packet.

G. Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Report as of: November 30, 2017

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$88,634.93
b. Waste Management.....	\$56,980.88
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 2,431.74
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$44,740.50
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$76,731.38

2. Funds Received for the month of November 2017

a. State of Michigan.....	\$20,127.00
b. Charter.....	\$ 343.19
c. Chemical Bank...Interest	\$ 34.64
d. Gulf Mark.....	\$ 34.78

3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by B. Browning to pay bills for a total of \$14,148.36. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: Reported that we are waiting to hear back from Harsh on doing the improvements to the cemetery.
2. Lee Cole: No Report.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of a U. S. Department of Justice Compliance Review of ADA Issues at the Township Hall. B. Browning made the motion to table this discussion again. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Amendment to Budget, if needed. S. Allen made the motion to transfer \$500.00 from Treasurers Expense (line item 253-720) to Cemetery Care (line item 276-700). Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.
2. Consideration of Adopting a Resolution to Set the 2017 December BOR Date from December 12th to December 15th, 2017. S. Allen made the motion to adopt Resolution #010-2017. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed. This Resolution was adopted.

K. Adjournment: B. Browning made the motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk