VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD February 3, 2020

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on February 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Members present Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), and Ben Browning (Trustee).and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: Lee Cole (Trustee)
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 a motion to approve the minutes from last month and the agenda for this month.

S. Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

1. Visitors present: Gerald Stryeski (property owner). Continued concerns about the ditching by his property. Brent Duffet (resident) states the roads in Holiday Association are bad. Al Glance (resident) came to observe and had questions about the status of the Township and the Marijuana issue.
2. Supervisor’s Report:
3. Property Tax: March Board of Review: Organizational Meeting March 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Petition Hearings: March 9th, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

 March 12th, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

1. Roads: ICRC Annual Meeting, Tuesday February 25th at 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
2. Township Assets:
	1. Township Hall:
		1. Waiting on error in recent survey staking of Township Hall
		2. What do we want to do with the extra ½ acre that is now an open field?
	2. Cemetery: Summit has authorized the Township to enter their property and clear the ditch line to Coleman Road.
3. Other:

 a. Abandon house at 104 Hillcrest. Still working on this.

 b. Residential house count.

 c. It was thought that Stevenson Lake dam had not been lowered enough. The Drain office has

 checked the dam and believe it is set appropriately for the winter season.

 d. Budget hearing in 28 days, being March 2, 2020.

 e. New requirement that land divisions cannot be approved without a certification that taxes

 are not delinquent from the County Treasurer at a cost of $5.00 per certification. It has been

 determined that this only applies to taxes remaining unpaid at County level. Townships may

 decide to make same requirement.

1. Clerk’s Report:

 1. Budget: see packet.

 2. Elections: Presidential Primary March 10, 2020

1. Treasurer’s Report
2. Financial Report as of January 31, 2020.
	1. General Fund Checking……………………….. $ 136,791.23
	2. Waste Management……………………………. $ 94,456.05
	3. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 3,724.30
	4. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 51,446.38
	5. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 77,669.87
	6. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 50,885.16

 2. Funds Received for the month of January 2020.

a. Chemical Bank. Interest………….…….…… $ 13.50

b. Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home o/c…... $ 700.00

c. Clark Funeral Home o/c……………………. $ 150.00

d. State of MI-State Revenue Sharing………. $ 22,244.00

e. Vernon Twp Tax Acct. summer Admin……. $ 121.40

f. Vernon Twp Tax Acct. General……………... $ 25,323.80

g. Vernon Twp Tax Acct. Roads………………. $ 50,885.16

h. Vernon Twp Tax Acct. Waste………………. $ 50,832.00

 i. Vernon Twp Tax Acct. VCHL………………. $ 809.62

 3. Budget and Account Transfers: B. Browning made the motion to transfer $172.47 from

 Roads (line item #446-930) to Township Hall (line item# 265-700) and $235.00 from Insurance

 and Bonds (line item #851-960) to Township Hall (line item# 265-700). Motion seconded by S.

 Allen. Motion passed.

 4. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for a total of $24,097.53. B. Browning made the motion to

 pay said bills. Loren Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

1. Trustees’ Reports

 1. B. Browning: Reports that the well is in at the cemetery just not hooked up yet.

 2. Lee Cole: Absent.

1. Old Business:
	1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Continue to table.
	2. Poverty Exemptions: Consideration of a Resolution to adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. See attached Guidelines. B. Browning made the motion to accept Resolution 001-2020. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4 Aye vote to 0 nay roll call vote. Resolution adopted.

 J. New Business:

 1.General Discussion in preparation of next month’s Budget Hearing and Budget Adoption.

 Discussion but no action taken.

 K. Adjournment: B. Browning made a motion to adjourn. Loren Cole seconded the motion. Motion

 passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on February 3, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk