

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD February 6, 2017

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on February 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Mike Turner (Trustee), Ben Browning (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: Jeff Bean (Supervisor).
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by L. Cole who led the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. S. Allen made the motion to approve the agenda for this month and the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by B.Browning. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Gordon Gilchrist (resident).
- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Fire Dept: Clare Fire Dept. Board: See Budgets for the City and Fire Dept. The City borrowed \$60,000 from the Fire Dept. for Bridge work that will get paid back.
 - 2. Property Tax:
 - a. Dan & Cheryl Haring Land Division, Section 24.
 - b. Scott and Cheryl Selles Land Division, Section 19.
 - c. Rosa Polizzi Land Division, Section 19
 - d. Irwin's Hideaway Land Divisions.
 - 3. Township Assets:
 - a. Cemetery: Cemetery Bollard posts.
 - 4. Roads: Annual meeting with the Road Commission was today.
 - 5. Solid Waste: Waiting for the Attorney to review the Waste-Management contract.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Pere Marquette District Library: A new control system for the basement will be installed.
- G. Treasurer's ReportFinancial Report as of: January 31, 2017
 - a. General Fund Checking..... \$128,084.92
 - b. Waste Management..... \$ 64,070.62
 - c. Vernon City Highway Lighting..... \$ 2,708.44
 - d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings..... \$ 44,056.32
 - e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD ----- \$ N/A
 - f. Super High Yield Acct ----- \$ 76,533.48
 - 2. Funds Received for the month of January 2017
 - a. State of Michigan..... \$18,286.00
 - b. Chemical Bank: interest..... \$ 23.16
 - c. Vernon Tax Account Admin Fee..... \$ 229.14
 - d. Vernon Tax Acc. General..... \$ 18,341.69
 - e. Vernon Tax Acc. Waste..... \$ 47,520.00
 - f. Vernon Tax Acc. VCHL..... \$ 800.72
 - g. VanBuskirk, foundation..... \$ 162.00
 - 3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by S. Allen to pay bills for a total of \$16,974.06. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Mike Turner: None.
2. Ben Browning: None.

I. Old Business:

1. Roof Field Status: This will be tabled as waiting for estimates. Motion to table this was made by B. Browning and seconded by M. Turner. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Budget Adjustment: S. Allen made the motion to adjust the budget by taking \$12.00 from the Misc. account (line item 900-949) to the Treas. Tax Collection account (Line item 253-969). B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- K. Adjournment. S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

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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.

