

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING HELD February 4, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on February 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Lee Cole (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk) . Members absent: Ben Browning (Trustee).
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jeff Bean with 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 Lee Cole. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Several visitors present. Jill Bourland (resident) asked where things were as far as the petitions. Informer her the County Clerk had validated the signatures and the board was going to be considering hiring an attorney to advise the Board through the process of properly taking the issue to an election. John Pediac (Denver Twp. Supervisor), Mary Battaglia (from Mid-Michigan Community College) and Nathan Rodgers.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
  - 1. Fire Department: Open negotiations to roll back the CAFD millage from 1.1 mil to 1.0 mil.
  - 2. Property Tax:
    - a. Tentative Schedule for the March BOR:
      - 1. Organizational Meeting on tuesday March 6th at 3:00 p.m.
      - 2. Appeals Hearing Day 1: Wednesday March 14th, 9am. to Noon & 1pm. to 4pm.
      - 3. Appeals Hearing DAY 2: Thursday March 15th, 1pm to 4pm & 6pm to 9pm.
  - 3. Roads: Annual road Meeting at 4pm today.
- F. Clerk's Report:
  - 1. Budget: see packet.
- G. Treasurer's Report
  - 1. Financial Report as of: January 31, 2018
    - a. General Fund Checking..... \$106,069.75
    - b. Waste Management..... \$ 81,057.02
    - c. Vernon City Highway Lighting..... \$ 2,982.53
    - d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings..... \$ 44,747.74
    - e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD ----- \$ N/A
    - f. Super High Yield Acct ----- \$ 76,771.15
  - 2. Funds Received for the month of January 2018
    - a. State of Michigan..... \$ 19,427.00
    - c. Chemical Bank...Interest ..... \$ 11.83
    - d. Vernon Tax Account-Summer admin..... \$ 163.46
    - e. Vernon Tax Account-General..... \$ 18,395.16
    - f. Vernon Tax Account-Waste..... \$ 37,876.79
    - g. Vernon Tax Account-VCHL..... \$ 785.79
    - h. Cemetery: O/C, lots, foundations..... \$ 1,120.80

3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by S. Allen to pay bills for a total of \$18,152.57. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: Absent
2. Lee Cole: Questions regarding the Road Commission meeting of today.

I. Old Business:

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

J. New Business:

1. Presentation from Mary E. Battaglia of Mid-Michigan Community College.

2. Discussions and Actions regarding receipt of the Petition last month, asking the Electors of the Township to request that the Township Board adopt an Ordinance creating a Planning Commission pursuant to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33.

Motion by Loren Cole Authorizing the Supervisor to execute an engagement letter with Fahn, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes attorney at law firm to help guide us through the process of taking the petition to an election. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.

3. Consideration of 2018 Road program. S. Allen made the motion to table this until next month. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.

4. Amendment to the Budget. S. Allen made the motion to:

- a. Transfer \$50.00 from BOR Printing and Publication (line item # 274-900) to BOR Salary (line item #247-702).
- b. Transfer \$45.45 from Misc. Expenses (line item #900-949) to Treasurer Tax Collection (line item #253-969).
- c. Transfer \$1000.00 from Twp. Hall Expenses (line item #265-700) to Cemetery Care (line item #276-700).
- d. Transfer \$516.18 from Misc. Expense (line item #900-949) to Drains at Large (line item #454-001)

Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

K. Adjournment: Loren Cole made the motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on February 4, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

# VERNON TOWNSHIP PROJECT LIST 2017-2018

**The following items have not been prioritized:**

1. Township Hall:
  - a. Extend Parking on South Side of Roadway.
  - b. Evaluate Roof
  
2. 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.
  
3. Zoning:
  
4. Waste:
  - a. Consider a Township Wide Hazardous Waste Collection Day of Promotion of Soil Conservation District Events.
  
5. Internet Service:
  - a. Consider methods to infill areas not yet serviced by High Speed Internet.
  - b. Consider internet service at the Township Hall.
  
6. Fire Protection:
  - a. Work to balance fire department payments to 1 mill of contributing taxable values.
  
7. Roads:
  - a. Evaluate Gravel roadways for areas in need of drainage and prepare list by priority.
  - b. Consideration of new Road Millage issue.