

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD January 2, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on January 2, 2018 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. 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: Several visitors. Corey Bourland (resident) asked if the board had checked on doing just an ordinance for the wind turbines and the cost of a planning Commission. Brent Duffett (resident) was also interested in doing just an ordinance. Gerald Stryesky (from Wise Twp but owns property in Vernon) gave comments regarding wind turbines. Jill Bourland (resident) presented the Board with a petition.
- E. Supervisor's Report: (presented by Loren Cole)
1. Fire Department: Open negotiations to roll back the CAFD millage from 1.1 mil to 1.0 mil.
 2. Property Tax:
 - a. Revised tax actions at December BOR:
 1. Aaron Miller for Qualified Ag Exemption and Refund.
 2. Jeremy Laney for Reinstatement of Homestead Exemption and Refund.
 3. Richard and Sara Moser for Adoption of a Homestead Exemption and Refund.
 4. Richard Ferkel for Adoption of a Homestead Exemption and Revised Tax.
 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**
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: see packet.
- G. Treasurer's Report
1. Financial Report as of: November 30, 2017

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$81,499.50
b. Waste Management.....	\$50,102.95
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 2,296.74
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$44,744.18
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$76,750.94

2. Funds Received for the month of December 2017

a. State of Michigan.....	\$ 0
c.Chemical Bank...Interest	\$ 0

3.Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by B. Browning to pay bills for a total of \$12,177.50 .Motion seconded by L. Cole. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: States that Vernon Township has 11.85% ownership of the INEFD at \$118,395. States INEFD has a new truck now.
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. L. Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Amendment to Budget, if needed. Not needed.

2.Received County/Local Proposal Petition from Jill Bourland stating: "We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the Township of Vernon in the County of Isabella, State of MI, respectively petition for a vote, pursuant to MCL 125.3831(4), of the electors of the township to request that the township board adopt an ordinance creating a planning commission pursuant to the MI Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33.

K. Adjournment: B. Browning made the motion to adjourn. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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.