

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING HELD January 7, 2019

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on January 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Ben Browning (Trustee), Lee Cole (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk) . Members absent: none.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jeff Bean 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 Loren Cole. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.) and Vaughn Jenkins (Cemetery/Hall caretaker). Vaughn reported that he is working on the ditching at the cemetery.
- E. Supervisor’s Report:
  - 1. Roads: It is likely we will be receiving our annual ICRC meeting notices soon.
  - 2. Fire Department: INEFD is hiring new guys for firefighters.
  - 3. Property Tax: December BOR granted a number of Homestead Exemptions.
  - 4. Township Assets:
    - a. Time to get and install the corner posts at the Cemetery. J. Bean will get them.
    - b. Most of the South ditch line is cleared. Waiting for permission to clear that part of the ditch on the west adjacent neighbor’s parcel.
    - c. Time to clear seasonal ornaments from graves.
  - 5. Zoning: I am receiving inquires as to whether the Township plans to Opt in to Marijuana.
  - 6. Other:
    - a. Addressing some concerns regarding Indian Lake and the body of water perched above it as it relates to a structure failure of the perched water and 1) the road and 2) the operations of the Indian Lake Dam. Still in process with Isabella Drain Office.
    - b. Received 2018 At Large Drain Assessment i the amount of \$4,307.37.
- F. Clerk’s Report:
  - 1. Budget: see packet.
  - 2. Miscellaneous: On-going open FOIA request from “Emily”.
- G. Treasurer’s Report
  - 1. Financial Report as of: December 31, 2018.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 93,771.52
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 86,487.71
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,197.43
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 47,039.51
e. Super High Yield Acct .....	\$ 77,053.66
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 34,550.08
  - 2. Funds Received for the month of December 2018

a. Chemical Bank interest.....	\$ 10.65
b. Charter: Franchise Fee.....	\$ 304.83
c. Grant Township: gravel for road project.....	\$ 11,740.08
d. Vernon Tax Account: summer admin.....	\$ 608.23

e. Vernon Tax Account: General.....	\$ 17,194.34
f. Vernon Tax Account: Waste.....	\$ 35,312.63
g. Vernon Tax Account: VCHL.....	\$ 758.81
h. Vernon Tax Account: Road millage.....	\$ 34,550.08

3. Budget and Account Transfers: No budget adjustments needed at this time.

4 .Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for a total of \$18,705.36. S. Allen made the motion to pay said bills. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: No report.
2. Lee Cole: No report.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Consideration of a motion to continue to table issue to allow more time for review. Motion to table this was made by S. Allen and seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.
2. Discussion on Opting into Medical and /or Recreational Marijuana. Thought was maybe in April or May to have a Townhall public Hearing. No action taken now.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into a Five Year Extension of the Metro Act Right of Way Agreement with AT&T. B. Browning made the motion and Lee Cole seconded the motion for Resolution 01-2019. Motion passed with a Roll Call vote of 5-0. Resolution is adopted .
- 2.Consideration of a REsolution to Appoint Board of Review Members and Alternates for a Two (2) year term beginning January 1, 2019 and Expiring December 31, 2020. B. Browning made the motion and Lee Cole seconded the motion for Resolution 02-2019. Motion passed with a Roll Call vote of 5-0. Resolution is adopted.
3. Consideration to enter into Contract with Consumers Energy for the Reallocation of Street Lighting within the township.S. Allen made the motion and Loren Cole seconded the motion for Resolution 03-2019. Motion passed with a Roll Call vote of 5-0. Resolution is adopted.
4. Consideration of a Resolution requested from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Open Space and Farmland Division;indicating that a building structure existed on January 1, 1984 and on property at that time owned by Bill d. Newman and Claudia Newman, husband and wife, that is now owned by Miss Jackie Dance, LLC for purposes of removing the one (1) acre parcel, being tax parcel 15-030-10-001-01 from the 37-4169A-123123 Newman PA-116 Agreement. A. Allen made the motion and Lee Cole seconded the motion for Resolution 04-2019. Motion passed with a Roll Call Vote of 5-0. Resolution is adopted.

K . Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on January 7, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

# VERNON TOWNSHIP PROJECT LIST 2018-2019

## The following items have not been prioritized:

1. Township Hall:
  - a. Extend Parking on South Side of Roadway.
  - b. Repair Entrance Ramp to meet ADA standards.
  
2. Cemetery:
  - a. Set Boundary Markers.
  - b. Protect Burial Lots From Being Driven On, STARTED
  - c. New Driveway Ingress & Egress. DONE
  - d. Drainage.
  - e. Install or Repair Existing Flag Pole or remove altogether. DONE
  - f. Consider putting a dumpster at the Cemetery. IN PROCESS
  - g. Post Giant Cemetery Rules Sign
  - h. Look into solar lights
  - i. Water Supply Powered by Solar.
  
3. Zoning: Election on the Establishment of a Planning Commission.

4. Roads:
  - a. Evaluate Gravel roadways for areas in need of drainage and prepare list by priority.
  - b. Consideration of new Road Millage issue.
  
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. In Light of the Little Tobacco Drainage Project, Township May have to look into a Fire Safety Assessment.