

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD July 10, 2017

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on July 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Ben Browning (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk) . Members absent: none.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jeff Bean who led the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. S. Allen made the motion to approve the minutes from last month and the agenda for this month. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Vaughn Jenkins (cemetery contractor).
- E. Supervisor’s Report:
 - 1. Property Tax: BOR is July 21st at 9 a.m.
 - 3. Township Assets:
 - a. R. Verleger has decided to move his plots to the north to separate from proposed roadway.
 - b. Meeting with Robin Harsh in next few days to review Scope of cemetery.
 - 5. Zoning: Isabella County Planning passes Ordinance revisions.
 - 6. Other:
 - a. 2020 Local Census update of Addresses Operation (LUCA)
 - b. July 13th Wind Development Tour.
- F. Clerk’s Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Election Issues: Polling place findings with the ADA.
 - 3. Miscellaneous: Presented resolution for the New Voting System.
- G. Treasurer’s Report Financial Report as of: June 30, 2017

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$129,204.57
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 91,309.62
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,101.10
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 44,220.84
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$ 76,631.72

 - 2. Funds Received for the month of June 2017

a. State of Michigan.....	\$ 19,023.00
b. Isabella Co. Treasurer (denial interest).....	\$ 22.69
c. Opening/Closing	\$ 1,000.00
 - 3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by B. Browning to pay bills for a total of \$31,496.48. Motion seconded by S. Allen.
- H. Trustees’ Reports
 - 1. Ben Browning: No report.

I. Old Business: No Old Business.

J. New Business:

1. Review Tentative Scope of work on Cemetery:

- a. Install new driveway between existing cemetery and new property to the north.
- b. Consider installation of tube in existing driveway.
- c. Clear drainage from tube to drain along south border.
- d. Consider clearing Seeley Drain along south border.
- e. Remove trees as necessary and seed as necessary.
- f. Install limestone on east end roadways.
- g. Update rules and place large sign on green building.
- h. Install new flag pole with solar lighting.

2. Appointment to fill vacancy created by the June 5th, 2017 Resignation of Trustee Michael Turner. B.

Browning made the motion to appoint Lee Cole to the fill the vacant trustee position. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.

J. Adjournment. L. Cole 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

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.