

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD June 5, 2017

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on June 5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Mike Turner (Trustee), 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 L. Cole. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Jim Pohl (former resident), Vaughn Jenkins (cemetery contractor) and Elvis Denton (resident).
- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Property Tax:
 - a. Dan & Cheryl Haring Land Division, Section 24.
 - b. Four parcels taken back by County, with three going up for sale.
 - 3. Township Assets:
 - a. Multiple trees have been removed and stumps ground at cemetery.
 - b. Report from Vaughn.
 - c. Where do we go from here? Start preparing newest area.
 - 4. Roads: Isabella Township request for reconsideration of Vernon Road work.
 - 5. Zoning: Revisions to Isabella County Zoning Ordinance on Wind Development. June 8th Community meeting regarding Wind Development
 - 6. Other:
 - a. 2020 Local Census update of Addresses Operation (LUCA)
 - b. July 4th is a Tuesday. July 3rd is the first Monday in July. Meeting? Meeting will be July 10th.
 - c. July 13th Wind Development Tour.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Election Issues: One resident in the Beal City School system. That person will be able to vote in Isabella Twp.
- G. Treasurer's Report Financial Report as of: May 31, 2017
 - a. General Fund Checking..... \$131,837.62
 - b. Waste Management..... \$ 98,123.42
 - c. Vernon City Highway Lighting..... \$ 3,221.10
 - d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings..... \$ 44,220.84
 - e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD ----- \$ N/A
 - f. Super High Yield Acct ----- \$ 76,611.54
- 2. Funds Received for the month of May 2017
 - a. Chemical Bank Mar, April, May interest..... \$ 62.65
 - b. Charter..... \$ 291.60
- 3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by B. Browning to pay bills for a total of \$32,527.94. Motion seconded by L.Cole.
- 4. Miscellaneous: S. Allen reported she received her training for the new BS&A system.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Mike Turner: Informed the board that he sold his house and is moving to town. As a board member, we have appreciated his 18 years of service to this township.
2. Ben Browning: No report.

I. Old Business:

1. Consideration of a Resolution to enter into a Non-Exclusive Franchise Service Ordinance with HomeWorks Tri-County Electric for a period of thirty (30) years, reviewing a prior contract executed on April 3, 1989 by the Vernon Township Board. B. Browning made the motion to authorize the execution of said ordinance. L. Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Amend the budget. S. Allen made the motion to transfer \$5000 from the Mis. Expense Account (line item #900-949) to Cemetery Care (line item #276-700). Motion seconded by L. Cole. Motion passed.
2. B. Browning made a presentation to the board about the Isabella NE Fire Department. L. Cole made the motion to approve the budget of the INEFD board. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- K. Adjournment. B. Browning made the motion to adjourn. L. Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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.

