

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD March 6, 2017

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on March 6, 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. L. Cole made the motion to approve the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed. L. Cole made the motion to amend the agenda by adding to the New Business to adjust the Budget. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed. B. Browning made the motion to add to New Business the authorization to enter into an agreement with Metro Act. Motion seconded by M. Turner. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: None.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
1. Fire Dept: B. Browning agreed to cover the meeting in April for the Isabella NE Fire Dept.Meeting.
 2. Property Tax:
 - a. Dan & Cheryl Haring Land Division, Section 24.
 - b. Ed Pappas Land Division.
 - c. Board of Review: 1. Organizational meeting is Tuesday March 7th.
2. Public Session Mar. 15: 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
3. Public Session Mar. 16: 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.
 3. Township Assets:
 - a. Cemetery: Cemetery Bollard posts.
 4. Roads: Letter from Grant Township on N. County Line Road. See Letters.
 5. Solid Waste: Received the contract back from the attorney and sent to Waste Management.
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: see packet.
- G. Treasurer's Report Financial Report as of: February 28, 2017
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| a. General Fund Checking..... | \$130,030.93 |
| b. Waste Management..... | \$ 97,000.82 |
| c. Vernon City Highway Lighting..... | \$ 3,163.26 |
| d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings..... | \$ 44,206.32 |
| e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD ----- | \$ N/A |
| f. Super High Yield Acct ----- | \$ 76,553.64 |
2. Funds Received for the month of February 2017
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| a. State of Michigan..... | \$ 0 |
| b. Chemical Bank: interest..... | \$ 0 |
| c. Vernon Tax Account Admin Fee..... | \$ 50.18 |
| d. Vernon Tax Acc. General..... | \$ 18,810.09 |
| e. Vernon Tax Acc. Waste..... | \$ 40,860.00 |
| f. Vernon Tax Acc. VCHL..... | \$ 584.89 |
3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by S. Allen to pay bills for a total of \$13,900.97. It was discovered that Vaughn Jenkins was missing a total of \$1,874.40 in payments for foundations and three opening/closings.

This amount is part of the total for this month. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.

4. Miscellaneous: On May 15, 2017 S. Allen will be trained for the new BS&A program.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Mike Turner: None.
2. Ben Browning: None.

I. Old Business:

1. Roof Field Status: M. Parsons had a bid for three different options for the new roof. B. Browning will go out for another bid. This will be presented at the next board meeting.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of a Resolution to Grant Funding to the Isabella County Road Commission for the 2017 Gravel Road Brine Program in the amount of \$11,299.73. Motion by M. Turner to adopt Resolution 002-2017. Motion seconded by L. Cole. Roll Call vote taken. Motion is adopted.
2. Consideration of a Resolution to Grant Funding to the Isabella County Road Commission for the 2017 ICRC Graveling Program. Motion by S. Allen to adopt Resolution 003-2017. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Roll Call vote taken. Motion is adopted.
3. Consideration of a motion to Conduct the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing on April 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Vernon Township Hall. Motion by B. Browning. Motion seconded by L. Cole. Motion passed.
4. Budget Adjustment: S. Allen made the motion to transfer \$12.00 from Treasure Expense Other Account (line item # 253-720) to Treasurer Tax Collection account (line item # 253-969). Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed. {This was voted on last month, but deputy forgot to make the changes.}
5. Consideration of a motion to authorize the supervisor and clerk to enter into an agreement with Charter Communication under the METRO ACT for 10 years starting January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2026. Motion made by M. Turner and seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.

K. Adjournment. S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

VERNON TOWNSHIP PROJECT LIST 2016-2017

The following items have not been prioritized:

1. Township Hall:
 - a. Extend Parking on South Side of Roadway.

2. Establish Record Retention Procedure:
 - a. Fire safe file storage of paper documents—4 have been purchased and waiting to be set up in the office.

3. 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.

4. Zoning: On hold for now.

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. Work to balance fire department payments to 1 mill of contributing taxable values.

8. Roads:

- a. Evaluate Gravel roadways for areas in need of drainage and prepare list by priority.
- b. Consideration of new road millage issue.