

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD May 1, 2017

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on May 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Mike Turner (Trustee), Ben Browning (Trustee) . Members absent: Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk)
 - 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 M. Turner. Motion passed.
 - D. Visitors present: Jack McConnell (resident); Jim Pohl (resident); Elvis Denton (resident); Brent Duffett (resident); Nick Winkler (exchange student of Duffett's); and Dave Livermore (Isabella County Road Commissioner)-talked about the roads.
 - E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Property Tax:
 - a. Board of Review:
 - 1. There were 11 challenges.
 - 2. Taxable value is now \$45,641.47
 - b. Dan & Cheryl Haring Land Division, Section 24.
 - c. Ed Pappas Land Division.
 - d. Reginald House Land Division.
 - 3. Township Assets:
 - a. Cemetery: Cemetery Bollard posts and Spring cleanup.
 - 4. Roads: Dave Livermore spoke to board about the roads.
 - 5. 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? No decision.
 - c. Waiting on Tri-County for information on Service Franchise Agreement.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
- G. Treasurer's Report Financial Report as of: April 30, 2017
 - a. General Fund Checking..... \$141,460.56
 - b. Waste Management..... \$103,821.22
 - c. Vernon City Highway Lighting..... \$ 3,351.10
 - d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings..... \$ 44,213.45
 - e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD ----- \$ N/A
 - f. Super High Yield Acct ----- \$ 76,599.02
2. Funds Received for the month of April 2017
 - a. State of Michigan..... \$ 144.00
3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by M. Turner to pay bills for a total of \$11,089.59. Motion seconded by S. Allen.
- H. Trustees' Reports
 - 1. Mike Turner: None.
 - 2. Ben Browning: Took the contract for the roof job to deliver.

I. Old Business:

1. Consideration of a Resolution to enter into a Franchise Service Agreement with Tri-County electric for a period of 30 years, renewing a prior contract executed on April 3, 1989 by the Vernon Township Board. Motion by B. Browning to table this until next meeting. Motion seconded by L. Cole. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of allowing peastone around cemetery foundations. Motion by B. Browning to allow peastone 12 inches around cemetery foundations. M. Turner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Consideration of a 2017 application for Fireworks Other than Consumer or Low Impact permit by Robert Denton and the Michigan Pyrotechnics Arts Guild, for display of fireworks in relation to its activities on May 20th, 2017. Per state law, the local municipality is the agency authorized to approve such permits. Motion by S. Allen to allow the display of fireworks. Motion seconded by M. Turner. Motion passed.

3. Consideration to join with Isabella Township and the ICRC to participate in an experimental paving job on the mile of Vernon Road, between Isabella and Summerton Roads for a sum not to exceed \$20,000 to Vernon Township. S. Allen made the motion. Motion failed for second.

B. Browning made a motion to deny the participation of the read project with Isabella Township. L. Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 2.

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.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

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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.

