VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD May 6, 2019

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on May 6, 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.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jeff Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
3. S. Allen made the motion to amend the agenda to reflect the correct date of May 6, 2019 and under New Business (I. 2.) to add “Consideration of a motion to approve the INEFD Budget for 2019-2020”. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Browning made the motion to approve the agenda for this month as amended with the date and item to New Business and the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed.

1. Visitors present: Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.) commented on the condition of Isabella Road; Donna Brown (resident) here to observe; Priscilla Thompson (resident) here to observe; Elvis Denton (resident) commented on how good Stevenson Lake Rd was and how good the outside ramp looked. Also commented on some bad stretches of road on Crawford Rd.; Jim Bissett stated some issues about the county zoning board from the past and now the present regarding a building he had wanted to build.
2. Supervisor’s Report:

1. Roads

a. Proposal on Vernon City Roads. $20,000 was thought to budget for Vernon City but

estimate came in around $50,000. Consideration of talking to the City of Clare.

2. Township Assets:

a. Cemetery:

i. Solar Water Well Pumps vs. Electric Service

ii.Storm water Drainage.

b. Township Hall: ADA sign and ramp

3. Other:

a. Abandon house at 104 Hillcrest.

1. Clerk’s Report:
2. Budget: see packet.
3. Elections: Farwell School Bond election is tomorrow.
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Financial Report as of: April 30, 2019.
   1. General Fund Checking……………………….. $ 121,169.31
   2. Waste Management……………………………. $ 108,965.85
   3. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 4,027.70
   4. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 48,704.84
   5. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 77,232.33
   6. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 93,140.89

2. Funds Received for the month of April 2019.

a. State of Michigan……………………………..… $ 0

b. Vernon Tax Acct: 2017 Tax Shortage……..…. $ 480.08

c. Chemical Bank ……Mar.interest…………….. $ 27.75

…...April interest………………. $ 26.12

d. Stephenson Wyman Funeral Home O/C…… $ 700.00

3. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for a total of $12,267.82. B. Browning made the motion to

pay said bills. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Browning amended the motion to include the bill for the ramp to Integral Builders for $7177.44.

So the new total for the month of May is $19,445.26. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion

passed.

1. Trustees’ Reports
2. Browning: Informed board of the INEFD budget. Also stated that he would fix the back steps to the hall to match the new ramp.
3. Lee Cole: Reported a problem on Stevenson Lake Rd where there is some washing out by a culvert before Meridian Rd.
4. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. B. Browning made the motion to place back on the table. Lee Cole

seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Discussion on Opting into Medical and /or Recreational Marijuana. (Continue to table)

3. Review of Cemetery Improvement Project: a) Drainage-possibly put a tube under Coleman Rd.

b) electric service-Consumers has not been out yet. Although solar pumps might be an option.

c) water.

No action taken.

4. Communications with Taxpayers, Residents and Voters. Possible newsletter or other communication

relating information about the roads, the upcoming Memorial Day program at the cemetery and other

pertinent information. Possibly using Facebook, Instagram; Mail or Newspaper. Isabella County

mapping Company is to get addresses of property owners to us.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of a 2019 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 25, 2019. Per State law, the local municipality is the agency authorized to approve

such permits. B. Browning made the motion to approve the application as presented. S. Allen

seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Consideration of a Motion to approve the INEFD Budget for 2019-2020. B. Browning made the

motion to approve the budget for INEFD for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Lee Cole seconded the

motion. Motion passed.

K. Adjournment: B. Browning made the motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion

passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on May 6, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk