

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD May 7, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on May 7, 2018 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.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jeff Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. B. Browning made the motion to approve the agenda for this month and the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Ron and Barb Kunse (residents), Michelle Anderson (resident), Vaughn Jenkins (cemetery/hall caretaker), Jill Bourland (resident), Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp), Jack McConnell (resident). Ron expressed concern about his road and desiring to help or at least figure out who is responsible for it...city, Clare Co. or Isabella Co. Gerald states he interested in some of foreclosures coming up. Jill and Michelle state they are here to observe
- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Fire Department: Withdrew request to rollback millage to 1.0 mil.
 - 2. Property Tax:
 - a. Property Tax Forfeitures. Joe Bower.
 - b. Land Divisions:
 - i. Jeff and Kim Denton, Section 8.
 - ii. Leonard Gariglio, Section 17.
 - 3. Roads:
 - a. Will present resolution on Road Issues later in meeting.
 - 4. Solid Waste: Had a couple complaints for missed stops this past weekend.
 - 5. Township Assets:
 - a. New Driveway is installed.
 - b. Township has taken possession of the cemetery back lot fronting on Coleman.
 - c. We are working on developing a yard area for caretaker and what we can do with clearing drain.
 - 6. Zoning:
 - a. Isabella County has received a request to change Denton Airport from a private airport to a public airport. It is with the FAA for review.
 - 7. Other:
 - a. Smith/Norris Property at 104 Hillcrest.
 - b. Soil Conservation Household Chemical Day, May 19th.
 - c. Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday May 28th at our cemetery.
 - d. Little Tobacco Drain projects will move forward.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Elections Issues:
 - a. One application received by Lee Cole for Trustee as Lee Cole was appointed for remaining of M. Turner's term.
 - b. Precinct Delegate applications due tomorrow at the County Clerk's office.

G. Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Report as of: April 30, 2018

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$130,907.82
b. Waste Management.....	\$108,007.15
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,591.74
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 45,058.92
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$ 76,829.87

2. Funds Received for the month of April 2018

a. State of Michigan Revenue Sharing	\$ 0
c. Chemical Bank...Interest	\$ 0

3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by B. Browning to pay bills for a total of \$27,043.32. Motion seconded by Lee Cole.. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: New flag pole will be up at the cemetery in a couple days. Continues to work on the water well situation at the cemetery.
2. Lee Cole: None.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of a U. S. Department of Justice Compliance Review of ADA Issues at the Township Hall.

The Board reviewed some CADD drawings from Rodgers Athletics. S. Allen made the motion to table this discussion again. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of a Resolution to enter into contracts with the Isabella County road Commission for the 2018 Road construction season and authorization for the Supervisor and Clerk to execute said contracts for 6 road sections for Ditching and Graveling. B. Browning made the motion to adopt Resolution 004-2018. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed with a 5-0 yes roll call vote.
2. Consideration of a 2018 Application for Fireworks other than consumer or low impact Permit by Robert Denton and the Michigan Pyrotechnic Arts Guild, for display of fireworks in relation to its activities on May 19, 2018. Per State law, the local municipality is the agency authorized to approve such permits. Loren Cole made the motion to give the permit again. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Consideration of a Non-Exclusive Granting of a Permit under the METRO act by the Township to CMS Internet, LLC, for access to and ongoing use of the Public Right-of-Way to construct, install and maintain Telecommunications Facilities in those portions of the Public Right-of-Way identified on Exhibit A, which indicates an initial route along Whiteville Road north from Verno Road to Battle Road, then west on Battle to Meridian, then north on Meridian to Coleman, then west on Coleman and out of the Township. Granting of said permit shall include Township Board Authorization for the Supervisor to execute documents. Loren Cole made the motion to accept the permit and B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Consideration of Adopting a Public Comment Policy to allow a Per Person Minimum of 3 minutes and maximum of 5 minutes at the discretion of the Supervisor, during each of a Public Comment period at the beginning of each Regular Board Meeting on Agenda items only and a similar comment period at the end of each Regular Board Meeting on any issue. S. Allen made the motion to table this discussion. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.

5. Consideration of a motion to approve the Isabella County NE Fire Department Budget for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year. Motion by Lee Cole to approve the Isabella Township NE Fire Department budget . Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.

K. Adjournment: B. Browning made the motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on May 7, 2018.

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.

