VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD November 4, 2019

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on November 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Members present Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Ben Browning (Trustee), and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: Lee Cole (Trustee)
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
3. B. Browning made the motion to approve the minutes from last month and the agenda for this month.

S. Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

1. Visitors present Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.) no comments. Elvis Denton (resident) commented on some areas that might need some guard rails. Julie Cole (resident) mentioned some bad areas of road on the south side of Stevenson Lake in the Holiday Beach area.
2. Supervisor’s Report:

1. Solid Waste: Moving to variable cost pricing on recyclables starting 1-1-20.

2. Township Assets:

a. Township Hall: There could be a March 2020 Presidential Primary and parking

expansion could be needed.

b. Cemetery: Line borings are partially completed.

3. Zoning & Ordinance: Appears it would be a good idea to email a copy of Opting Out

ordinance to

LARA at LARA-MRA-enforcement @michigan.gov.

4. Other:

a. Abandon house at 104 Hillcrest. Still working on.

b. Residential house count.

c. Meeting with Ellen McComby and her sister. Received Vernon Twp. School picture.

d. Trying to get to the bottom of the VCHL utility costs with CE.

e. 2019 Township at Large Drain Assessment is $3,963.42.

f. Special assessment notice on 2017 flood damage repair on North Branch Drain which amounted

to some $500,000, of which landowners, townships and county covered 20% of the costs.

Township share was $1,215.62 and county was $4,801.40.

1. Clerk’s Report:

1. Budget: see packet.

2. Elections: Farwell School Bond election is tomorrow.

1. Treasurer’s Report
2. Financial Report as of: October 31, 2019.
   1. General Fund Checking………………………. $ 88,860.15
   2. Waste Management……………………………. $ 65,404.65
   3. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 3,044.85
   4. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 49,475.42
   5. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 77,475.45
   6. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 0.00

2. Funds Received for the month of October 2019.

a. Charter Pay…….………….…………………… $ 322.88

b. Interest: July, Aug, Sept, Oct…….……………. $ 68.79

c. MML Liability & Property dividend………….… $ 239.00

d. Vernon Township Summer Admin…………… $ 331.50

e. County of Isabella...PA105 Denial interest…. $ 15.85

f. City of Clare ...Property tax admin collection. $ 2,762.04

3. Budget and Account Transfers: Motion by B. Browning to transfer $1036.58 from the Drains at

Large account (line item # 445-001) to the Township Hall Expense account (line item # 265-700).

Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed.

4. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for a total of $12,194.19. S. Allen made the motion to

pay said bills. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed.

1. Trustees’ Reports
2. B. Browning: None.
3. Lee Cole: Absent.
4. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Continue to table.

2.Considerations of a motion to Establish Contemporary Communications with Vernon Township

Taxpayers, Residents and Voters through the creation of a Database to support the following

communication methods:

1. Website
2. Mail
3. Email
4. Telephone
5. Newspaper

Motion by B. Browning for said motion. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion Passed.

J. New Business: None.

K. Adjournment: B. Browning made a motion to adjourn. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion

passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on November 4, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk