

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD November 5, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on November 5, 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 Lee Cole. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.), Elvis Denton (resident), and Priscilla Thompson (resident). No comments.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Roads:
 - a. Current thoughts are that the Stevenson Lake wedging will not occur until spring, unless weather clears. They are finishing up tube crossings this week.
 - b. Temporary measures taken on drainage on Vernon road in lowlands between Mission and Crawford. Plans to peel berm over winter with grader.
 - 2. Township Assets:
 - a. Access Ramp issue at Hall. Extension requested.
 - b. Survey of Cemetery Boundaries finished. It does not appear the entire south property line was staked with lath. I have asked Lapham for confirmation.
 - c. Resolution reached October 4th in the issue of cemetery lot improvements proposed by Rick Verleger, with the Supervisor and Clerk approving the design on the conditions that 1) the construction of the memorial surface does not extend above grade level and 2) that the Township shall have no responsibility in maintaining the memorial beyond mowing the grass surrounding it and weed whipping its edges.
 - 3. Other:
 - a. Addressing some concerns regarding Indian Lake and the body of water perched above it as it relates to a structure failure of the perched water and 1) the road and 2) the operations of the Indian Lake Dam. Still in process with Isabella Drain Office.
 - b. Receipt of a gift from Richard Verleger in the amount of \$10,000 for the installation of the a water well and water distribution in the cemetery. Please note that Mr. Verleger has since passed away on October 23rd.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Election Issues: Election tomorrow.
 - 3. Miscellaneous: Continue with open FOIA request from "Emily".
 - 4.
- G. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Financial Report as of: October 31, 2018.
 - a. General Fund Checking..... \$ 67,499.20
 - b. Waste Management..... \$ 65,473.91
 - c. Vernon City Highway Lighting..... \$ 2,698.62
 - d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings..... \$ 47,031.60

e. Super High Yield Acct ----- \$ 76,982.87

2. Funds Received for the month of October 2018

a. Bev Randle..O/C.....	\$ 150.00
b. Rick Verleger..Cemetery Donation.....	\$ 10,000.00
c.. Chemical Bank interest.....	\$ 22.57

3 .Review and Pay Bills: bills to be paid for a total of \$15,324.55 S. Allen made the motion to pay said bills. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: Reported that the INEFD is having good success getting fire fighters for their department.
2. Lee Cole: No report.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Consideration of a motion to continue to table issue to allow more time for review. B. Browning made the motion to table this. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Notice by Consumers Energy that All Metal Halide Street light fixtures will be converted to LED in the near term. Option exists to convert to two suspension lights at the Markley and Hillcrest intersection and the Mission and Stevenson Lake intersections for a fee that is being quoted. **UPDATE:** Consumers Energy offer is to convert our 7 mercury vapor light brackets to LED for free, changing out the 1 high pressure sodium at Markley and Hillcrest using a 4767.88 refund we have coming and we are still waiting for pricing on converting the mercury vapor at Mission and Stevenson Lake. The light at Mission and Vernon is to become the responsibility of Isabella Township. **REQUEST:** Consideration of a motion to approve the Consumers Energy proposal as stated and to authorize the Supervisor to approve a price to change out the Mission and Stevenson Lake light for a price not to exceed \$1,500.00. B. Browning made the motion for the said request. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Budget and Accounts Transfer.
S. Allen made the motion to transfer \$4000 from Cemetery expense fund (line item #276-700) to Auditing/Professional expense (line item #851-980). B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed.

K . Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. on November 5, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

VERNON TOWNSHIP PROJECT LIST 2018-2019

The following items have not been prioritized:

1. Township Hall:
 - a. Extend Parking on South Side of Roadway.
 - b. Repair Entrance Ramp to meet ADA standards.

2. Cemetery:
 - a. Set Boundary Markers.
 - b. Protect Burial Lots From Being Driven On, STARTED
 - c. New Driveway Ingress & Egress. DONE
 - d. Drainage.
 - e. Install or Repair Existing Flag Pole or remove altogether. DONE
 - f. Consider putting a dumpster at the Cemetery. IN PROCESS
 - g. Post Giant Cemetery Rules Sign
 - h. Look into solar lights
 - i. Water Supply Powered by Solar.

3. Zoning: Election on the Establishment of a Planning Commission.

4. Roads:
 - a. Evaluate Gravel roadways for areas in need of drainage and prepare list by priority.
 - b. Consideration of new Road Millage issue.

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. In Light of the Little Tobacco Drainage Project, Township May have to look into a Fire Safety Assessment.