

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING HELD November 7, 2016

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on November 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Jacob McConnell (Trustee), Mike Turner (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: none.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean who led the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. S. Allen made the motion to approve the agenda for this month and the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by J. McConnell. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Bella (Jeff Bean's granddaughter); Elvis Denton (resident); John Stow (resident)-states has been a resident for 30 years and just came to observe; Ben Browning (resident); Priscilla Thompson (resident); Rev Benchley (resident) and Joe Yoder (resident). Rev and Joe concerned and upset about the roads.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
  - 1. Property Tax:
    - a. Dan & Cheryl Haring Land Division, Section 24.
    - b. Scott and Cheryl Selles Land Division.
  - 2. Roads: Talked about the conditions and possible millage in the next couple years during Public comment time.
  - 3. Solid Waste:
    - a. Trash Contract expires 12-31-16.
  - 4. Township Assets:
    - a. Cemetery: Cemetery Bollard posts.
  - 5. Zoning: Vernon City would like a blithe ordinance. Advised to seek guidance of the county.
- F. Clerk's Report:
  - 1. Budget: see packet.
  - 2. Election Issues: 129 AV ballots sent out for tomorrow's election.

G. Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Report as of: October 31, 2016

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$131,230.98
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 40,340.02
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 2,295.52
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 43,895.01
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$ 76,493.83

2. Funds Received for the month of October 2016

a. State of MI Revenue Sharing.....	\$ 18,440.00
b. Chemical Bank: interest.....	\$ 13.21
c. Vernon Tax Account.....	\$ 3,580.39
d. Bad Axe Marble...foundation.....	\$ 291.60
e. State of MI for Presidential Primary.....	\$ 569.80

3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by M. Turner to pay bills for a total of \$22,969.72. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Jack McConnell-Informed the board of a new fire truck being ordered for INEFD. A new member will need to attend the Fire Bd Meetings as this is Jack's last month. Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every other month (Feb., April, June, August, and October).
2. Mike Turner-Had read some information regarding Grant Township's ordinances.

I. Old Business:

1. Discussion of Solid Waste Contract Renewal: Discussed three possible companies: Waste Management, American Waste and Republic. No action taken.
2. Roof Field Status: No Action taken.

J. New Business:

1. Review of Waste Contract Scope. L. Cole made the motion to authorize the supervisor to go out for bids for the trash / recycling service for the Township and have the bids at the December meeting. J. McConnell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- K. Adjournment. S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. J. McConnell 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.