

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD October 1, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on October 1, 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), Priscilla Thompson (resident), Vaughn Jenkins (cemetery/twp care personnel), Corey Bourland (resident), Terry Meier (running as write-in for County Commissioner District 1), Bob Busch (running for Road Commissioner). Corey voiced his concern about water on Vernon Road. Terry and Bob informed board and visitors of their information for the positions for which they are running.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
1. Roads: The ICRC has requested the Township to provide a not to exceed cost sharing of \$65,000 for the wedging of the 4 miles of Stevenson Lake Road, starting at Meridian Road and extending to Mission Road.
 2. Township Assets:
 - a. Access Ramp issue at Hall. Contractor informs that the project CANNOT be completed before the November election.
 - b. Survey of Cemetery Boundaries ordered.
 3. Other: 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.
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: see packet.
 2. Election Issues: Presented the board with the 3 different ballot styles for the November election for our Township.
 3. Miscellaneous: Continue with open FOIA request from "Emily".
- G. Treasurer's Report
1. Financial Report as of: September 30, 2018.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 72,186.80
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 72,479.91
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 2,828.62
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 45,828.08
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$ 76,954.40
 2. Funds Received for the month of September 2018

a. State of Michigan.....	\$ 19,871.00
b. Vernon Tax Account, summer admin fee.....	\$ 3,700.22
c. MML Liability & Property pool dividend	\$ 242.00

d. Stephenson Wyman foundation.....	\$	291.60
e. Charter Communications.....	\$	289.33
f. Gulf Mark, oil rights.....	\$	44.96
g. Chemical Bank interest.....	\$	14.90

3 .Review and Pay Bills: bills to be paid for a total of \$22,437.93 S. Allen made the motion to pay said bills. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: INEFD Meeting is next week.
2. Lee Cole: No report.

I. Old Business:

- 1.Consideration of adopting a Public Comment Policy.

Motion by B. Browning to adopt Resolution 007-2018. Lee Cole seconded the motion.

Resolution was adopted with a Roll Call vote of 5-0.

2. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. B. Browning made the motion to table this. S. Allen 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. B. Browning made the motion to table this until next month. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Review of a U.S. Department of Justice Compliance review of ADA issues at the Township Hall. Contractor informed J. Bean that the project of installing a ramp and threshold modifications cannot be completed before the November elections.

J. New Business:

- 1.Consideration of a Resolution to enter into a contract with the ICRC for the wedging of 4 miles of Stevenson Lake Road, beginning at Meridian Road and extending to Mission road, yet this Fall or next Spring, for a cost share not to exceed \$65,000. B. Browning made the motion to adopt Resolution 008-2018. Loren Cole seconded the motion. Resolution was adopted with a Roll Call vote of 5-0.

2. Budget and Accounts Transfer.

S. Allen made the motion to transfer \$1000 from Cemetery expense fund (line item #276-700) to Auditing/Professional expense (line item #851-980). Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

K . Adjournment: S. Allen the motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. on October 1, 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.