VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD September 3, 2019

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on September 3, 2019 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.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
3. S. Allen made the motion to approve the minutes from last month and the agenda for this month.

B. Browning seconded the motion and the motion passed.

1. Visitors present: Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.) no comments.
2. Supervisor’s Report:

1. Roads: Stevenson Lake Road was chip sealed in August.

2. Township Assets:

a. Township Hall: U.S. Attorney has closed the township handicap access issue.

3. Other:

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

b. Roadwork is underway in Vernon City.

c. Residential house count: has been 62ish for some time. Need to get new count.

d. Clare Airport approach plan.

e. Public participation rules: wondering about posting in the hall.

f. Estimated cost to expand the parking area on the south side of the road, across from the hall:

Have one quote but will check on a couple more bids.

1. Clerk’s Report:

1. Budget: see packet.

a. Motion my B. Browning to transfer $3000 from Account of Cemetery Care (line item #276-700) to

Account of Roads Repair and Maintenance (line item #446-930). Motion seconded by Lee Cole.

Motion passed.

1. Treasurer’s Report
2. Financial Report as of: August 30, 2019.
   1. General Fund Checking……………………….. $ 103,578.47
   2. Waste Management……………………………. $ 79,925.05
   3. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 3,406.70
   4. Vernon Twp. Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 49,171.38
   5. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 77,426.13
   6. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 8,109.05

2. Funds Received for the month of August 2019.

a. State of Michigan …………..…………………… $ 0

3. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for a total of $27,429.00. B. Browning made the motion to

pay said bills. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

1. Trustees’ Reports
2. B. Browning: Will give cemetery improvement report later.
3. Lee Cole: None.
4. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Continue to table.

2. Review of Cemetery Improvement Project:

a. Drainage

b. Electric Service

c. Water.

Totals are coming in to be around $10-12,000.00

3. Communications with Taxpayers, Residents and Voters.

a. Facebook.

b. Instagram

c. Mail

d. Newspaper

Motion by S. Allen to take off the table. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.

Motion by B. Browning to limit the communication avenues to mail, email, newspaper and the

website (and to not include Facebook, Instagram etc.) and to be implemented at a later date. Motion

seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.

4. Review of Parking Lot Expansion: Motion by B. Browning to table this discussion. Motion seconded

by S. Allen. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of a Resolution to set the Assessments for the Vernon Garbage Collection, Vernon

City Highway Lighting and Road Improvement and Maintenance Millage and to Authorize the

Supervisor and Clerk to sign state Taxation Form L-4029 Establishing those tax rates to be spread on

the December 1, 2019 Winter Tax Roll. Motion by S. Allen to approve Resolution 008-2019. Motion

seconded by Loren Cole. Roll Call vote. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Resolution is adopted.

K. Consideration of a motion for water wells and water distribution in the cemetery for a price not to

exceed $15,000.00. Motion by S. Allen for said motion. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion

passed.

L. Adjournment: Loren Cole made a motion to adjourn. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion

passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on September 3, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk