

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING HELD September 4, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on September 4, 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.) and Elvis Denton (resident), no comments from either.
- E. Supervisor’s Report:
  - 1. Roads: Millage passed at the Primary election last month.
  - 2. Township Assets:
    - a. Access Ramp issue at Hall.
    - b. Survey of Cemetery Boundaries requote.
- F. Clerk’s Report:
  - 1. Budget: see packet.
  - 2. Miscellaneous: FOIA request from “Emily” for 2016 November election ballots etc.
- G. Treasurer’s Report
  - 1. Financial Report as of: August 31, 2018.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 68,668.64
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 79,647.06
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 2,968.62
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 45,824.19
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$ 76,924.99
  - 2. Funds Received for the month of August 2018

a. State of Michigan.....	\$ 17,467.00
b. Isabella County Treasurer.....	\$ 2,515.00
c. City of Clare. State rev. sharing 2017 prop tax	\$ 2,718.79
d. Vernon Tax Account, summer taxes.....	\$ 1,131.38
  - 3 .Review and Pay Bills: bills to be paid for a total of \$67,227.50 which included a transfer of \$50,000 from the General account to the Super High Yield Account per last month’s board action. Upon reviewing bills and a bill for Robbin Harsh Excavating that needs to be paid, B. Browning made the motion to 1) rescind last months motion to transfer \$50,000 to the Super High Yield account from the General account. 2) Add a payable to Robbin Harsh Excavating to be paid yet today for \$11,105.50. That makes the revised total bills to be paid, \$28,243.00. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: No report.
2. Lee Cole: No report.

#### I. Old Business:

1. Consideration of adopting a Public Comment Policy.
  - a. Review of Clare BOE and MTA sample Public participation rules. Motion by B. Browning to table this. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. Review of a U. S. Department of Justice Compliance Review of ADA Issues at the Township Hall..
  - a. Review of specifications and bids for installation of ADA ramp and threshold modifications. S. Allen made the motion to approve the Integral Composite bid for \$7800 and the choice of color to be determined by the Trustees. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed.
3. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. B. Browning made the motion to table this. Lee Cole seconded the motion. 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, 2018 Winter tax roll. B. Browning made the motion to adopt Resolution 006-2018 to set the assessments and to sign the Form L-4029. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a Roll Call Vote. 5 yes to 0 no.  
{the New Account will be "Road Millage"}
2. Notice by Consumers energy that all metal halide street light fixtures will be converted to High Pressure sodium in the next term. Option exists to convert to LED at a cost of approximately \$600 per fixture. A 100W HPS light costs \$11.03/month to operate compared to an LED at \$7.75/month. No action needed since not going with the LED.
3. Consideration of a quote by Lapham Associates to survey and stake 1) the additional 40 ft by 80 ft addition to the east end of the New Cemetery area, 2) to install Wooden Lath stakes up the south boundary and 3) stake and mark the access off Coleman Road. B. Browning made the motion to accept the quote and not to exceed \$1200. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.
4. Budget and Accounts Transfer.
  - a. S. Allen made the motion to transfer \$1000 from Cemetery expense fund (line item #276-700) to Auditing/Professional expense (line item #851-980). Loren Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

K . Adjournment: Loren Cole made the motion to adjourn. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on September 4, 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.