

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD September 6, 2016

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on September 6, 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 M. Turner. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Elvis Denton (resident)-complimented the roads and as the new Rotating Library Board member, he was pleased to see the changes at the library. Vaughn Jenkins (for cemetery)-informed the board that he is planning to remove some trees soon.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Property Tax:
 - a. Dan & Cheryl Haring Land Division, Section 24.
 - b. Thorpe & McGuire Lot line adjustment; Awaiting Lapham legal description.
 - c. Scott and Cheryl Selles Land Division.
 - d. Mike Parsons Land Division.
 - 2. Solid Waste:
 - a. Trash Contract expires 12-31-16. Contacted Attorney about RFP.
 - 3. Township Assets:
 - a. Cemetery: Cemetery Bollard posts. Checked on sleeves for posts.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Pere Marquette District Library: Purchasing Sound Masking System for the noise level.
 - 3. Miscellaneous: The Audit is done.
- G. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Financial Report as of: August 31, 2016
 - a. General Fund Checking..... \$117,685.77
 - b. Waste Management..... \$ 56,199.62
 - c. Vernon City Highway Lighting..... \$ 2,555.52
 - d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings..... \$ 42,938.02
 - e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD ----- \$ N/A
 - f. Super High Yield Acct ----- \$ 76,454.20
 - 2. Funds Received for the month of August 2016
 - a. State of MI Revenue Sharing..... \$ 0
 - b. Chemical Bank: interest..... \$ 0
 - c. Vernon Twp. Tax Account..... \$ 1,323.79
 - d. Local Community Stabilization (Telecomm PA 48). \$ 4,426.93
 - 3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by M. Turner to pay bills for a total of \$20,007.44 Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Jack McConnell-No report.
2. Mike Turner-No report.

I. Old Business:

1. Discussion of Solid Waste Contract Renewal: Discussion but no action.
2. Discussion of Roof Field Status: Discussion but no action.

J. New Business:

1. Request for approval of Computerized Tax Roll: L. Cole made the motion to approve the computerized tax rolls. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.
2. Consideration of a Resolution to set the Assessments for the Vernon Garbage Collection and Vernon City Highway Lighting to be spread on the December 1, 2016 Winter Tax Roll: L. Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 007-2016 to Establish Assessments for Winter 2016 Tax Roll. Motion seconded by J. McConnell. Motion passed. Resolution adopted.
3. Authorization allowing for Supervisor and Clerk to sign State Taxation Form L-4029 Establishing Tax Rates for 2016, including Vernon Garbage and Vernon City Highway Lightning Assessments. Motion by L.Cole for said authorization. Motion seconded by J. McConnell. Motion passed.

- K. Adjournment. S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. J. McConnell seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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.