VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD March 2, 2020

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on March 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Members present Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Lee Cole (Trustee)

and Ben Browning (Trustee).and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: None.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
2. S. Allen made a 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: Al Glance (resident) came to observe. John Stowe (resident) had questions about the status of the Township and the Marijuana issue. Elvis Denton (resident) came to observe. Priscilla Thompson (resident) came to observe. Vaughn Jenkins (twp./ cemetery caretaker) information about the ditching and drain work.
2. Supervisor’s Report:
3. Property Tax:
   1. March Board of Review: Organizational Meeting March 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Petition Hearings: March 9th, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

March 12th, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

* 1. Land Divisions: Ed Hubel, Brooks Estate, David Fuesse, and Todd Witbeck.
  2. Property Tax Issues: Steve & Lisa Abbott, Marlin Fox.
  3. Letter on property tax assessments went out with Assessment Notices.

1. Roads: Determine road work Township will be involved in by March 20th
   1. Possibly South side of Stevenson Lake; Isabella Rd north of US 10 and some work in Vernon Hill.
2. Solid Waste: recycling part of bill is up close to $1,000.
3. Township Assets:
   1. Township Hall:
      1. Survey stakes have been reset.
      2. What do we want to do with the extra ½ acre that is now an open field?
      3. Do we want to install corner posts?
   2. Cemetery: Elevations for drain work and ditch work to be done this week.
4. Other:

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

b. Residential house count.

d. Budget hearing tonight.

1. Clerk’s Report:

1. Budget: see packet.

2. Elections: Presidential Primary March 10, 2020. So far 30 applications for Absent voter ballots

have been sent out. 8 ballots returned so far.

1. Treasurer’s Report
2. Financial Report as of February 29, 2020.
   1. General Fund Checking……………………….. $ 134,489.80
   2. Waste Management……………………………. $ 104,854.65
   3. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 3,965.12
   4. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 51,446.38
   5. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 77,179.35
   6. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 79,515.45

2. Funds Received for the month of February 2020. ?? #2648 voided or not

b. …... $ 700.00

c. Clark Funeral Home o/c……………………. $ 150.00

d. State of MI-State Revenue Sharing………. $ 22,244.00

e. Vernon Twp Tax Acct. summer Admin……. $ 121.40

f. Vernon Twp Tax Acct. General……………... $ 25,323.80

g. Vernon Twp Tax Acct. Roads………………. $ 50,885.16

h. Vernon Twp Tax Acct. Waste………………. $ 50,832.00

i. Vernon Twp Tax Acct. VCHL………………. $ 809.62

3. Budget and Account Transfers: B. Browning made the motion to transfer $172.47 from

Roads (line item #446-930) to Township Hall (line item# 265-700) and $235.00 from Insurance

and Bonds (line item #851-960) to Township Hall (line item# 265-700). Motion seconded by S.

Allen. Motion passed.

4. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for a total of $13,966.86. B. Browning made the motion to

pay said bills. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

1. Trustees’ Reports

1. B. Browning: Reported that the INEFD is looking at slightly used pumper/tanker truck.

2. Lee Cole: No report.

1. Old Business:
   1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Continue to table.

J. New Business:

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K. Adjournment: S. Allen made a motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion

passed. This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on March 2, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk