VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD April 3, 2023

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on April 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m at the Vernon Township Hall. Members present were Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), and Lee Cole (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: Ben Browning (Supervisor) and Jeff Denton (Trustee).
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Loren Cole 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. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.
4. Visitors present: Jenny Koch and Jack McConnell (resident). Both had heard that the County Clerk instructed the clerks to delete the voter file on the Electronic Poll Book. Informed them that this had not happened yet.

1. Supervisor’s Report:

1. Roads & Drains:

a. Status on Crawford Road tube issue: There will be a meeting with the ICRC, township and

lawyers.

2. Property Tax:

a. Be aware of an upcoming Michigan State Tax Commission’s requirement, as

part of the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR), calling for all Michigan units

of government to establish an online offering of the assessment cards and related assessing

information be made available to the public at large. This is a new project in the works.

b. March Board of Review: 12 petitions/exemptions brought before the board and resolved.

3. Other:

a. Legal Issues:

i. ARPA Funds: accountant is working on report due April 30th.

ii.Urban Cooperation Agreement draft proposal being prepared by an attorney.

F. Clerk’s Report:

1. Budget: See reports.

2. Elections: Clare School Bond election in May.

G. New Business: Board consideration of the adoption of the 2023-2024 Vernon Township Operations

Budget resulting from the March 27th budget Hearing. S. Allen made the motion to adopt the

proposed budgets for the General Funds; VCHL; Garbage and Road Millage funds Budgets. Motion

seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.

H. Treasurer’s Report

1. Financial Report as of March 31, 2023.
2. General/ Fund Checking……………………….. $ 241,852.87
3. Waste Management……………………………. $ 132,611.97
4. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 4,137.90
5. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 57,806.84
6. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 11,122.19
7. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 202,402.76
8. ARPA funds …………………………………….. $ 142,076.11

2. Funds Received for the month of March 2023.

a. Vernon Twp Account..admin…..………………….. $ 310.84

b. Vernon Twp Account: Waste … …………………. $ 39,521.20

c. VCHL ……..………….………. $ 282.24

d. General… ..……………… $ 11,964.82

e. Vernon Twp Account: Roads……….……………$ 23,930.84

f. mercantile Bank … Interest ……….………… ....$ 333.43

g. State Revenue Sharing…………………… … $ 23,839.00

1. LCSA (local community stabilization authority).. .$ 263.88
2. Charter communications………………………… .$ 310.67
3. Isabella County Treasurer…Dog license……… .$ 45.00
4. Opening & Closing x2 …………………………….$ 900.00

3. Review and pay bills. Lee Cole made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of

$30,276.13. S.Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

I. Trustees’ Report:

1. J. Denton: Absent

2. Lee Cole: No report

J. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. (Remains on table.)

K. New Business:

1 . Consideration of estimates for Grant Funding contracts with the Isabella County Road

Commission for the 2023 Road Construction season and Authorization for the Supervisor

and Clerk to Execute said contracts. Motion by S. Allen for the clerk and supervisor to

establish the contracts with the ICRC for the 2023 Road Construction season and for the

Clerk and Supervisor to execute said contracts. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion

passed.

2. Consideration of a 2023 Application for Fireworks Other than consumer or low impact permit

by Robert Denton and the Michigan Pyrotechnic Arts guild, for display of fireworks in relation

to its activities on May 13, 2023. Per State law, the local municipality is the agency

authorized to approve such permits. Motion by S. Allen to approve the application for the

permit for Fireworks other than consumer or low impact. Motion seconded by Lee Cole.

Motion passed.

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

passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. on April 3, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk