

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD August 3, 2020

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on August 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m at the Vernon Township Hall. Members present Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Lee Cole (Trustee), Ben Browning (Trustee).and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: None.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. B.Browning made a motion to approve the July minutes and the agenda for this month. Lee Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Priscilla Thompson (resident) had questions about the trash/recycling time scheduling
Elvis Denton (resident) reported his road (Crawford) was in poor shape. Also had questions about the Little Tobacco Drain.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
1. Roads: Lincoln Rd from Vernon to Battle is in poor condition.
 2. Property Tax: Tax assessments for Garbage pickup, Street Lights and Roads to be done next month.
 3. Township Assets:
 - a. Township Hall:
 - i. What do we want to do with the extra ½ acre that is now an open field? --Table for no
 4. Other:
 - a. County Drain Commission planning a meeting here at the Township Hall on August 20th from 9-5.
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: see packet.
 2. Elections: To date, 182 ballots have been sent out so far. 127 ballots returned.
- G. Treasurer's Report
1. Financial Report as of July 31, 2020.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 140,824.61
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 85,717.85
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,967.64
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 51,910.25
e. Super High Yield Acc.	\$ 77,859.54
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 99,558.50
 2. Funds Received for the month of July 2020.

a. State of MI--Revenue sharing.....	\$ 17,193.00
b. Chemical Bank ..Interest	\$ 3.30
c. Vernon Tax Acct.....	\$ 560.66
 3. Budget and Account Transfer: B.Browning made the motion to transfer \$181.00 from the Misc.Expense fund (line item # 900-949) to Insurance and Bonds (line item # 851-960). Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 4. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for July total \$40,047.45. S. Allen made the motion to pay said bills. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Miscellaneous: S. Allen had questions regarding the additional bonding needed for the treasurer.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. B. Browning: Reported that cemetery wells are doing well.
Also reported on the Clare Fire Dept. and the budget concerns.
2. Lee Cole: No reports.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. B. Browning made the motion to Continue to table. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration to Petition for the consolidation, maintenance, and improvement of the drains known and designated as the McDonald Creek Drain, Dixon Drain, Crowley Tile Drain, and Seeley Drain, to be known as the McDonald Creek Drain, and the consolidation of the McDonald Creek Drain Drainage District, Dixon Drain Drainage District, Crowley Tile Drain Drainage District, and Seeley Drain Drainage District, with the consolidation drainage district to be known as the McDonald Creek Drain Drainage District, located in Isabella County, pursuant to Chapters 8 and 19 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.
B. Browning made the motion to table the consideration. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

K. Adjournment: S. Allen made a motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on August 3, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted:
Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

