

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD December 3, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on December 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk) . Members absent: Ben Browning (Trustee), Lee Cole (Trustee).
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jeff Bean with 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 Loren Cole. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.), Elvis Denton (resident), and John Stough (resident). Gerald informed the board of rad problems on Grass Lake Rd. Elvis stated concern about the roads being grated right after rain. John questioned the board about the board’s position on the new Marijuana law.
- E. Supervisor’s Report:
 - 1. Roads:
 - a. Current thoughts are that the Stevenson Lake wedging will not occur until spring.
 - 2. Fire Department: Next Wednesday is the Steak Fry from the Clare Fire Dept.
 - 3. Property Tax: December BOR coming up on or about the 11th.
 - 4. Township Assets:
 - a. Access Ramp issue at Hall. Extension requested. The down payment is being paid tonight.
 - b. Survey of Cemetery Boundaries finished. Now the corner posts can be installed.
 - c. The South ditch line is ready for clearing.
 - d. Time to clear seasonal ornaments from graves.
 - 5. Zoning: I am receiving inquires as to whether the Township plans to Opt in to Marijuana.
 - 6. Other:
 - a. Addressing some concerns regarding Indian Lake and the body of water perched above it as it relates to a structure failure of the perched water and 1) the road and 2) the operations of the Indian Lake Dam. Still in process with Isabella Drain Office.
 - b. Received 2018 At Large Drain Assessment i the amount of \$4,307.37.
- F. Clerk’s Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Miscellaneous: On-going open FOIA request from “Emily”.
- G. Treasurer’s Report
 - 1. Financial Report as of: November 30, 2018.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 80,109.05
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 58,393.51
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 2,588.62
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 45,835.74
e. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$ 76,982.87
 - 2. Funds Received for the month of November 2018
 - a. State of Michigan, Revenue sharing..... \$ 20,894.00

3. Budget and Account Transfers: Loren Cole made the motion to transfer \$600.00 from the Cemetery Care fund (line item #276-700) to Elections fund (line item #262-700). S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4 .Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for a total of \$23,564.09 S. Allen made the motion to pay said bills. Loren Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: Absent.
2. Lee Cole: Absent.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Consideration of a motion to continue to table issue to allow more time for review. No Action.

J. New Business:

1. Discussion on Opting into Medical and /or Recreational Marijuana. The law takes effect December 6th and LARA has one year to set up rules for the recreational use. No action taken at this time.

K . Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. Loren Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. on December 6, 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.