VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD February 13, 2023

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on February 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m at the Vernon Township Hall. (Meeting was postponed from last week due to not having a quorum) Members present were Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Loren Cole (clerk) Lee Cole (Trustee) and Ben Browning (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: none.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
3. B. Browning made the motion to approve the agenda for this month and to approve the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.
4. Visitors present: none.
5. Supervisor’s Report:

1. Roads & Drains:

a. Status on Crawford Road tube issue with the ICRC is ongoing.

b. Donna Brown is having issues with water not flowing through their ditches.

2. Solid Waste: GFL–Have had some misses but it seems to be straightening out.

3. 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 will consist of:

1. An organizational meeting on Tuesday March 7th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
2. Public meetings held on: Monday March 13th: 9 a.m. to Noon & 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday March 16th: 1:00-4:00 p.m. & 6:00-9:00 p.m

4. Fire Dept: Clare Fire Dept. Steak fry on Feb. 22nd at 6 p.m.

5. Other:

a. Legal Issues:

i. ARPA Funds

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

F. Clerk’s Report:

1. Budget: See reports.

G. Treasurer’s Report

1. Financial Report as of January 31, 2023.
2. General/ Fund Checking……………………….. $ 194,109.18
3. Waste Management……………………………. $ 54,393.91
4. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 3,732.33
5. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 57,201.96
6. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 11,107.99
7. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 127,323.84
8. ARPA funds …………………………………….. $ 141,882.27

2. Funds Received for the month of January 2023.

a. Vernon Twp Account..Summer admin………….. $ 95.21

b. Vernon Twp Account: Waste ……………………. $ 28,066.73

f. VCHL ……………….……….… $ 148.77

g. General…..……………… $ 9,540.80

1. Vernon Twp Account: Roads……….……………$ 19,082.51
2. mercantile Bank … Interest ……….……………..$ 228.92

3. Review and pay bills. B. Browning made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of

$28,540.44. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Budget and Account Transfers:

a. Garbage:

B. Browning made the motion to amend the Garbage Budget of the expenses by

increasing it by $30,000.00. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees’ Report:

1. B. Browning: No report

2. Lee Cole: No report

I. Old Business:

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

J. New Business:

1 . Review of information received at Annual Road Commission Meeting on january 24, 2023

. See packet.

2. Consideration of a resolution to provide a Roadway Grant to the Isabella County Road

Commission for purposes of dust control on Township gravel roadways in the amount of

$20,203.48 total. The ICRC share is $3,390.94 and Vernon Township’s share is $16,812.54.

Said dust control efforts shall consist of a One Time Application of Michigan Chloride at a rate

of 2,500 gallons per mile and shall be payable upon completion and invoicing. We may

consider a 2nd application later in summer.

S. Allen made the motion to adopt this resolution. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Roll Call

vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Resolution 003-2023 was adopted.

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

passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on February 13, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk