

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING HELD February 4, 2019

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on February 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Ben Browning (Trustee), and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk) . Members absent: 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. B. Browning made the motion to approve the agenda for this month and the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.)- nothing.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
  - 1. Roads: Annual ICRC meeting is scheduled for March 4th at 4:00 p.m.
  - 3. Property Tax: BOR coming up in March.
  - 4. Township Assets:
    - a. Time to get and install the corner posts at the Cemetery. J. Bean will get them.
    - b. Most of the South ditch line is cleared. Waiting for permission to clear that part of the ditch on the west adjacent neighbor's parcel.
    - c. Can we be ready to adopt the 2019/2020 Budget after the March Meeting?
  - 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.
- F. Clerk's Report:
  - 1. Budget: see packet.
  - 2. Miscellaneous: Law was passed and signed to protect against ambiguous FOIA requests.
- G. Treasurer's Report
  - 1. Financial Report as of: January 31, 2019.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 103,211.18
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 79,399.08
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 2,986.51
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 47,043.49
e. Super High Yield Acc. ....	\$ 77,089.66
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 34,550.08
  - 2. Funds Received for the month of January 2019

a. Chemical Bank interest.....	\$ 22.47
b. State of Michigan Revenue Sharing.....	\$ 20,823.00
  - 3. Budget and Account Transfers: No budget adjustments needed at this time.
  - 4. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for a total of \$16,573.51. S. Allen made the motion to pay said bills. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: No report.
2. Lee Cole: Absent.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. B.Browning made the motion to remove this from the table. Loren Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. Reviewed Sections 1-7.

2. Discussion on Opting into Medical and /or Recreational Marijuana. (Tabled until April or May)

J. New Business:

No New Business.

K . Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on February 4, 2019.

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.