

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD February 5, 2024

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on February 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m at the Vernon Township Hall. Members present were Ben Browning (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Jeff Denton (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: Lee Cole (Trustee)
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ben Browning with the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. Loren Cole made the motion to approve the minutes from last month and to amend the agenda for this month by adding under the NEW BUSINESS a Resolution to appoint representatives to the BOR. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Corey Bourland (resident) had questions about the process for the AV ballots. Explained. John and Jenny Koch (residents) had questions regarding the ICRC reports and what projects will be done for the year. They requested for Coleman Road 2 miles to be part of that request.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Property Tax: a.BOR Training Monday March 4th.
b. March Board of Review will consist of an organizational meeting on Monday March 4th, 2024 at 1 p.m. Public meetings will be held on Wednesday March 11th from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. and again March 14th from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. in the evening.
 - 2. Roads & Drains: 2024 projects.
 - 3. Township Assets:
 - a. Township Hall: Internet & Monitor Installation in hall.
 - 4. Other:
 - a. Legal Issues:
 - i. Bonding for supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer continue.
 - ii.Waiting on the draft from the Attorney for the UCA.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: See reports.
 - 2. Elections: February 27, 2024
- G. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Financial Report as of January 31, 2024.

a. General/ Fund Checking.....	\$ 272,637.80
b. Waste/Garbage.....	\$ 114,311.07
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,416.57
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 63,608.03
e. Super High Yield Acc.	\$ 11,216.11
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 183,152.38
g. ARPA funds	\$ 143,433.14

2. Funds Received for the month of January 2024.

a. State Revenue sharing.....	\$ 25,515.00
b. Mercantile Bank ... Interest	\$ 317.77
c. Admin fees:	\$ 143.11
e. Vernon Tax Acct. General.....	\$ 18,111.45
Waste.....	\$ 58,365.53
VCHL	\$ 317.12
Roads.....	\$ 36,224.59

3. Review and pay bills. S. Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$25,360.62. J. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Report:

1. J. Denton: Will present under New Business.
2. Lee Cole: Absent.

I. Old Business: None.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of a Resolution to enter into a cooperating agreement with CMS to expand the broadband infrastructure within the township. J. Denton presented the agreement with CMS. It will be close to 8 (eight) miles. Loren Cole made the motion to accept Resolution #001-2024. J. Denton seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: 4 yays and 0 nays. (Lee Cole is absent). Resolution is adopted
2. Review of information received at the Annual road Commission Meeting on January 25, 2024. See report.
3. 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 \$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. S. Allen made the motion to accept Resolution # 002-2024. J. Denton seconded the motion. Roll Call vote of 4 yays and 0 nays (Lee Cole is absent). Resolution is adopted.
4. Consideration of a Resolution to update the fee structure for the cemetery ordinance. Motion by B. Browning to table this until March. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.
5. Consideration of a Resolution to appoint representatives for the Board of Review. Motion to accept Resolution #003-2024 by S. Allen and seconded by J. Denton. Roll Call vote of 4 yays and 0 nays (Lee Cole is absent) Resolution is adopted.

K. Public Comment: none

L. . Adjournment: B. Browning made the motion to adjourn. J. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on February 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

