VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD January 3, 2023

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on January 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m at the Vernon Township Hall. 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. Loren Cole 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. Taking up the Crawford Road tube issue with the ICRC on 1.12.23

 2. Solid Waste: GFL–Bins are distributed. Some mistakes.

 3. Property Tax: 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.

 4. Fire Dept: See report from Clare Fire Department.

 5. Other:

 a. Legal Issues:

i. ARPA Funds

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

iii. Road Commission vs Drain Commissions.

 F. Clerk’s Report:

 1. Budget: See reports.

 G. Treasurer’s Report

1. Financial Report as of December 31, 2022.
2. General/ Fund Checking……………………….. $ 167,464.49
3. Waste Management……………………………. $ 43,017.01
4. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 3,708.56
5. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 56,149.46
6. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 11,102.33
7. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 108,241.33
8. ARPA funds …………………………………….. $ 141,815.83

 2. Funds Received for the month of December 2022.

 a. State of Michigan … Revenue sharing………… …$ 25,989.00

 b. Charter…………………………………………………$ 308.68

 c. MML Liability … 2021 Audit return prem……. …… $ 242.00

 d. Vernon Twp Account..Summer admin……………. $ 149.32

 e. Vernon Twp Account: Waste ……………………… $ 22,162.19

 f. VCHL ……………….………….… $ 73.81

 g. General…..………………… $ 7,456.20

1. Vernon Twp Account: Roads……….………………$ 14,913.03
2. mercantile Bank … Interest ……….………………..$ 122.62

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

 $24,624.07. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

 4. Budget and Account Transfers:

 a. Garbage:

 S. Allen made the motion to amend the Garbage Budget of the expenses by

 increasing it by $8100.00.Lee Cole 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 . Consideration of a Resolution to establish and adopt Property Tax Poverty Exemption Income

 Guidelines and Asset Test for Tax Year 2023. Motion by B. Browning to adopt said resolution.

 Motion seconded by S. Allen. Resolution 001-2023 adopted with a Roll Call Vote of 5 yays

 and 0 nays.

 2. Consideration of a Resolution to Continue Exemptions Granted in Certain years to be Extended for additional years under certain conditions. Motion be S. Allen to adopt said resolution. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Resolution 002-2023 adopted with a Roll Call vote of 5 yays and 0 nays.

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

 passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on January 3, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk