

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD July 2,2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on July 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Ben Browning (Trustee), Lee Cole (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk) . Members absent: none.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. following the Town Hall Meeting by Jeff Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. Loren Cole made the motion to approve the agenda for this month and the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by Ben Browning. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Many residents and guests from the prior Town Hall Meeting; Nick Wood, Sarah Spencer-Noggle, Larry King and David Barberi. The last 4 are running for public office. Sheriff from Isabella County to inform Township Board of county/Township activity.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Property Tax:
 - a. Land Divisions: Jeff and Kim Denton, Section 8.
 - 5. Township Assets:
 - a. New Concrete dumpster landing pad to be installed soon.
 - b. Access Ramp Issue at Hall. Quote from Integral Builders (wood).
 - c. Survey of Cemetery Boundaries--will get to the Board Next Meeting.
 - 6. Other:
 - a. Smith/Norris Property at 104 Hillcrest.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Pere Marquette District Library See report.
- G. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Financial Report as of: June 30, 2018.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$120,776.56
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 96,820.21
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,268.62
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 45,816.60
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD -----	\$ N/A
f. Super High Yield Acct -----	\$ 76,876.11
 - 2. Funds Received for the month of June 2018

a. State of Michigan Revenue Sharing	\$ 0
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 - 3. Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by S. Allen to pay bills for a total of \$31,553.92. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Ben Browning: Fire Department: the new truck is in service. Able to sell the old one. Getting new fire fighters.
2. Lee Cole: None.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of a U. S. Department of Justice Compliance Review of ADA Issues at the Township Hall.

Motion by S. Allen to table this and see what can be done in next few days. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed.

2. Consideration of adopting a Public Comment Policy. S. Allen made the motion to table this until next month. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.
3. Consideration of establishing Poverty Tax Exemption Criteria for 2018. Motion by Loren Cole to accept Resolution 005-2018 as written using 2018 Federal Poverty Tax Guidelines. Motion seconded by B.Browning. Motion passed with Roll Call Vote of 5-0.

J. New Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance.
Lee Cole made the motion to table this until next month. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.
2. Consideration of renting the Township Hall to a 4-H Group as a donation. Motion by S.Allen and seconded by B. Browning authorizing the clerk to negotiate terms and conditions of such a rental. Review the Lease Agreement and a charge of \$1 plus Liability Insurance coverage (question maybe from the 4-H Extension Office) to such 4-H club as to the satisfaction of the clerk. Motion passed.
3. Review of Bids for Township Bi-Annual Financial Audit and consideration of a Service Provider. After reviewing the bids B. Browning made the motion to accept Baird, Cotter and Bishop if they would be willing to go down to \$3700 with the off year F-65 audit for \$300. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.

K. Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. on July 2, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

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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.

