VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD July 3, 2023

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on July 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m at the Vernon Township Hall. Members present were Ben Browning (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Lee Cole (Trustee) and Jeff Denton (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: none.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ben Browning with the Pledge to the Flag.
3. Loren Cole made the motion to approve the minutes from last month and the agenda for this 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: Bids out to contractors from drain commissioner/

ICRC

2. Fire Dept: INEFD and Clare Fire Dept. applying for a Safety Grant.

3. Property Tax: July BOR set for July 19th.

4. Township Assets:

a. Township Cemetery: Cemetery Tree issues. Some trees with roots may cause issues.

b. Township Hall: Merit Grants.

5. Other:

a. Legal Issues:

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

Discussion. No action.

F. Clerk’s Report:

1. Budget: See reports.

2. Elections:

1. The August Election for us involves Beal City School. It will be combined with Isabella

Twp.

1. Clare County Consolidation Agreement. The City of Clare Clerk has stepped down as coordinator for the consolidation of the schools.

3. Miscellaneous: Explained some of the recent FOIA requests and issues.

G. Treasurer’s Report

1. Financial Report as of June 30, 2023.
2. General/ Fund Checking……………………….. $ 217,219.75
3. Waste Management……………………………. $ 104,264.17
4. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 3,813.67
5. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 60,371.45
6. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 11,150.26
7. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 202,361.63
8. ARPA funds …………………………………….. $ 142,390.66

2. Funds Received for the month of June 2023.

a. Mercantile Bank … Interest ……….………..……....$ 337.56

b. Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home …foundations.$ 1,062.00

c. Lux Funeral Home … open/Close…………………..$ 450.00

d. Stephenson -Wyman Funeral Home ..Open/close. $ 450.00

e. Bad Axe Marble ..foundation……………………….. $ 437.40

f. Duane Warner … open/close ……………………….$ 200.00

g. Donald Cole …. foundation ………………………… $ 437.20

3. Review and pay bills. S. Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of

$18,591.22. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Miscellaneous: Isabella Bank account needs to have a deposit to keep it from going dormant.

I. Trustees’ Report:

1. J. Denton: none.

2. Lee Cole: Questions about BID/ Tube for Holiday Beach.

J. Old Business:

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

K. New Business:

1.

L. Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. J. Denton seconded the motion. Motion

passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on July 3, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk