

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD June 1 , 2020

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on June 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m at the Vernon Township Hall. Members present Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Lee Cole (Trustee), Ben Browning (Trustee).and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: None.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. B.Browning made a motion to approve the May minutes and the agenda for this month. Lee Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: No visitors present.
- E. Supervisor’s Report:
 - 1. Roads: Need to take action on road work for 2020.
 - 2. Township Assets:
 - a. Township Hall:
 - i. What do we want to do with the extra ½ acre that is now an open field? --Table for no
 - b. Cemetery: Looks like we can do a road cut tube for less than \$10,000.
 - 3. Other:
 - a. Abandon house at 104 Hillcrest. Appears to no longer be abandoned.
- F. Clerk’s Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Elections: Ongoing: There is some question if there will be open polls for the August and even November elections due to the COVID-19. Consideration of mass AV application mailings by the state. The state is issuing all townships gloves, masks and wipes for the election. We will need to get our own shields.
- G. Treasurer’s Report
 - 1. Financial Report as of May 31, 2020.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 152,601.72
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 100,894.65
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 4,087.64
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 51,755.92
e. Super High Yield Acc.	\$ 77,826.24
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 99,558.50
 - 2. Funds Received for the month of May 2020.

a. State of MI--Revenue sharing.....	\$ 19,767.00
b. Chemical Bank ..Interest	\$ 15.22
 - 3. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for June total \$13,524.77. Loren Cole made the motion to pay said bills. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- H. Trustees’ Reports
 - 1. B. Browning: Reported that everything regarding the water was working before Memorial Day. Stated that there is a lack of solar storage and we may need to add more batteries.

2. Lee Cole: Reported has not heard anything regarding the sign

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. B. Browning made the motion to Continue to table. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. Consideration of allowing for a related party monument to be added to the burial space of an interned person at Cemetery. Motion by S. Allen to take this off the table. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed. Motion by B. Browning to not consider this request. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.
3. Consideration of opting into a medical and /or recreational cannabis operation within the Township.

November 2018 General Election Proposal 1, Recreational Cannabis						
	Statewide		County		Township	
	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%
Yes	2,354,640	55.89%	12,972	57.75%	241	41%
No	1,858,354	44.11%	9,490	42.25%	346	59%

In 2018, it was turned down in our township. Only 2-3 people have expressed interest to the Board. Motion by B. Browning to set aside the discussion of cannabis for the remainder of the year. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed.

4. Discussion of recent developments of the Wuhan Virus as it impacts:
 - a) Stay At Home Orders and Government shutdowns by Governor’s Executive Orders.
 - b) Outreach to our residents and property owners.
 - c) Budget implications --especially with Revenue Sharing.

Discussion was to continue to have open meetings with social distancing and to be careful of budget issues at this time.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of a resolution to enter into Grant Funding contracts with the Isabella County Road Commission for the 2020 Road Construction season and authorization for the supervisor and Clerk to execute said contracts.

K. Adjournment: B. Browning made a motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on June 1, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

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