

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING HELD June 4, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on June 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Ben Browning (Trustee), and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk) . Members absent: Lee Cole (Trustee)
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jeff Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. B. Browning made the motion to approve the agenda for this month and the minutes from last month. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Vaughn Jenkins (cemetery/hall caretaker), Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Township, Becky Bollis (talked about running for Probate Judge), Elvis Denton (resident; complimented the Board on the cemetery, had questions about the road millage and other proposals for ballot).
- E. Supervisor's Report:
  - 1. Property Tax:
    - a. Property Tax Forfeitures. Working on a couple of them.
    - b. Land Divisions:
      - i. Jeff and Kim Denton, Section 8.
  - 3. Roads:Contracts are in to the ICCR.
  - 4. Solid Waste: No complaints in the last 30 days.
  - 5. Township Assets:
    - a. New Concrete dumpster landing pad to be installed soon.
    - b. New laydown yard for Caretaker's materials is in place and trees cut to access Coleman Road Parcel.
    - c. Received many compliments on Cemetery at Memorial Day Ceremony.
    - d. Ben Browning installed New Flag pole.
  - 6. Other:
    - a. Smith/Norris Property at 104 Hillcrest.
    - b. Clare County and Isabella County agree to proceed with Little Tobacco Drain.
    - c. Received a complaint on the May 19th fireworks event, which was unusually loud.
- F. Clerk's Report:
  - 1. Budget: see packet. Move \$200 from Misc.900-949 to Audit/Professional 851-980. Also change the Lawyer Fee to the category of Audit/Professional.
  - 2. Elections Issues:
    - a.Training for Election Inspectors will be next week.
  - 3. Miscellaneous: Received bids for Biannual audit. Will act on this next month.
- G. Treasurer's Report
  - 1. Financial Report as of: May 31, 2018
    - a. General Fund Checking..... \$130,351.29
    - b. Waste Management..... \$100,929.36
    - c. Vernon City Highway Lighting..... \$ 3,428.62
    - d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings..... \$ 45,812.75
    - e. Vernon Twp Cemetery CD ----- \$ N/A

f. Super High Yield Acct ----- \$ 76,852.61

2. Funds Received for the month of May 2018

a. State of Michigan Revenue Sharing .....	\$17,685.00
b. CMS Internet (metro permit).....	\$ 500.00
c. Stephenson-Wyman o/c .....	\$ 700.00
d. Michael O’Laughlin (foundation).....	\$ 226.80
e. Isabella Co.Treas (principal residence exemp. denials)\$	74.08

3.Review and Pay Bills: Motion made by Loren Cole to pay bills for a total of \$16,843.88. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.

H. Trustees’ Reports

1. Ben Browning: Both pumps rebuilt at the cemetery.
2. Lee Cole: Absent.

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 hire Vaughn Jenkins to repair/correct the issue with the slope on the ramp. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.

2. Consideration of Adopting a Public Comment Policy. Reviewed the Clare Public School Board of Education public comment policy. B. Browning made the motion to table until next meeting. Loren Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

J. New Business:

- 1.Consideration of establishing Poverty Tax Exemption Criteria for 2018. S. Allen made the motion to table this discussion. Motion seconded by B. Browning. Motion passed.
- 2.Consideration of conducting a Public Hearing in July relating to Ballot Proposals. B. Bowning made the motion to Establish a Town Hall Meeting on July 2nd, 2018 at 6 p.m. and running no later than 7pm and thereafter we will conduct the Regular Board Meeting. We will adopt the rules of the Public Comment Policy per the Clare BOE and edit them to apply for Vernon Township. At the conclusion of the Town Hall meeting the Board will convene for its Regular Meeting.Loren Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. (Of NOTE: the notice of the Town Hall meeting will be posted in the Morning Sun paper, the Clare County Review, and on our Website as well as a notice on the Town hall door).

K. Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. on June 4, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

# VERNON TOWNSHIP 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.

