VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD June 5, 2023

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on June 5, 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 J. Denton. Motion passed.
4. Visitors present: Vaughn Jenkins (cemetery/twp hall care personnel): Cemetery comments later.

Brent Duffet; Christene Titsworth; David Archbold; Jeannette Browne and Tomi

Parsons (residents and members of the Holiday Beach Association): concerns

regarding the roads and drains issues on the south side of Stevenson Lake.

Joel and Christine Laverty (residents) expressed concerns regarding gravel roads

and also the increased cost of hiring GFL waste.

1. Supervisor’s Report:

1. Roads & Drains:

a. Status on Crawford Road tube issue: Waiting on bids from drain commissioner/ICRC.

b. May 10th meeting with Holiday Beach Residents.

2. Fire Dept: INEFD meeting on June 13th.

4. Township Assets: Township Cemetery:

1. Water turned on & new flag installed prior to Memorial Day.
2. MTA Cemetery Management Workshop in Mt. Pleasant June 21st. Julie to go.
3. L. Hitchcock would like to plant a Maple tree. The old stump from a tree that fell would be ground and a new tree planted.
4. There are about 6 trees that need to be removed but would require a tree service (per Vaughn) as more involved.

5. Other:

a. Legal Issues:

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

F. Clerk’s Report:

1. Budget: See reports.

2. Elections: August Election for us involves Beal City School. It will be combined with Isabella

Twp.

G. Treasurer’s Report

1. Financial Report as of May 31, 2023.
2. General/ Fund Checking……………………….. $ 241,010.39
3. Waste Management……………………………. $ 113,716.77
4. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 3,882.90
5. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 59,016.60
6. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 11,131.64
7. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 202,402.76
8. ARPA funds …………………………………….. $ 142,172.06

2. Funds Received for the month of May 2023.

a. Mercantile Bank … Interest ……….………..….....$ 369.12

b. State Revenue Sharing…………………………. $ 20,800.00

c. Charter …………………………………………….. $ 322.93

d. LCSA …Metro Act sharing fee…………………. $ 5,386.92

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

$36,727.76. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

I. Trustees’ Report:

1. J. Denton: States he has had numerous complaints on the agricultural status of our community

especially regarding all the liquid manure tanks of recent, regarding the safety, smell, road

conditions etc.

2. Lee Cole: Comments about the Agriculture tractors on the roads. Understands that a grant

can maybe be applied to make the roads “All Season” roads.

J. Old Business:

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

K. New Business:

1. Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance. Motion by Loren Cole to approve the Ordinance as presented. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

L. Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion

passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on June 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk