

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD March 4, 2019

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on February 4, 2019 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 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 S. Allen. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Gerald Stryeski (property owner in Vernon Twp.) reports has some branches on his property that will need to be cut down so they don't fall on the road. Priscilla Thompson (resident) here to observe. Vaughn Jenkins (twp/cemetery caretaker) here to report on cemetery issues. Elvis Denton (resident) had comments regarding the roads.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Roads
 - a. Discuss ICRC Annual meeting of today.
 - b. Talked to Clare about intentions and possible plans for roadways relating to soccer field.
 - 2. Fire Dept.: Good representation of Firefighters at Ethan Gage funeral. INEFD has new firemen on department.
 - 3. Property Tax:
 - a. Board of Review; organizational meeting on March 5th at 3:00 p.m. Public appeals on March 12th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. March 14th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - b. Public Act 672 of 2018 require that a participation fee equivalent to 2 mills of the taxable value be levied against all properties enrolled in the Qualified Forest program (QFP) in the year the property is first exempt and every year thereafter and at the time summer taxes are invoiced.
 - 4. Township Assets:
 - a. Time to get and install the corner posts at the Cemetery. J. Bean will get them.
 - b. Most of the South ditch line is cleared. Neighbor along south boundary at west end decided she did not want anything done. When the weather breaks we will discuss again.
 - c. Need to get started on electrical service and water.
 - 6. Other:
 - a. Addressing some concerns regarding Indian Lake and the body of water perched above it as it relates to a structure failure of the perched water and 1) the road and 2) the operations of the Indian Lake Dam. The tubes under Whiteville Road may be too small to handle water. Trying to find out size of tubes downstream.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Pere Marquette District Library: Planning some landscaping improvements.
 - 3. Elections: Farwell School is having a bond election in May
 - 4. Miscellaneous: Law was passed and signed to protect against ambiguous FOIA requests. Received a new FOIA request recently for Employee wages etc. This is a yearly request.

G. Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Report as of: February 28, 2019.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 113,397.94
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 102,998.09
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,302.47
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 47,047.49
e. Super High Yield Acc.	\$ 77,138.77
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 73,393.15

2. Funds Received for the month of February 2019

a. Vernon Tax Acct: General fund.....	\$ 19,393.00
b. : Waste Management.....	\$ 30,859.21
c. : VCHL.....	\$ 315.96
d. : Road Mil.....	\$ 38,843.07
e. Admin summer.....	\$ 107.07

3. Budget and Account Transfers: Loren Cole made the motion to transfer \$384.60 from Assessors Expense account (line item 257-960) to Treasure tax Collection (line item 253-969). Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for a total of \$12,507.54. S. Allen made the motion to pay said bills. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. Browning: Gave update on INEFD.
2. Lee Cole: No report.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. B. Browning made the motion to table this topic. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. Discussion on Opting into Medical and /or Recreational Marijuana. (Tabled until April or May)
3. Review of Cemetery Improvement Project: a) Drainage to finish. b) electric service c) water. No action taken.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of a Resolution to Set an Alternate Date for the March Board of Review first Taxpayer appeal Meeting; from March 11th to March 12th. B. Browning made the motion for this resolution and Lee Cole seconded the motion. Resolution adopted with a 5-0 Roll Call Vote.
2. Communications with Taxpayers, Residents and Voters: Some discussion about how to communicate with Vernon Township Taxpayers, residents and voters with no action taken at this time.

K. Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on March 4, 2019.

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.

