

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD March 4, 2024

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on March 4, 2024 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), Jeff Denton (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: None.

- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ben Browning with the Pledge to the Flag.

- C. Loren Cole made the motion to approve the minutes from last month and the agenda for this month. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.

- D. Visitors present: Dave Livermore (ICRC commissioner). Spoke to board regarding the roads.

- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Property Tax: .
 - a). March Board of Review will consist of an organizational meeting on Tuesday March 5th, 2024 at 1 p.m. Public meetings will be held on Wednesday March 11th from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. and again March 14th from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. in the evening.
 - 2. Fire Dept: The Isabella North East Fire Dept. will maintain their same budget.
 - 3. Roads & Drains: 2024 projects to be discussed in New Business.
 - 4. Solid Waste: We have received more complaints about solid waste pick up in the last month.
 - 5.. Township Assets:
 - a. Township Hall: Internet & Monitor Installation in hall is complete.
 - 6. Other:
 - a. Legal Issues:--Waiting on draft from Attorney.

- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: See reports.
 - 2. Elections: a. February 27, 2024. There were 401 voters.
 - b. With the internet installed at the Township Hall, may consider moving AV Ballot box and security camera to the hall.

- G. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Financial Report as of February, 2024.

a. General/ Fund Checking.....	\$ 280,845.35
b. Waste/Garbage.....	\$ 154,608.47
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,549.86
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 63,713.08
e. Super High Yield Acc.	\$ 11,225.74
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 230,537.10
g. ARPA funds	\$ 143,601.19

2. Funds Received for the month of February 2024.

a. Mercantile Bank ... Interest	\$	354.85
b. Admin fees:	\$	11.30
c. Vernon Tax Acct. General.....	\$	23,691.58
Waste.....	\$	49,750.00
VCHL	\$	211.63
Roads.....	\$	47,384.72

3. Budget and Account Transfers:

- a. Motion by Loren Cole to raise the Roads Millage Budget by \$15,026.17. Motion seconded by J. Denton. Motion passed.
- b. Motion by S. Allen to transfer \$700 from Audit / Professional funds (line item #851-980) to Cemetery Care funds (line item #276-700). Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.

4. Review and pay bills. S. Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$122,811.17. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Motion by S. Allen to keep the Perpetual Care Bank Account open for the perpetual care money of \$11,250.00. The remaining amount will be transferred to an new account at the Isabella Bank for Cemetery Care. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Report:

1. J. Denton: CMS will start at the corner of Stevenson Lake and Mission roads and go west on Stevenson Lake Road.
2. Lee Cole: No report.

I. Old Business: None.

J. New Business:

1. Discussion of road construction projects for the 2024 construction season and authorization to submit estimate requests to the ICRC. Discussion.
2. Set a Date for the 2024-2025 Budget Hearing: Hearing set for Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30pm
3. Consideration of a Resolution to update the fee structure for the cemetery resolution. Motion by S. Allen to adopt the Cemetery Fee Schedule revision resolution.. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Roll call vote of 5 yays and 0 nays. Resolution 004-2024 was adopted.
4. Further comments: S. Allen would like the board to consider allowing Credit card transactions for taxes. The Township accountant will be consulted.

L. . Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. J. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on March 4, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

