VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

MEETING HELD March 6, 2023

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA LOREN COLE, CLERK

1. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on March 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m at the Vernon Township Hall. Members present were Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Loren Cole (clerk) Lee Cole (Trustee) and Ben Browning (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: none.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
3. B. Browning made the motion to approve the minutes from last month and to amend the agenda for this month to add item #5 under New Business for “Nomination of Trustee”. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed.
4. Visitors present: Brent Duffett (resident) and Jeff Denton (resident). They had nothing to bring to the board.
5. Supervisor’s Report:

1. Roads & Drains:

a. Status on Crawford Road tube issue: There will be a meeting with the ICRC, township and

lawyers.

2. Property Tax:

a. Be aware of an upcoming Michigan State Tax Commission’s requirement, as

part of the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR), calling for all Michigan units

of government to establish an online offering of the assessment cards and related assessing

information be made available to the public at large. This is a new project in the works.

b. March Board of Review will consist of:

1. An organizational meeting on Tuesday March 7th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
2. Public meetings held on: Monday March 13th: 9 a.m. to Noon & 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday March 16th: 1:00-4:00 p.m. & 6:00-9:00 p.m

4. Fire Dept: Clare Fire Dept. Steak fry was canceled last month due to weather. Possible

reschedule next month.

5. Other:

a. Legal Issues:

i. ARPA Funds

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

F. Clerk’s Report:

1. Budget: See reports.

2. Elections: Clare School Bond election in May.

G. Treasurer’s Report

1. Financial Report as of February 28, 2023.
2. General/ Fund Checking……………………….. $ 210,406.26
3. Waste Management……………………………. $ 102,989.59
4. Vernon City Highway Lighting……………….... $ 3,967.19
5. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings…………. $ 57,204.15
6. Super High Yield Acc. …………………………. $ 11,113.66
7. Vernon Roadway Fund…………………………. $ 178,471.92
8. ARPA funds …………………………………….. $ 141,983.53

2. Funds Received for the month of February 2023.

a. Vernon Twp Account..Summer admin………….. $ 310.84

b. Vernon Twp Account: Waste ……………………. $ 39,521.20

f. VCHL ……………….……….… $ 282.24

g. General…..……………… $ 11,964.82

1. Vernon Twp Account: Roads……….……………$ 23,930.84
2. mercantile Bank … Interest ……….……………..$ 228.92
3. State Revenue Sharing………………………… $ 23,839.00
4. LCSA (local community stabilization authority).. .$ 263.88
5. Charter communications………………………… .$ 310.67
6. Isabella County Treasurer…Dog license……… .$ 45.00
7. Opening & Closing x2 …………………………….$ 900.00

3. Review and pay bills. B. Browning made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of

$16,530.38. S.Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Budget and Account Transfers:

a. S. Allen made the motion to Transfer $400 from Township Hall account (line item #

265-700) to Elections Account (line item #262-700). Motion seconded by B. Browning.

Motion passed.

H. Trustees’ Report:

1. B. Browning: Reported on the INEFD. It was noted we may see an increase in our rate.

2. Lee Cole: No report

I. Old Business:

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

J. New Business:

1 . Set a date for the 2023-2024 Budget Hearing.

Date set for March 27, 2023.

2. Discussion on road construction projects for the 2023 construction season and authorization

to submit estimate requests to the ICRC. Discussion

3. Consideration to accept the resignation of supervisor Bean, effective at the end of the day of

March 31, 2023. Motion by B. Browning. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed

with 3 yays and 1 nay (Stephanie Allen)

4. Discussion and consideration in the appointment of a replacement for Supervisor.

Loren Cole made the nomination to appoint Ben Browning as Supervisor effective April 1,

2023. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed. Motion by Loren Cole to close the

nominations. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed. Motion to appoint Ben Browning

as acting supervisor, until elected, by Loren Cole with second by S. Allen. Motion passed with

a Roll Call vote of 4-0 (Ben Abstained)

5. Nominations for Trustee. Loren Cole made the motion to nominate E. Jeffrey Denton for

Trustee. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed. Motion by B. Browning to close the

nominations. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed. Motion to appoint E. Jeffrey

Denton as Trustee to replace B. Browning made by S. Allen. Motion seconded by Lee Cole.

Motion passed.

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

passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on March 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk