

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD November 2, 2020

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on November 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m at the Vernon Township Hall. Members present Jeff Bean (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Lee Cole (Trustee), Ben Browning (Trustee).and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members absent: None.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by J. Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. B.Browning made a motion to approve the October minutes and the agenda for this month. Lee Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Priscilla Thompson (resident) stated she just came to observe. Elvis Denton (resident) states he also just came to observe.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
1. Fire Dept.: Report on CAFD Meeting held on October 7, 2020. Paid off the ladder truck. Getting ready for purchasing a new truck. See attachment.
 2. Roads:
 - a. ICRC gravel invoices total \$73,920.42, leaving \$25,638.08 in the Road Millage fund.
 - b. Regional Rural Task force Zoom Meeting at 1:00 pm, November 4th.
 3. Zoning & Ordinance:
 - a. Nuisance issue at 1238 or 1248 Perch -- county was asked to look into it.
 - b. Driveway issue on Stevenson Lake at 595 E. Coleman Rd.
 4. Other:
 - a. Remarks on Audit Report. January or February inviting Weiland-Fitzhugh to review audit.
 - b. Drains at Large 2020 payment is \$17,266.47.
 - c. McDonald Creek Board of Determination Meeting on November 6, 2020 at 10:00am.
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: see packet.
 2. Elections: General Election tomorrow.
- G. Treasurer's Report
1. Financial Report as of October 31, 2020.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 118,360.42
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 62,952.65
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,653.63
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 52,516.78
e. Super High Yield Acc.	\$ 77,905.85
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 93,298.75
 2. Funds Received for the month of October 2020.

a. State of MI ..Revenue sharing.....	\$ 17,303.00
b. Chemical Bank ..Interest	\$ 2.36
c. MML Liab & Property pool dividend share.....	\$ 177.00
d. Vernon Tx Acct.....	\$ 3,804.87
e. Isabella Treasure ..Denial interest.....	\$ 83.59

3. Budget and Account Transfer:
 - a. Clare Area Fire Dept.: Transfer \$791.64 from Twp. Hall Expense (line item 265-700) to Clare Fire Dept. (line item 336-960). Motion by B. Browning with a second from S. Allen. Motion passed.
 - b. Auditing/Professional: Transfer \$537.500 from Cemetery Care (line item 276-700) to Auditing /Professional (line item 851-980). Motion by S. Allen with a second from Lee Cole. Motion passed.
 - c. Results of transfer of funds from the General Funds account to the Credit Union Savings in an amount to create a balance of \$130,000 to be held and credited to the Little Tobacco Drain Project when due. Check #11321 was written for deposit into the Credit Union from the General fund for \$55,000.00.

4. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for October total \$92,255.17 plus the \$55,000,00 to be put in the Members First Credit Union for the drains. S. Allen made the motion to pay said bills. Loren Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. B. Browning: No Report.
2. Lee Cole: No Report.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Continue to table.

J. New Business:

1. Discussion and consideration of renewing the Fire Protection Services Agreement with the CAFD for a period beginning on January 1, 2021 until December 31, _____.
Motion by S. Allen to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute the contract subject to clarification of the terms, services, and contract continuity. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.

2. Discussion and consideration of a resolution for the removal of the existing 175 watt mercury vapor light and replacement with a 54 watt LED light at the suspended intersection assembly located at the corner of Arnold and Pearl. Resolution # 005-2020. Motion by B. Browning to approve Resolution # 005-2020. Lee Cole supported the motion. Motion was passed.

3. Discussion and consideration of commissioning a property valuation appraisal study of overly wet farmland throughout township and residential properties on Stevenson Lake channels that have in-filled to a point they can no longer be navigated, for the purposes of determining if there is grounds to reduce the Assessed Value and Taxable Value of properties impacted. Motion by S. Allen to authorize the appraisal of overly wet farmland parcels and residential properties on Stevenson Lake. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.

K. Adjournment: B. Browning made a motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on November 2, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

