

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD September 8, 2020

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on October 5, 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 September minutes and the agenda for this month. S. Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Jim Irwin (resident) states just came to observe. Jill Bourland (resident) states she also just came to observe.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
 - 1. Fire Dept.: Wednesday night is the Clare Area Fire Dept. meeting.
- F. Clerk's Report:
 - 1. Budget: see packet.
 - 2. Elections: So far, there are 260+ Absent Voter Ballots sent out.
- G. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Financial Report as of September 30, 2020.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 103,815.57
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 70,541.05
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,853.63
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 51,914.65
e. Super High Yield Acc.	\$ 77,893.04
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 99,558.50
 - 2. Funds Received for the month of September 2020.

a. Charter	\$ 313.01
b. Chemical Bank ..Interest	\$ 2.27
 - 3. Budget and Account Transfer: Consideration of a motion to transfer funds from the General Funds account to the Credit Union Saving in an amount to create a balance of \$130,000.00 to be held and credited to the Little Tobacco Drain Project when due. S. Allen made the motion for the transfer of \$55,000.00 from the General Fund to the Members First Credit Union account. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - 4. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for September total \$20,854.12. Lee Cole made the motion to pay said bills. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - 5. Miscellaneous: S. Allen states she has a bill from the county regarding BOR action. J. Bean and S. Allen to review it.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. B. Browning: States he is planning to shut down the batteries etc at the cemetery soon.
2. Lee Cole: Reported that the ICRC has a nice new building going up.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Continue to table.

J. New Business:

1. Review and consideration of four candidates to the Michigan Municipal League Board of Directors and subsequent vote to fill two seats. Motion by S. Allen to pass on this election. Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.
2. Review of MMR correspondence dated 9-28-2020. Not action taken.
3. Consideration of the purchase and installation of a Drop Box to be installed at the Township Hall for the purpose of providing a secure 24/7 location for voters to deliver their ballots. Motion by B. Browning to table this discussion. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Discussion relating to upcoming CAFD Board meeting this Wednesday evening relating to wage increases and the purchase of a new engine pumper truck. See Financial Reports from CAFD. Apparently, they have over \$1million of equipment and wages they are needing. No action taken, but discussion was that this board is questioning where the money is to come from?

K. Adjournment: S. Allen made a motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on October 5, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

