

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 September 8, 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 August minutes and the agenda for this month. Loren Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: Priscilla Thompson (resident), observing.
Doug Jacobson (Chairman with MMC). Information about MMC and upcoming elections
Dan & Cheryl Haring (residents), asking about elections and drop box options.
Dan & Roni Howard (residents), compliments about cemetery and some suggestions for the cemetery. Concerns about Coleman Road.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
1. Roads: Lincoln Rd from Vernon to Battle is in much better condition.
 2. Township Assets:
 - a. Cemetery: Need post sleeves on some of the corner posts.
 - b. Township Hall:
 - i. What do we want to do with the extra ½ acre that is now an open field? --Table for now. Maybe we should at least set some posts/ markers.
 3. Other:
 - a. Little Tobacco Drain Assessment will be \$121,924.56.
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: see packet.
 2. Elections: Some questions about FVAP situation.
 3. Audit: On-going.
- G. Treasurer's Report
1. Financial Report as of August 31, 2020.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 113,311.76
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 78,129.45
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,967.64
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 51,912.45
e. Super High Yield Acc.	\$ 77,879.81
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 99,558.50
 2. Funds Received for the month of August 2020.

a. State of MI--Presidential Primary Election.....	\$ 1,455.25
b. Chemical Bank ..Interest	\$ 2.84
c. Vernon Tax Acct SET.....	\$ 2,527.50
d. Vernon Tax Acct. summer Admin.....	\$ 960.61

3. Budget and Account Transfer: None.

4. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for August total \$17,513.88. B. Browning made the motion to pay said bills. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. B. Browning: No Reports till later.

2. Lee Cole: No reports.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. B. Browning made the motion to Continue to table. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Consideration to Petition for the consolidation, maintenance, and improvement of the drains known and designated as the McDonald Creek Drain, Dixon Drain, Crowley Tile Drain, and Seeley Drain, to be known as the McDonald Creek Drain, and the consolidation of the McDonald Creek Drain Drainage District, Dixon Drain Drainage District, Crowley Tile Drain Drainage District, and Seeley Drain Drainage District, with the consolidation drainage district to be known as the McDonald Creek Drain Drainage District, located in Isabella County, pursuant to Chapters 8 and 19 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

-Resolution 004-2020 regarding the McDonald Creek Drain.

Motion to approve the petition was made by B. Browning with support by S. Allen. Motion past.

J. New Business:

1. Consideration of joining Wise, Denver and Isabella Townships in a Spring 2021 Tire Drive. Wise would apply

for a grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and we should have no cost other than any costs of promotion we would do within our township. Motion by B. Browning with support by Loren Cole. Motion passed.

2. Consideration of Resolution to Set the Assessments for the Vernon Garbage Collection, Vernon City Highway Lighting and Road Improvement and Maintenance Millage and to Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign State Taxation Form L-4029 Establishing those tax rates to be spread on the December 1, 2020 winter tax roll.

-Resolution 005-2020 Regarding Establishing Assessments for winter 2020 Tax Roll.

Loren Cole made the motion to approve the resolution for the 2020 Tax Rate Request and B. Browning seconded. The Tax rate for Operating Expenses at .9954; Roads Improvement and Maintenance is at 2 mills; VCHC is 1000 to be spread against all assessed properties; and the Garbage is at \$145 each parcel. Motion passed

K. Adjournment: S. Allen made a motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on September 8, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted:
Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

