

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING HELD January 4, 2021

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on January 4, 2021 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 Jeff Bean with the Pledge to the Flag.
  
- C. B.Browning made a motion to approve the December minutes and the agenda for this month. Lee Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed.
  
- D. Visitors present: Brent Duffett (resident) states he just came to observe.
  
- E. Supervisor's Report:
  - 1. Fire Dept.: CAFD contract is still unsigned due to unclear wording. The CAFD purchase of new pumper truck for \$600,000, exceeding approval at \$575,000.
  - 2. Property Tax:
    - a. Drain Commission errors.
    - b. December BOR poverty and VA exemption and other adjustments.
    - c. Appointment of new BOR for 2021 & 2022 and requirements.
  - 3. Roads: Time to start thinking about 2021 roadwork. Maybe some work on south side of lake.
  - 4. Township Assets:
    - a. Township Hall: Boundary stakes needed with driver
    - b. Cemetery: Discussion of drainage scope of work.
  - 5. Zoning and ordinance:
    - a. Nuisance issue at 1238 and 1248 Percha.
    - b. Consideration of a Land Division Ordinance.
  - 6. Other: Joint session with Auditor maybe next meeting.
  
- F. Clerk's Report:
  - 1. Budget: Election fund needs to be adjusted.
  - 2. Election issues: Just found out there may be a May election for Mid Michigan College for the annexation issues.
  
- G. Treasurer's Report
  - 1. Financial Report as of December 31, 2020.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 61,699.70
b. Waste Management.....	\$ 47,527.05
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 3,653.63
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 52,521.15
e. Super High Yield Acc. ....	\$ 132,927.99
f. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 25,638.08
  
  - 2. Funds Received for the month of November 2020

a. State Revenue Sharing .....	\$ 24,067.00
b. Stephenson-Wyman ....o/c .....	\$ 350.00
c. Vernon Tax Acct. ...summer admin .....	\$ 551.03
d. Chemical Bank interest .....	\$ 4.49

e. Charter Communications ..... \$ 312.46

3. Budget Adjustments and Account Transfers: Motion by S. Allen to Transfer \$100.00 from Misc. account (line item #900-949) to Elections account (line item #262-700). Motion seconded by Lee Cole. Motion passed.
4. Review and Pay Bills: Bills to be paid for December total \$14,129.84. Loren Cole made the motion to pay said bills. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Trustees' Reports

1. B. Browning: No report.
2. Lee Cole: Question about First Responders and MMR.

I. Old Business:

1. Review of Cemetery Ordinance. Continue to table. S. Allen made the motion to continue to table this item. B. Browning seconded the motion and motion passed.

J. Consideration of a Resolution to appoint three (3) permanent members and one (1) alternate member to the Township BOR for a term of two (2) year term beginning on January 1st, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2022 as well as the establishment of the salary, purchase of five (5) MTA Board of Review Manuals and up to five (5) MTA webinar BOR training sessions. Motion by S.Allen for said resolution. Motion was seconded by B. Browning. Roll Call vote of 5-0. Resolution 001-2021 was adopted.

K. Consideration of a Resolution to enter into an Isabella County Interlocal Designated Assessor Contract with Isabella County, Isabella County Townships and the Cities of Mt. Pleasant and Clare, appointing Peter J. Preston as the County Designated Assessor of the County of Isabella. Motion by B. Browning to table this until the next meeting. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.

K. Adjournment: Loren Cole made the motion to adjourn. B. Browning seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on January 4, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk



