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## **Vergennes Township- 10381 Bailey Dr. – Lowell, MI 49331**

### **Special Board Meeting**

**February 18, 2019**

A Special Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was held on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 9 a.m.. Present were Wittenbach, Hoffman, Mork, and Gillett. Rash was absent. The purpose of the meeting was to continue work on the 2019/2020 budget.

The Board discussed the presentation that was given by the Lowell Area Fire Authority Board to hire three full-time firefighters at an additional cost of \$65,000 per municipality. There was discussion about the Authority Agreement. Currently, Vergennes Township budget's \$175,000 for the Lowell Area Fire Authority this includes: \$125,000 per year for fire services and an additional \$50,000 for equipment purchases. The Township attorney was consulted to gather more information on the authority agreement. There was discussion about other less costly options that the authority could look into.

There was discussion on the number of inspections that are completed by the Fire Authority and how this cost is divided. The presentation mentioned 700 inspections. Vergennes has a limited number of commercial and industrial properties. It was believed that each of the three municipalities would be charged for the inspection fees for the properties in their jurisdiction. This will be looked into for further understanding and clarification of how the costs are divided for this service.

The next Lowell Area Fire Authority Board meeting is in April.

The township attorney advised the Board on the next steps in the purchase of the 69 Lincoln Lake building. 1. A Phase I "Innocent Purchasers" Environmental Study needs to be completed to assure there are no recognized environmental issues on the property. 1. Title work needs to be ordered to assure we have permanent access to Lincoln Lake via the easement that is on the property.

The Board discussed the Budget and amending the 2018/19 budget at the March meeting.

The Board discussed the purchase of BS&A Cemetery Management Software Program purchase to digitize all of the records in the Vergennes Township Cemetery. The cost of the program is \$5025. This discussion will continue at the March Meeting.

**Meeting was adjourned 12:45 pm**