

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 pm in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Members Present: Tim Wittenbach -Supervisor
Mari Stone -Clerk
Rick Gillett -Trustee

Members Absent: Al Baird -Trustee
Jean Hoffman -Treasurer

The agenda for the April 15, 2013 meeting was approved with the deletion of Barn Uses - Kim Greenwald. Motion made by Tim Wittenbach; seconded by Rick Gillett. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the March 18, 2013 meeting were approved as presented. There was no Treasurer's Report. The bills were read and approved as presented with a motion made by Tim Wittenbach; seconded by Rick Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

Public Hearing - SEUP Request, Barb Roth, Core Farms - Proposed Farm Market

The public hearing opened at 7:02pm. There were no public comments. The public hearing closed at 7:03..

Unfinished Business:

1. SEUP Request, Barb Roth, Core Farms - Proposed Farm Market

Barb Roth requested a special exception use permit for a farm market she would like to open. Roth had included tree and fence screening in the plan as discussed at the March meeting so that the worker housing on the property would have privacy from the market. It was noted that lighting and signage would need to comply with the township ordinances, and signage would require a separate permit administered by the Zoning Administrator. Gillett motioned to approve the SEUP for Barb Roth for the proposed farm market; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

3. Designation of Township Attorney, Auditor, Engineer, and Planner

Board discussed, and decided no changes were needed. Wittenbach motioned to keep Jim Doezema with Foster and Swift as attorney; Phil Saurman with Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols and Carter as Auditor; Dave Austin, Williams & Works as Engineer; and Brian Wegener, Williams & Works as Planner; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried**

4. Approval of Designated Depository Institutions

Board discussed the depository institutions. Currently, Vergennes Township uses Huntington and Kent County Treasurer Pooled Investments, with First Choice bank as an alternate. Stone motioned to approve the Huntington, Kent County Treasurer Pooled Investments and First Choice Bank as the designated depository institutions; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried**

3. Preliminary Report - Greater Lowell Community Vision Project

Stone informed the board that a preliminary report had been developed for the Greater Lowell Community Vision Project. She was asked to present the board with a summary. The project has collected a lot of community input which has been organized into four specific areas – Economic Development; Education/Talent Development; Quality of Life; Infrastructure and Planning. There has been discussion about hiring a community director to take the project a step further. The project is still underway, and the steering committee is continuing to meet to discuss further actions.

Citizen's Comments:

The Board gave opportunity for public comment, including CDBG funding. There were no citizen's comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
