

Vergennes Township Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2012

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
Jean Hoffman -Treasurer
Rick Gillett -Trustee
Al Baird -Trustee

The agenda for the April 16, 2012 meeting was approved with the addition of Roof Estimates. Motion made by Tim Wittenbach; seconded by Rick Gillett. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the March 19, 2012 meeting were approved as presented. Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion made by Jean Hoffman; seconded by Rick Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

Guest- Gary Rolls County Commissioner

Gary Rolls introduced himself to the board, noting that he will represent Vergennes on the County Board of Commissioners should he win re-election. He promised that if the board needed to talk to him, he is easy to contact. He also added that he has a high level of respect for Vergennes Township and that we are doing a good job staying on budget.

Public Hearing- Vergennes Broadband Request for Additional Tower, Ryan Peel

The public hearing opened at 7:25pm. Ryan Peel is applying for a 150ft tower at 3251 Fallasburg Park Rd. This tower will be similar to the one put on Vergennes Rd. Dan Stevens asked board if there was a specific number of towers they were planning to build in Vergennes Township. The board said no, they didn't have a master plan of a total number of towers. Carol Leyman asked the board if Dean Alger's tower to the west on 3-Mile could be used instead of building a new tower. Board said that Peel was looking in to other options, but they weren't sure if he could use it. Another tower/location would allow many people in the northern part of Vergennes Township to get broadband. Leyman said that she didn't want a second tower right by her property, stating that she already has the lights from the Alger tower shining in her home at night. She asked if the new tower needed to have light on it, and the Board said they were not sure but the FAA might require it. Public hearing closed at 7:40pm.

Unfinished Business:

Vergennes Township Broadband Request for Additional Tower, Ryan Peel-

Board didn't have any further discussion. Gillett motioned to table the request of an additional tower until next meeting so that some questions could be answered; seconded by Hoffman.

Motion Carried

A notice will be sent out to these citizens if the board continues discussion about the additional tower.

New Business:

1. Revisions to Fee Schedule and Escrow Policy

Stone informed board that the Escrow Policy needed one addition - \$1000 minimum was added to the miscellaneous category. There were several minor changes to the Fee Schedule. Gillett motioned to accept the revisions as presented for Fee Schedule and Escrow Policy; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried**

2. Request for Gas Station at 432 Lincoln Lake Ave.

Joe Grochowolski requested board to accept the building of a gas station at 432 Lincoln Lake Ave. This gas station would be have a J and H convenience store and a restaurant. Most of the time, the restaurant is a Subway, but it is the owners choice. It would contain 4 gas pumps, 2 additional for diesel. This plan is similar to the one on 10 Mile Rd in Algoma. Hoffman motioned to move the request for gas station at 432 Lincoln Lake to the Planning Commission; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried**

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

Board discussed, and decided no changes were needed. Wittenbach motioned to keep Jim Doezema as attorney; Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols and Carter as Auditor; Dave Austin as Engineer; and Brian Wegener 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 Bank as the designated depository institutions; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried**

5. Roof Estimates

Three estimates for replacing the shingles on the roof were reviewed. The board was looking at both Advanced and Risner. Stone motioned to table the roof estimates until next month to get more information; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

Citizen's Comments:

Stone told board that the deadline for file nominating petitions for township offices is May 15th.

There has been business related equipment and activity again at the Langlois property on Beckwith. The Board directed Vandersloot to issue a warning to the property owner, and his son who owns the business. If board continues to see equipment, a civil infraction ticket will be issued. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk