

Vergennes Township- 10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell, MI 49331
Regular Meeting of the Township Hall
April 16, 2018

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call- Rasch, Hoffman, Wittenbach, and Gillett were all present. Mork was absent.

The agenda was approved as presented with a motion from Gillett and seconded by Rasch. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

The March 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented with a motion from Hoffman and seconded by Gillett. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

The March 26, 2018 Special Meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Wittenbach and seconded by Gillett. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

The treasurer's report was read by Wittenbach. Gillett motioned to pay the bills as presented, Rasch seconded. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment

Bob Seif spoke during public comment.

Unfinished Business-

1. Lot Area Amendment- Ordinance **#2018-01**
Gillett motioned to adopt the Lot Area amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Rasch seconded. There was a roll call vote and all members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
2. Alcoholic Liquor Ordinance Amendments- Ordinance **#2018-02**
Gillett motioned to amend ordinance 2004-10, seconded by Hoffman. There was a roll call vote, all members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
3. Township Hall New Building Project update- Hoffman provided architect Tim Spitzley with a copy of the Topography of the Township property. Spitzley is moving forward with downsizing the building to accommodate the budget.
4. Public Comment Protocol Approval- Gillett motioned to adopt the Vergennes Township public comment protocol as written, Hoffman seconded. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
5. Amendment to 2018 Salary Resolution- clerical error- The 2018/2019 Salary Resolution was corrected to reflect that Jessica Stone's hourly rate is \$14.50 which was noted in the 2017/2018 Salary Resolution. This was a clerical typing error on the document.

New Business-

1. Jim Doezeema- Township Attorney- Blair Update- This agenda item was moved to the end of the meeting.
2. LARA- Candidate for At Large Representative- Rich Conrad- discussion and Board vote

Gillett motioned to recommend Rich Conrad become the Candidate At Large representative for LARA, Hoffman seconded. All members voted yes. **The motion carried.**

3. Designation of Township Attorney, Auditor, Engineer
Wittenbach motioned to keep Foster Swift as the Township Attorney firm, Hungerford Nichols as the Township Auditor, and Williams & Works as the engineering firm and township planner. Gillett seconded. All members voted yes. **The motion carried.**
4. Approval of Designated Depository Institutions
Wittenbach motioned to designate Huntington Bank and Mercantile as our depository institutions, Hoffman seconded. All members voted yes. **The motion carried.**
5. Solar Energy Ordinance Discussion
There was board discussion on sending this to the Planning Commission to review. Gillett motioned for the planning commission to explore a solar energy ordinance, Hoffman seconded. All members voted yes. **The motion carried.**

Zoning Administration Report

Jeanne Vandersloot gave the Board an overview of the report

Public Comment

Sandi Miles spoke during public comment.

6. Jim Doezema- Township Attorney - Wittenbach motioned to go into closed session to discuss the letter dated April 16, 2018 from the Township Attorney. Gillett seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members voted yes. **The motion carried and the Board went into closed session at 7:42 pm.**

Hoffman motioned to go back into Open Meeting, Wittenbach seconded, a roll call vote was taken. All members voted yes. **Motioned carried. Returned to open meeting at 7:58 pm**

Gillett motioned that the Township Attorney work with the planner, Rasch seconded. All members voted yes. **The motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm with a motion from Gillett and second from Hoffman. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**