

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2006

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:02 in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Members Present:	Tim Wittenbach	- Supervisor
	Mari Stone	- Clerk
	Al Baird	- Trustee
	Jean Hoffman	- Treasurer
Member Absent	Vern Nauta	- Trustee

The Agenda for the April 17, 2006 Regular Board Meeting was approved with a motion by Hoffman, seconded by Baird. **Motion Approved**

Minutes of the March 13, 2006 Regular Board Meeting stood approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report and bills were approved by Hoffman, and seconded by Baird. **Motion Approved**

Public Hearing: Arrowhead Golf Course Request for Liquor by the Glass- Josh Brewer talked on behalf of the Golf Course. He is the general manager for Arrowhead. He has been improving the course over the last few years, and he would like to improve the clubhouse. In order for this to happen, he said that he would need a liquor by the glass permit. He stated more people would come into the clubhouse if liquor was sold, and it would make improving it worth is money. Currently the Golf Course has a tavern license that allows them to sell wine and beer. Janine Mork stated that she and her husband support the liquor license. Dottie Blaine asked what was being sold now. Public hearing closed at 7:10

Public Hearing: Alden Nash West Sign Variance Request- Steve Hanson talked about the sign. He said the sign is eleven feet long, six feet high and three feet wide. The height is four inches taller than what is allowed currently, but the area is less overall then what is allowed. The sign is in no way disturbing a drivers view. The variance is for the extra four inches of height. Vandersloot stated the sign's base is not considered part of the actual sign. There was one written comment, and one via e-mail. Public hearing closed at 7:15.

Public Hearing: Impact Church Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review- The church would like to add to the parking lot. They are also putting up an addition, which includes a café and restrooms. Last month they had to fix the parking lot plans to meet setbacks. New plans were submitted. Kilpatrick recommends approving the SEUP. Public hearing closed at 7:18.

Guest - Cliff Yankovich was present to talk to the board on behalf of a marketing committee to promote Lowell and the surrounding area. He owns Chimera Design with his wife. His intent with the marketing committee is to strengthen the Lowell community. So far, there are twelve businesses committed. They have some billboards, and are working on getting more advertising. They run on about \$100,000 dollars a year. They are looking for the township board to donate between 1,000 to 3,000 dollars, and would like a three-year commitment. Stone asked how many members of the Chamber are Vergennes businesses or residents. Yankovich said he would be glad to get a breakdown.

New Business:

1. Consideration of Impact Church SUP and Site Plan Approval- At the last meeting, a few things had to be fixed in order for the plan to be approved. The Board was satisfied that the issues had been resolved. Motion to approve the Special Use Permit and Site Plan by Wittenbach and seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**
2. Consideration of Alden Nash West Sign Variance- The motion to approve the variance request as submitted was made by Baird and seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**
3. Fallasburg Historical Society- Mike Page discussed the need for a historical commission, so the Fallasburg Historical Society properties can be granted local designation. Stone asked under what authority he is representing FHS. Page explained that he was given the task of being the FHS representative in their request for historical designation in 2000. Wittenbach indicated the issue is in need of attention, and they will review what needs to be done, and it will be brought up at the next meeting.
4. Discussion Re: Update of Master Plan Proposal- Every five years, the master plan needs to be updated. Williams and Works had two proposals to update the master plan. The Board liked the more detailed proposal, citing the inclusion of updating more than just the needed PDR language. The cost of this is 5,000 dollars. The motion was made by Stone to have Williams and Works perform a Master Plan update in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**
5. Discussion Re: Agreement Mediation – Wittenbach updated the Board on the upcoming meetings. It was noted that Vergennes feels the full board should be involved in this process, not just the few people appointed.
6. Designation of Township Attorney, Auditor, Engineer, Planner - Motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Stone to designate Jim Doezema of Foster, Swift, and Collins, Phil Saurman of Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols and Carter, Dave Austin of Williams and Works and Jay Kilpatrick of Williams and Works respectively to these positions. **Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Designated Depository Institutions- Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Baird to designate Huntington Bank and Kent County Money Max as depository institutions. **Motion Carried.**

Citizen Comments- None

The next meeting is May 15, 2006. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari Stone, Township Clerk