

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting of the Township Board

April 17, 2017

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

Roll Call - Gillett, Rasch, H. Hoffman, Wittenbach were present. J. Hoffman was absent.

The agenda was approved with a motion from Wittenbach to move Citizen Comment to before the public hearing, add guest speaker Senator Peter MacGregor, add a line for the Resolution for the Industrial Exemption Certificate for Poultry Management Systems, Inc. under Unfinished Business, and add LCTV grant award information under New Business. Gillett supported. **Motion carried.**

The March Board minutes were accepted as presented with a motion by H. Hoffman, Rasch supported. **Motion carried.**

The treasurer's report was read. Gillett made a motion to accept the bills as presented, Rasch supported. **Motion carried.**

Guest: Senator Peter MacGregor- State Senator of the 28th District

Senator MacGregor shared that he is currently working on the school and regular budgets in Lansing. He gave a little history of his time in local governmental and stressed that he understands how important it is to have a good connection with people in Lansing. He provided his cell phone number and added that he wants to be as accessible as possible.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

Public Hearing - Industrial Exemption Certificate- Poultry Management Systems, Inc.

The public hearing was opened at 7:12 pm. There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed at 7:14 pm.

Unfinished Business:

1. Poultry Management Systems, Inc. Resolution

Gillett motioned to sign the agreement with Poultry Management Systems, Inc.. Supported by Rasch. **Motion carried.** Gillett motioned to approve the Industrial Exemption Certificate with Poultry Management Systems, Inc. –Supported by Rasch, Roll Call vote taken -all members present voted 'yes'. **Motion carried.**

2. Consumers Energy Lighting Upgrade / 1 Year Contract -Resolution

The Board had discussion about the potential long term cost savings, the color and brightness of the light cast, the cost of fixture conversion and initial expenses. It was decided to further investigate the color temperature of the LED light option and what the cost breakdown and potential savings would be if the current lighting is changed to LED vs. the proposed High Pressure Sodium option. Further discussion will be at the May meeting.

New Business:

1. **Brian and Marcia Roth -- Proposed Retirement Village**

Marcia Roth came to the board to reintroduce her 2005 concept of a Retirement Village in the township. It was discussed that the Master Plan would need to be revisited and the ordinance would need to be amended to allow for this use. The board agreed that it would be worth further investigation. It was determined that the next step is for Ms. Roth to take her ideas and proposal to the planning commission on May 8 for discussion.

2. **Designation of Township Attorney, Auditor, Engineer, Planner**

Wittenbach motioned to keep the present attorney firm -FosterSwift, auditor -Hungerford, engineer and planner – Williams and Works. Supported by H. Hoffman. **Motion carried.**

3. **Approval of Designated Depository Institutions**

Gillett motioned to continue using the current Depository Institutions- Huntington, Mercantile Bank, and the Kent County Money Max Fund. Supported by H. Hoffman. **Motion carried.**

4. **LCTV Endowment Fund Project- Bob Rogers –AV equipment for board room**

Vergennes township resident and planning commission board member Bob Rogers applied for and received a LCTV Endowment Fund grant on behalf of Vergennes Township. The grant funds will allow the purchase of new AV equipment to be used in the township hall boardroom. He noted that volunteers from the Impact Church tech team will install the new AV equipment at the township during the week of June 26 – 30 at no charge to the township. The Board thanked Bob and the Impact tech team for their work on this project and believes this AV equipment will be a great addition to the township hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2017.