

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2011

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
Al Baird - Trustee
Absent: Rick Gillett - Trustee

The agenda was approved with a motion by Wittenbach; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the March 28 meeting were approved as presented. Treasurer's report was given. Accounts payable were approved with a motion by Baird; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Vergennes Broadband Project – Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement and Statement of Intent** - Ryan Peel reviewed the two documents with the revisions made as requested at the March meeting. Motion by Stone, seconded by Wittenbach to approve the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement and the Statement of Intent.

Peel went on to explain his next steps – he has applied for a Special Use Permit for the two towers, and will need Zoning Variances for setbacks at the sites. He has received FAA approval for both sites – in addition, the Beckwith location will need a red light on it as required under the Tall Structures Act. Motion by Stone, seconded by Wittenbach, to hold a Public Hearing at the May meeting for the Special Use Permit and site plan review. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

- 1. Alec McPherson Request for Existing Structure Conversion to Guest House** – After discussion, the Board felt that a May 2002 approval for Robert Morgan for a guest house had set a precedent for McPherson's request. An agreement would need to be signed that would address the understanding between the township and the owner. Baird motioned to hold a Public Hearing at the May board meeting to address this request; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**
- 2. Designation of Township Attorney, Auditor, Engineer, Planner** - There were no proposed changes. Wittenbach motioned to designate Jim Doezema with Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith as the Township's attorney, Phil Saurman with Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols and Carter as the Auditor, Dave Austin with Williams & Works as the Engineer, and Bryan Wegenar from Williams & Works as the Planner. The motion was seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

3. **Approval of Designated Depository Institutions** - Stone motioned to stay with the current designated depository institutions, Huntington Bank and Kent County Money Max, along with First Bank, for the 11-12 Fiscal Year. The motion was seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**

Citizen's Comments:

Wittenbach shared an e-mail from a William Crawford about a barn restoration company named Barncats. His experience was not good. The Fallasburg Society has contracted with the same company for the Tower Barn restoration. Stone will forward the information to the project volunteers.

There were no other citizen's comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
