

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2005

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall.

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

Member Absent:	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee
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Minutes of the July 18, 2005 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes of the July 20, 2005 Special Board Meeting stand approved as presented. Motion by Hoffman, second by Baird, to approve bills with the following three additions: 1) Draft minutes (regular meeting and planning commission meeting, \$100; 2) MTA Fall District Conference Registration, \$195.00 (Wittenbach, Stone, Hoffman); and 3) Purchase of Refrigerator, \$299.00. **Motion approved.** Motion by Stone, second by Hoffman, to approve Agenda with addition of No. 5 – Auditor Issues, GASBY 32 Requirements. **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business:

1. Slow-No Wake Ordinance Amendment – Resolution to Request State Approval. Board needs to pass resolution to amend Slow-No Wake Ordinance and send to DNR for action/approval. Only route of action at this time on this issue. Baird discussed possibly holding public hearing before sending resolution to DNR as all residents along the river may not be in favor of Ordinance amendment. Wording of the Amendment can be altered at a later date. Baird made a motion, seconded by Hoffman, to approve Resolution 5-2005 for Slow-No Wake Ordinance Amendment and petition State for approval/action. **Motion approved.**

New Business:

1. Grand River Veterinary Special Use Request. Paul Warden, Dan Vos Construction, showed Board site plan and noted changes from earlier discussion. Site plan now includes building design, elevation, floor plan, septic fields and retention area location and also shared driveway with parcel to the north (vacant at this time). Motion by Stone, seconded by Hoffman, to send Grand River Veterinary Special Use Request to Planning Commission for their review and recommendation as well as holding the public hearing. After which, Board will approve or deny special exception use permit. **Motion carried.**
2. Proposed Ordinance Amendment – Farm Buildings on Vacant Parcels. Nauta had recommended that any issue regarding farm buildings on vacant parcels come to the Board first for approval of a special exception use, not to be approved by any other

Township official. Motion by Stone, second by Hoffman, to adopt Ordinance Amendment No. 2005-1, Farm Buildings on Vacant Parcels, with the following language in italics added to read: "...may be permitted as a special exception use *after review by Board* subject to...". **Motion approved.**

Roll Call: Yes – Wittenbach, Stone, Baird, Hoffman

No - 0

3. Salvation Army Request – Drop Box Placement. Board decided not to have a Salvation Army drop box placed at the Vergennes Township Hall. Instead, a clean-up day in the Spring of 2006 was suggested. The date will be advertised in the Township Winter Newsletter. Baird made a motion, second by Stone, to approve a Salvation Army 2006 Spring Clean-Up Day on a one-time basis at Vergennes Hall (date tbd). **Motion carried.**
4. Discussion – 2006 Road Projects. It was determined that Three Mile will be paid off by December 2006. Wittenbach and Jerry Byrne of the Road Commission to conduct a drive-by of 1) Alden Nash, south of Bailey Drive, 2) an opinion on Ashley and 3) review all roads worked on in 1999 per the schedule list, and 4) give recommendation/opinion to the Board. Wittenbach indicated that he would let the County Road Commission know that Fallasburg should be engineered the Summer of 2006 and anticipate paving the Summer of 2007.
5. Auditor Issues – GASBY 32 Requirements. Effective this year – 2005 – Township must list capital assets. Motion by Baird, second by Stone, to set a blanket figure of \$5,000 as Vergennes Township's minimum asset declaration. **Motion approved.**

Citizen Comments:

Assessor's Report noted that there is "no progress" on Marsha Henschke property. Board is concerned as "time is ticking."

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk