

MINUTES OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD
August 18, 1997

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Jim Cook at 7:10 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Members Present:	Jim Cook	-	Supervisor
	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
	Sue Geiger-Hessler	-	Trustee
	Mark Weber	-	Trustee

A motion was made by Geiger-Hessler and seconded by Hoffman to approve the minutes of the July 21, 1997 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Hoffman and accepted as read. Mention was made of a \$5,000 payment to Kent County Road Commission. This payment is regarding Foreman and balance due now \$800.00. A motion was made by Hoffman and seconded by Weber to approve the bills. Motion carried. Drafts 2396 through 2422, and 2501 were issued.

Permit Activity. 12 total permits for the month of July 1997; 6 single family permits. 32 single family permits year-to-date.

Request for Special Exception Use - Justin Anes. Building home on Fallasburg Park Road. 5 acres. Presently living in a mobile home which was on the land when he purchased. Would like to stay there while building the home, to be completed Spring of 1998. Stone made a motion, seconded by Weber, to allow for a one year period a special exception use permit for Justin Anes to occupy the mobile home on his land until his new home is built (August 1997 through August 1998) provided he obtains a \$5,000 performance bond covering this one year period. Motion approved.

Old Business:

1. City of Lowell Request for Renewal of Consent Agreement. Jim Doezema suggests making the Agreement revocable. A special election is needed of the electorate if Agreement is to be nonrevocable. No word from the City of Lowell yet. A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Weber to table the matter at this time. Motion carried.
2. Report from Road Advisory Board. Received input from Kent County Road Commission. Need to dovetail their report with that of the Kent County Road Commission. Indicated a need to review through the Township budgets

historically past expenditures on roads. Cook indicated that through 1998, Kent County Road Commission able to participate in cost-sharing with Townships. Possibly put through preliminary construction on other roads, so that when monetarily ready for paving, the road will be ready. The Board felt they had committed to paving Bennett with Commission although engineering study has yet to be received. Board indicated a search of the minutes would be undertaken to determine actual commitment to Bennett. It was believed that the Township also requested an estimate of the cost to pave Bennett without major tree removal.

RAB wants to present input for the next master planning questionnaire to residents of the Township. RAB also feels that special assessments to residents requesting improvements to roads needs to be investigated.

On 9/3/97, meeting with Kent County Road Commission and residents of Downes to discuss improvements to Downes. Next RAB meeting: 9/2/97 after which they will report to Board their findings/priorities.

3. ZBA Alternate. Authorized by the State to have two alternates. Next ZBA meeting is 9/25/97. ZBA members to come up with a list of names of residents for alternate.
4. Zoning Administrator Report. Report from Zoning Administrator listing incidents investigated/inspected. Letter sent to Walt VanderWulp requesting (1) certificate of occupancy for building permit; (2) Pump and haul approval letter from Health Department; and (3) contract from Company hired to do hauling.

Ritchey Warehouse special use permit to expire or has expired 7/97 or 8/97. Only foundation on property..no actual building. Septic tank and well dug, but not used. Requires some Board action. On Board agenda for September meeting.

Regarding yearly inspection of RV on Beckwith--to be periodic use (3 weeks at a time) by family members. Rather it is being used continuously from May through October. Granted variance under certain conditions and these conditions have been violated. Need to come before the ZBA for an amendment or reissue of variance. Bring to attention of ZBA at 8/25 meeting. Check into ordinance and look up actual conditions by which the variance was granted.

New Business:

1. Property Split Application Form and Fee. Motion made by Cook and seconded by Hoffman to adopt the new Property Split Application form with worksheet attached to be processed at a fee of \$25.00. Motion carried.
Motion to adopt the new Special Exception Use permit form was made by Weber

and seconded by Hoffman. Motion carried.

2. Credit Card Resolution. A motion was made by Hoffman and seconded by Cook to accept the Credit Card Resolution as written for the acceptance and use of a credit card issued to Vergennes Township from Office Max.

Roll Call: Aye: Weber
 Stone
 Hoffman
 Cook

Nay: Geiger-Hessler

3. Grand Valley Metro Council - Resolution Concerning Public Transportation System.

Three tier system of cost with higher cost to more populated areas. Hope Network in place at moment but money for this program to be phased out within two years. Township needs to be in on the ground floor for investigation of the GV Metro Council program for funding for transportation for the elderly and disabled in outlying townships/cities. Possible cost of \$15.00 per homeowner per year. No commitment by township as to dollars, only to be part of the investigation at this time. An election to pass the mileage for participation would have to be voted on by the citizens.

Motion made by Hoffman and seconded by Weber to participate in a ground floor investigation into funding a program for transportation to outlying areas for elderly and disabled with the Grand Valley Metro Council.

Roll Call: Aye: Cook
 Hoffman
 Stone
 Weber
 Geiger-Hessler

4. Historical Commission Appointments and Realignment. Request to expand number of members on the Commission from five to seven. Motion made by Hoffman to approve increase in Historical Commission Board from five to seven members. Seconded by Geiger-Hessler. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Aye: Cook
 Hoffman
 Stone
 Weber
 Geiger-Hessler

Motion was made by Weber and seconded by Stone to add Tom Medendorp and

