

# *Vergennes Township*

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2014

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
	Vern Nauta	-Trustee
	Rick Gillett	-Trustee
	Jean Hoffman	-Treasurer
	Mari Stone	-Clerk

The agenda for the August 18, 2014 meeting was approved with a motion made by Rick Gillett; seconded by Jean Hoffman. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the July 21, 2014 meeting were approved with a correction to the first paragraph adding that invoices were approved. The Treasurer's report and invoices were read and approved as presented with a motion by Jean Hoffman; seconded by Rick Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

## **Public Hearing- ISG Request for PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption:**

The public hearing opened and 7:15. There were no citizen comments. The public hearing closed a minute later.

## **Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business

## **New Business:**

### **1. ISG – Agreement for PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate:**

David Vandiver approached the board asking for a property tax exemption for a total of \$738,500 for a 12 year period for his company, Industrial Services Group. He is anticipating creating about 24 jobs over the next two years and is looking toward rapid growth in employment and manufacturing custom orders. Vandiver is looking to eventually make this the headquarters of the company. The facility is having additions of ventilation systems put in to take away the strong smell so that it does not bother the neighbors in the area. Stone commented that a notice about this request was put out to all affected by the loss of taxes including KISD, LAS, GRCC, the treasurer, and the library and there were no comments from them. Stone motioned to enter into the agreement with ISG for a tax exemption for 12 years, and to approve the application to the State Tax Commission; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

### **2. SEUP Request – Fahrni Property on Rolling Creek Dr.**

Rob Fahrni approached the board requesting a permit to put a 30 x 40 garage on the empty lot he owns adjacent to his home in the Valleywood Site Condominium property. He has already

received approval from the neighborhood association, and the township ordinance allows this as a Special Exception Use. Hoffman motioned to set the public hearing for the next board meeting, September 15<sup>th</sup>, for the SEUP on the Fahrni Property; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**

### **3. SEUP Request – Postema Signs and Graphics, J &H Oil Wall Sign**

J&H Oil wants to put a sign on the upper front wall of the new gas station. The 27.8 square foot sign would be about two times the height of what is allowed under the ordinance. Gillett motioned to hold a public hearing on September 15<sup>th</sup> for the J&H Oil Wall Sign; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

### **4. Little Farms Plat, Farm Animal Issue – Jeanne Vandersloot**

Jeanne Vandersloot informed the board of an issue that began as a simple violation and now is big. There are some complaints from the people who live in the Little Farms Plat, which is located on the north east corner of section 22. Home owners in the plat currently have farm animals, and the ordinance does not allow animals in a plat. Odors are an issue, and the neighbors also complain about the rooster there. Vandersloot issued a permit and was going to have the family make some changes, however that may not take care of the issue. Vandersloot was looking for the board's opinion of whether the ordinance should be amended or if the family should get rid of the animals. The board discussed some of the options and suggested creating an overlay for that district that had specific regulations. Vandersloot said she would put something together to discuss the issue more at a future meeting.

### **5. 845 Lincoln Lake Demolition/Cleanup of Fire Damage**

Building Inspector Mark Fleet informed the board of a house on 845 Lincoln Lake that needs to be demolished. There was a fire at the house last year, and due to insurance issues, the structure has still not been cleaned up. Fleet thinks that the township has given the family ample time to take care of the structure and that it is now time for the township to take action with a deadline. The septic tank needs to be pumped, the well capped, and the building taken down. Board discussed some options and decided that the house needed to be demolished, however the family could keep the unattached garage if they wanted to. Wittenbach motioned to give the family notice for a response by September 15<sup>th</sup> and send a letter outlining the requirements for demolition of the building. The Township will remove it and require repayment if the family does not comply; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried.** Wittenbach commented that he would get some prices and quotes to compare for the demolition of the building.

Wittenbach reported on the recent fire board meeting. The new fire truck will be delivered by the middle of September. There is a fund balance of about \$60,000 for the next fiscal year. The Vergennes Township quarterly payment has been decreased for 2014-15, and he noted the number of fire runs also went down.

**Citizens Comments:** There were no citizen comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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