

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2002

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
	Al Baird	-	Trustee
Members Absent:	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

The minutes of the July 15, 2002 regular meeting were approved as written. The minutes of August 5, 2002 Special Meeting of the Board were approved as written. Treasurer's report accepted as read. Baird, seconded by Wittenbach, made a motion to approve bills as read. Motion approved.

Public Hearing:

Public Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m.

Central States Precision Grinding PA 198 Request for tax abatement. Construction began May 13, 2002 and ended June 15, 2002; two new grinders. Create 3-5 more jobs within six months. Currently employ 40 employees.

Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Old Business:

1. **2003 Road Projects.** Board agreed to aim for 5 miles of graveling and determine at a later date what the budget will be able to afford. Motion by Stone, second by Baird to gravel the following roads:
 - 3 Mile between Murray Lake and Parnell (1 Mile)
 - Downes, Fallasburg Park to Biggs (1/2 Mile)
 - Downes, Parnell to the Ada border (1 1/4 Mile)
 - Finn, Alden Nash to Murray Lake (1 Mile)
 - 4 Mile, east of Parnell (1/2 Mile)

Motion Approved. Future project will be reconfiguring Downes/Fallasburg intersection.

New Business:

1. **Request for Tax Abatement – Central States Precision Grinding.** Motion by Baird, seconded by Stone, to approve resolution 2-2002, a PA 198 tax abatement for twelve years, subject to agreement covering violations/penalties. Motion carried.

2. **Final Approval for Alden Court – Pete Faber.** Motion by Baird, seconded by Stone, to grant final approval for Alden Court contingent on completion of items noted in Faber’s engineer’s correspondence to the Board. Motion approved.
3. **Zoning Administrator Comments – Special Use Permit Process, Fee Schedule.** Board determined a workshop of all the Board members was necessary in order to review each item and determine language for permit process. Meeting to be held 11:00 a.m. on September 11, 2002 before the Road Commission meeting which will begin at 2:30 p.m.
4. **Resolution Regarding POW-MIA Recognition Day.** Motion by Stone, second by Baird, adopt resolution regarding POW-MIA Recognition Day. Motion approved.
5. **YMCA Corporate Sports Event at Fallasburg Park.** Board noted that one lane needs to be left open at all times for local residents. YMCA to send letter to residents informing them about the sports event, date and time of day. Motion by Baird, second by Stone, to approve of the YMCA Corporate Sports Event to be held at Fallasburg Park. Motion carried.
6. **Amendment to North Kent Transit Agreement.** Motion by Stone, seconded by Wittenbach, to amend North Kent Transit Agreement noting \$3056.00 as the amount to be paid in 2001/02 and \$3000.00 for the calendar year 2002/03; using community funds each year. Motion approved.
7. **Fennema Tax Assessment Discussion.** Fennema’s at meeting to discuss fairness of tax reclassification on their property on 3 Mile Road; steps to getting qualified for agriculture exemption; Tax Commission rehearing.
8. Wittenbach reported the Lowell Fire Department has state certified fire inspectors on board, would like township to adopt National Fire Protection Codes, and to consider adopting ordinance regarding “cost recovery.” Board decided to have Frank Martin, Lowell Fire Chief, present his ideas at a regular monthly meeting. Board will vote at a later date.

No Citizens Comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk