

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2001

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
	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
	Al Baird	-	Trustee
	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

The minutes of two Special Meetings of the Board held July 9, 2001 and July 31, 2001 were approved as written. The regular meeting minutes of the Vergennes Township Board dated July 16, 2001 were approved as written. Treasurer's Report accepted as read. Discussion regarding fire and rescue costs; several questions regarding policies used by 911/Lowell Fire Department. Stone to ask Frank Martin, Lowell Fire Chief, to speak at a Township meeting. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Nauta, to pay bills as presented. Motion approved.

Public Hearing – Private Road & Final Plan Approval, Headwaters PUD.

Public Hearing opened - 7:12 p.m.

Ron VanSingle, of Nederveld Associates, and owner Joe Host were present to explain the project and answer questions. Planning Commission had recommended final approval of private road; Township Engineer has reviewed the plan and input was received from Township Planner. Requesting private road construction permit with final approval from Board after construction. Previous issues of concern regarding storm water, grade and drainage have been addressed. There were no public comments.

Public Hearing closed - 7:20 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

1. Headwaters PUD – Private Road Permit and Final Plan Approval. Stone to abstain from discussion and vote regarding this issue for the same reasons stated at the preliminary approval stage. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Baird, to grant approval for construction permit of private road with submitted documentation. Motion approved. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Hoffman, to grant Final Plan Approval, Headwaters PUD, subject to final review of documents to be recorded by Township Attorney. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Contract Extension to 7/1/02 – North Kent Transit Service. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Stone, to enter into contract extension with North Kent Transit Service for the period beginning 6/30/01 through 7/1/02 with budget of \$2,000 to come from Community Development Block Grant funds. Motion approved.

2. 2001 Millage Rate Approval. Motion by Baird, seconded by Nauta, to approve allocated township operating millage rate of .9123 and extra voted millage for gypsy moth suppression program of .1712, to be levied December 1, 2001. Motion approved. It was noted that the amount to be levied for gypsy moth is substantially lower than last year because of the success of the program.
3. YMCA Corporate Sports Event at Fallasburg Park – 9/15/01. The event has required insurance and promised allocating one lane of road open at all times for resident traffic. No problems noted from last year's event. Motion by Baird, seconded by Stone, to approve the YMCA Corporate Sports Event (5k run) at Fallasburg Park to be held on 9/15/01. Motion carried.
4. Open Space Citizens Committee Request – Approval to apply for Mini Grant. Open Space Committee has altered their name to now read "Open Space Citizens Committee." It was noted that in the board minutes establishing this group it says, "no member is appointed and anyone interested may be a part of the committee". They would like Board's approval to apply for a mini grant from United Growth Fund to pay for Jay Kilpatrick's work with a PUD/Open Space Ordinance. It was noted that the Planning Commission has begun work on the PUD Ordinance, and much of the preliminary work can be done with this grant. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Nauta, to grant approval to the Open Space Citizens Committee to apply for a mini grant for monies to pay for services of planner, Jay Kilpatrick, to work with the Committee on an open space ordinance. Motion approved.
5. Resolution Regarding POW-MIA Recognition Day. Motion by Stone, seconded by Baird, to observe POW-MIA Recognition Day by flying POW-MIA flag the week of 9/17/01 through 9/21/01. Motion carried.
6. Schreur Request for Approval of Extension on Three Plat Renewals. Originally approved in 1991, need to be renewed every five years. Motion by Stone, seconded by Baird, to extend approval of a five-year extension for Vergennes Plat No. 5, Lots 51-77; Scenic View Plat No. 4, Lots 34-61; and Scenic View No. 5, Lots 38-64. Motion approved.
7. Stone noted that new qualified voter equipment has been installed and Township is left with several old and unused pieces of computer equipment. Discussion regarding the offer of a computer to The Lowell Area Arts Council. Worth of the equipment is \$100 or less. Motion by Baird, seconded by Nauta, to "sell" computer to The Lowell Arts Council for \$1.00, after deleting all Township files from hard drive, with any expense to be paid for by the LAAC. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mari Stone, Clerk