

**Vergennes Township**- 10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell, MI 49331  
**Regular Meeting of the Township Board**  
August 20, 2018

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by TIm Wittenbach at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE**

Roll Call- Wittenbach, Hoffman, Mork and Rash were all present. Gillette was absent.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with a change to add under New Business #4 -FOIA discussion by Hoffman. Rasch seconded. All members present voted yes. **Motion carried.**

The Minutes of the July 16, 2018 regular Board meeting were approved as presented by Rasch. Seconded by Mork. All members present voted yes. **Motion carried.**

The Treasurer's report was read. Wittenbach motioned to pay the bills as presented. Hoffman seconded. All members present voted yes. **Motion carried**

Public Comment-

Resident Susan Seime of 822 Fero had public comment regarding the smell and water/well concerns regarding dairy manure that is being dumped at the Wilcox Farm fields. Ms. Seime also commented on neighbors who shoot guns on their property.

**Old Business:**

1. New Township Hall Building-
  - a. Wittenbach motioned to officially approve the New Township Hall Building Project and move forward with our engineer and architect on finalizing the design of the building. Hoffman seconded. There was discussion on meeting with a representative from the USDA on Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. to discuss the USDA financing program. A special meeting will be noticed for Wednesday, August 22 at 9 a.m. to meet with Katherine Farwell from the USDA. All members present voted yes. **Motion Carried**
  - b. Mork motioned to purchase pre-owned furniture from Emotion controls at a cost of \$9250 for the new township hall building. Rasch seconded. All members present voted yes. **Motion carried.**
2. Community Cleanup Day will take place on September 29, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Kent County Fairgrounds. Vergennes Township will provide a front-end loader through Roth Construction and at least two volunteers.- Hoffman and Wittenbach will be volunteering and looking for other residents to help. Volunteers need to report at 7:30 a.m.

**New Business:**

1. The Township received an application for a Fireworks Display Permit from Melrose Pyrotechnics Inc. for pyrotechnics to be displayed at the Pink Arrow game. Wittenbach motioned to approve the permit for the Pink Arrow pyrotechnics/fireworks. Mork seconded. All members present voted yes. **Motion carried.**

2. Wittenbach motioned to appoint Nate Post to finish out the term of resigned Planning Commission Board member Scott Jernberg -Term ending December 2019. Hoffman seconded. All members present voted yes. **Motion carried.** Wittenbach motioned to appoint Bill Makuski as the Planning Commission representative on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mork seconded. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.
3. The Board held discussion on a work order from the Kent County Road Commission to apply limestone on McPherson between Alden Nash Ave and Lincoln Lake. Wittenbach motioned to approve the McPherson work order project- Vergennes Township monetary share of the project is \$20,000. The total project is \$36,363.64. Hoffman seconded. All members present voted yes. **Motion carried.**
4. There was Board discussion on a FOIA request for a data EXPORT from the township's BS&A program. Hoffman will consult the Township attorney on how to proceed.

### **Zoning/Planning information**

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on September 6th. On the agenda will be the Lally Variance Application.

Public Comment- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:08. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2018.