

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 17, 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
	Al Baird	-	Trustee
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

The minutes of the November 19, 2001 regular meeting were approved as presented. Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board held November 26, 2001 were approved as written. Treasurer's Report accepted as read. Nauta, seconded by Stone, made a motion to approve bills as read. Motion approved.

New Business:

1. Collection of Summer Taxes for LAS, GRCC & KISD. A formality which needs approval every December. Motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Baird, to approved collection of summer taxes for LAS, GRCC & KISD. Motion carried.
2. WOOD-TV/AT&T Request. WOOD-TV wants to override AT&T cable emergency network services, and all municipalities affected need to approve request. Motion by Baird, seconded by Nauta, approve WOOD-TV/AT&T Request. Motion approved.
3. Construction Board of Appeals Appointment. There was one applicant for an expired term, and another term is presently vacant on this three member board. Discussion regarding several residents who are commercial builders who may be potential candidates. Motion by Stone, seconded by Wittenbach, to appoint Scott Jernberg to a three year term on the Construction Board of Appeals. Motion carried. Third member to be determined in January.
4. Planning Commission Appointments. There were five applicants for two three-year terms. Motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Baird, to appoint Dean Alger. Motion not approved. Motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Baird, to appoint Scott Jernberg. Motion approved. Motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Nauta, to appoint Mike Mastrovito. Motion approved. Terms end December 2004.
5. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments. There were two applicants for two three-year terms. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Stone, to appoint Scott Jernberg to Zoning Board of Appeals, to serve as representative from Planning Commission. Motion approved. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Hoffman, to appoint Pete

Gustafson to Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried. Terms end December 2004.

6. Approval of MTA Convention Attendance. Jeanne VanderSloot, Mari Stone, Jean Hoffman, Al Baird and Tim Wittenbach would like to attend full conference. Motion by Stone, seconded by Nauta, to approve MTA Convention Attendance as noted. Motion approved.
7. Discussion regarding Stormwater Management Meeting. Baird and Wittenbach attended county-wide meeting. Presented with very thorough and involved ordinance. Wittenbach also attended a Supervisor's meeting where the issue was discussed. Wittenbach felt that Vergennes does not have comparable issues with cities and other townships. He foresees enforcement problems and township liability with the ordinance. It was agreed that the Township Engineer should review the county proposed ordinance and report to the Board.
8. Jeannie VanderSloot reminded Board to fix hole adjacent to parking lot of Township Hall. Wittenbach to follow up.
9. Stone has been asked to participate on a committee to study county-wide 911 system. Committee at the information gathering stage at present. Dispatching is now handled county-wide by 5 to 6 entities who then pass on the emergency to appropriate agency. Not most effective means of handling 911 calls, with possibilities of gaps and overlaps. Possible millage being discussed.
10. Budget meeting workshop for Board members to be held January 7, 2002 at 3:00 p.m.

Citizens Comments

Brian Ricksgers has a Consumers Energy easement on his property, and expressed his frustration over construction of power line and lack of information and communication regarding Consumer's work. He has questions regarding fencing, gates and cost. He was fully aware of the easement when he purchased the property. Inquired as to tax relief considering of the 4.2 miles involving the Township with the construction of the new power line, as 2000 feet will travel on his property. Ricksgers also requested that minutes of board meetings be posted on the outside notice board at the Township Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk