

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2004

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
	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Al Baird	-	Trustee
	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

Minutes of the November 15, 2004 Regular Board Meeting stand approved as presented as well as Minutes of Special Meetings dated November 8, 2004 and December 8, 2004. Motion by Hoffman, second by Nauta, to approve bills as read. **Motion approved.** Kate Dernocoeur - Open Space Committee Update, added to Agenda. Motion by Stone, second by Nauta, to approve Agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

New Business:

1. Industrial Site Condo Application – Pete Faber. Faber not in attendance. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Baird, to send Pete Faber/Industrial Site Condo Application to Planning Commission for review and recommendations. **Motion carried.**
2. Josh Brewer – Arrowhead Golf Course request for Liquor Sales. Brewer exploring possibility of obtaining a liquor license in the future for a banquet facility at Arrowhead in order to maximize earning potential of the facility and make improvements to the course. Township has recently adopted a beer/wine ordinance. There are liquor licenses available in the Township but require voter approval. Next election is May 2005 – a school election. According to the County Clerk, if another issue is added to ballot of a school election, school pays nothing and entity asking question pays costs of election. Expenses approximately \$3,500. Next public election will be August 2006. There will be another school election in May 2006. Ballot language for May 2005 election would have to be at Township by March 8, 2005.
3. Alder Meadows Court, Private Road – James Sturris. Discussion regarding water runoff. Motion by Baird, seconded by Stone, to grant preliminary approval of the Alder Meadows Court Private Road with 100 foot waiver of the 500 foot driveway separation distance as required by the ordinance. Township Engineer will issue inspection report after the road is complete for final Board approval. **Motion approved.**
4. Planning Commission Appointments. Wittenbach made a motion, seconded by Hoffman, to reappoint Scott Jernberg and Mike Mastrovito to the Planning Commission for three year terms ending December 2007. **Motion carried.**
5. Board of Appeals Appointments. Nauta made a motion, seconded by Stone, to appoint Dave Pedley, Jim Herb and Todd Cooper to the Board of Review for 2005-2007 term.

Motion approved. Wittenbach made a motion, seconded by Nauta, to appoint Scott Jernberg to the Construction Board of Appeals for a three year term ending December 2007. **Motion carried.**

6. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments. Motion by Stone, seconded by Baird, to appoint Scott Jernberg and Pete Gustafson to Zoning Board of Appeals for three year terms ending December 2007. **Motion approved.**
7. Collection of Summer Taxes for LAS, GRCC & KISD - Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Nauta, to approve collection of summer taxes for LAS, GRCC and KISD. **Motion carried.**
8. MTA Convention Attendance. Stone and Wittenbach expressed some interest in attending. Wittenbach to let Stone know about his attendance by last week of January.
9. 2005 PDR Applications – Township Approval. Motion by Stone, seconded by Hoffman, to allow Nauta to abstain from this vote as his family owns one of the 2005 PDR Applications. **Motion approved.** Motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Hoffman, to approve 2005 PDR Applications of Gay Nauta, John McKay, and Steve Koning and that Vergennes Township will extend no monies toward the purchase of developmental rights on the properties. **Motion carried.**
10. Holiday Hours – Township Hall will be open Wednesday, December 22 and closed Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27, 2004. The Hall will be open regular hours Wednesday, December 29, 2004 and Friday, December 31, 2004 until noon.

Approval of Meeting Schedule for 2005. - Board discussed and approved, and Stone will publish. It was noted that on January 10, 2005, there will be a joint meeting between the Lowell City Commission and Vergennes Township Board at the City of Lowell to discuss 425 Agreement/annexation issues. The Board will hold the annual budget hearing at 6:00 p.m. on March 7, 2005. The Township Annual Meeting will be held the last Saturday in March, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

11. Kate Dernocoeur – Open Space Committee Update. Board members were given a copy of a letter from the Open Space Committee regarding their opposition to the annexation, noting they are available to help the Township in anyway. The Open Space Committee meets monthly and plans on having an educational meeting regarding annexation on January 5, 2006. Stone suggested members research successful annexation rebuttals or strategies in other communities. Dernocoeur also updated the Board on a joint citizen effort with Ada, Grattan and Cannon Townships, adding that unifying efforts is valuable and desirable.

No Citizens Comments – The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, _____ Mari Stone, Clerk