

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2009

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 pm in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Members Present: Tim Wittenbach -Supervisor
 Mari Stone -Clerk
 Al Baird -Trustee
 Jean Hoffman -Treasurer

Absent Members: Vern Nauta -Trustee

The agenda for the December 21, 2009 meeting was approved with the deletions of the Industrial Facilities Abatement Transfer and the Building Fee Schedule Update by Wittenbach; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the November 16 meeting were approved with the correction of the date. The Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion by Hoffman; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business:

1. Final Approval – Victory Woods Dr., Pvt.-Stone motioned to give final approval of the road for Victory Woods Dr.; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

1. Alden Nash West Re-application for Phase III - Steve Hansen was present to discuss the re-application process. The Board discussed the amendments to the property deed. The 4th amendment still needs to be clarified. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd amendments are already in the process of being written into the deed. The board decided that the township's attorney and Mr. Hansen's attorney need to meet together to verify the legal description of the property. Stone noted a concern about the accuracy of the township's maps since they have rearranged the lot numbers. Mr. Hansen assured the Board that he would provide the Township with accurate maps. It was also noted that the LARA trail easement is included with this phase, and the Board wanted assurance that the issues regarding placement of landscaping adjacent to the sewer easement would be resolved to the satisfaction of LARA. Mr. Hansen agreed. He also asked the board if he would be allowed to pull building permits for 2 houses before the road is complete, as he had been allowed to do in prior phases. The board did not object. Stone motioned to re-approve the application for phase III on Alden Nash West; contingent to the above discussion points being satisfied, seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

2.Appointments-

Zoning Board of Appeals-Stone motioned to appoint Bill Schreur and Doug Wester to the Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

Planning Commission-Wittenbach motioned to appoint Rick Gillett to the planning commission; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

Construction Board of Appeals-Hoffman motioned to appoint Bill Schreur to the Construction Board of Appeals; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**

LCTV Fund Advisory Board-Stone motioned to appoint Wittenbach to the LCTV Fund Advisory Board; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

LACF Advisory Board-Stone Motioned to appoint Betsy Davidson to the LACF Advisory Board; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**

LARA-Hoffman motioned to appoint Mari Stone to be the Township's board representative and Betsy Davidson to be the Township's citizen representative to LARA; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

Lowell Airport Board-Wittenbach motioned to appoint Dan Williams to the Lowell Airport Board; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**

Grattan-Vergennes Sewer Representative-Stone motioned to appoint Terry Conley to be the Grattan-Vergennes Sewer Representative; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

3.Collection of Summer Taxes for LAS, GRCC, and KISD-Hoffman motioned to provide these services; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**

4.North Kent Transit Resolution-the North Kent Transit system is currently resolving various issues in regards to its service. The board will be looking at it more in the future.

5.Meeting Dates for 2010-The Board clarified certain dates. There was no motion but the Board had a common consensus that the dates were good.

6.Holiday Hours for 2010-The holiday hours are the same as last year except dates have been changed to fit the new year. The Board accepted the holiday hours for 2010 without a motion.

7.Zoning Administrator Report-Jeanne Vandersloot reported that the Reiger property has had its grass mowed and has been cleaned up. She also informed the board that Mr. Howard has towed away his trailer and cleaned up the unlicensed vehicles that were on his property. Jeanne Vandersloot told the Board that she had read in Township law that the Zoning Commission was supposed to be giving an annual report to the Township board. Motion by Stone to accept the Planning Commission's monthly minutes rather than having an annual report; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**

Citizen's Comments:

Dave Steinbrecher spoke to the Board about his property. As a result of the survey it was determined that his retention pond was insufficient. He was concerned that he would have to pay for another survey. The board told him that it was not re-surveyed but Williams and Works probably did the calculations from their office and determined his retention pond was insufficient.

Duane Rash told the board that he was interested in the appointment for Nauta's position on the board. He submitted an application, and Stone confirmed it was received.

Wittenbach informed the Board that the Englehardt fund had granted the fire department \$8,000. The fire department is looking to buy a new emergency response vehicle since the current one is getting old. Stone motioned to keep Tim Wittenbach and Jim Herb on Fire Board; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

Stone informed the Board that the culvert on the Rittersdorf property has been repaired, and the township was not charged. However, Drain Commissioner Byl had told her that repairs to the culvert on the Heffron property will result in some contribution.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
