

Vergennes Township
Regular Board Meeting
December 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call – Gillett, Stone, Wittenbach, Hoffman, and Rasch were present. None absent.

A motion to accept the agenda as written was made by Wittenbach, supported by Gillett. Motion carried. The minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting were approved as presented. The treasurer's report was read. The monthly invoices were approved with addition of a bill by Grand Rapids Fence in the amount of \$3370 through a motion by Gillette, supported by Hoffman. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

1. Local Government Approval – Small Winemaker License, Janet & Andy Lawrence

They have gone through the zoning approval process. Board approval is needed for the Michigan Liquor Control Licensing process. A motion was made by Gillett to give Township approval for the License. Rasch supported. Motion carried.

2. Application to LCTV Endowment Fund for Hall addition project.

Stone received revised copy of application today. Applications can be sent in immediately. We are still waiting for a proposal from Triangle Construction. Once it is received, the Township will apply for funds to cover initial proposal for addition. The deadline for submission is February 12, 2016.

3. Appointments

Planning Commission – a motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Gillett to reappoint Bill Makuski to the Planning Commission through December, 2018. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals – A motion was made by Stone to extend the terms of Bill Schreur and Doug Wester to December, 2018. Wittenbach supports. Motion carried.

Construction Board of Appeals – A motion by Stone to reappoint Bill Schreur through December, 2018. Motion carried.

Board of Review – appointments good through 2016.

Lowell Cable TV Fund – Tim Wittenbach; **Lowell Area Community Fund** – Jeff Bunn; **Lowell Area Recreation Authority** – Mari Stone, Betsy Davidson; **Grattan Vergennes Sewer Board** – Terry Conley. Stone motioned to keep the representatives as listed for these Boards. Gillett supports. Motion carried.

Lowell Airport Board – a replacement is needed for Dan Williams. It has been added to the agenda for the January, 2016 meeting.

Fire Advisory Board – current representatives are Tim Wittenbach and Jim Herb. A motion was made by Gillett to reappoint them for two months and review at that time. Supported by Hoffman. Motion carried.

4. Collection of Summer Taxes for LAS, GRCC & KISD.

Vergennes, Lowell Township, and Bowne Township met last week to discuss fees charged to collect taxes on behalf of the Schools. The last fee increase was in 1995 for Vergennes Township. Vergennes currently charges GRCC and KISD .30/parcel and LAS 2.10/parcel to collect taxes. Hoffman is asking to request a fee increase to .40/parcel for GRCC and KISD and 3.00/parcel to Lowell Schools. A motion was made by Gillett to allow negotiations up to .40/parcel for GRCC and KISD and 3.00/parcel for LAS; and also to collect taxes for 2016. Wittenbach supports. Motion carried.

5. CDBG 2016-2017 Allocations.

Vergennes Township has been allocated \$9379 for the 2016-2017 year. A summary of what the Township has used the funds on in 2015 was given to Board members. Stone said the Township is required to hold a public hearing to approve the allocations. Stone made a motion to hold a public hearing for Community Development Block Grand Funds at the January, 2016 meeting. Gillett supports. Motion carried.

6. Calendar of Meeting dates and Holiday Hours for 2016

The Board reviewed the suggested calendar for 2016. Planning Commission meeting dates had been approved by Planning Commission at their last meeting. The Township Board meetings were kept on the 3rd Monday of the month. The Annual Meeting and LARA meetings are noted, as well as election dates and board approved holidays. It was brought to everyone's attention that the deadline for filing petitions to run for office on the August 2 Primary ballot is April 19. Gillett motioned to approve the calendar as presented. Stone supports. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments – none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm. The next regular meeting will be January 18, 2016.

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk