

# *Vergennes Township*

## Regular Meeting Minutes

February 16, 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  
Not Present: Vern Nauta -Trustee

The agenda for the February 16, 2009 meeting was approved as presented by Hoffman; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the January 19 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion by Hoffman; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

**Guest Speakers- Pat Allchin, Ex. Dir., Lowell Area Historical Museum-** The board was informed of the current status of the Museum and received a handout. The board was told that the Vietnam exhibit was a huge success and that the Museum planned to do it again this year. Pat Allchin also told the board that the number of people going to the Museum is on the rise.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**1.Lowell Area Fire and Rescue Authority- Bd. Reps Assignment-** Stone and Wittenbach have been representing Vergennes at the Lowell Area Fire and Rescue Authority meetings. Vergennes currently pays percentage of emergency runs, not other expenses such as insurance, maintenance of vehicles, etc. Vergennes currently has the lowest number of runs between the townships of Lowell, Vergennes, and the City of Lowell. The new formula for payment that is being presented has Vergennes paying for the highest percentage of the budget. Stone presented the idea that perhaps there might be a way to reward townships for lower numbers of emergency runs. Wittenbach informed the board that Jim Herb expressed an interest in serving on the Fire and Rescue Board. Stone motioned to name Tim Wittenbach and Jim Herb to the Lowell Area Fire and Rescue Authority Board; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

### **New Business:**

There was no new business.

The Citizen's comments were as follows:

The board discussed how the Baron and Fegel situation was moving forward. The City of Lowell passed a resolution stating that they will not challenge the current zoning of land around the airport.

Sue and Andy Wester brought a concern to the board's attention. They said that they have a mercury vapor light, which they installed when they moved into their home in September at 1100

Parnell Ave. They are several hundred feet off the road, and have children walking to the bus and outdoor tasks to perform in the dark. They had the light at 17ft but a complaint was made that it was not in compliance with the township lighting ordinance. They then brought it down to 14ft, and also shielded the light three-quarters of the way around. Jeanne Vandersloot has said the light is still not in compliance with the ordinance. Wittenbach explained that in order for the light to be in compliance it needs to be shielded all the way around so that the light can be seen but the actual light bulb cannot. The Wester's agreed to the full shield in order to comply, but also suggested the ordinance be repealed. The Board discussed possibly amending it to allow for more flexibility and less need to be technical in its administration.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Respectfully Submitted,

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