

## **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2002

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
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
	Al Baird	-	Trustee
	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

The minutes of the January 21, 2001 regular meeting were approved as presented. Treasurer's Report accepted as read. Nauta, seconded by Hoffman, made a motion to approve bills as read. Motion approved.

Stone asked for direction regarding \$24,689 owed on 2001 Construction Project to Road Commission. Board agreed to pay total amount owed by end of the fiscal year.

### **New Business:**

1. **Road Commission 2002 Projects Work Orders.** Noted by Wittenbach that the annual Road Commission Public Meeting to be held next Tuesday, February 26, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Hoffman, second by Stone, to approve minor construction 2002 Projects Work Orders and Burroughs. Motion approved.
2. **Award of 2002 Lawn Care Bids.** Another bid received besides Luscious Landscapes, but it was considerably higher. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Baird, to award 2002 Lawn Care of cemeteries to Luscious Landscapes and 2002 Township Hall lawn care to Rake Inc., for two year contracts if amenable to these vendors. Motion carried.
3. **Community Development/North Kent Transit Service Contract Amendment.** North Kent slightly raised its per trip charge. Stone noted that 3-4 residents use North Kent Transit on a regular basis. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Stone, to approve North Kent Transit Service Contract Amendment. Motion carried.
4. **Planner Discussion – Rezoning Representation & PUD Revision Proposal.** Conflict of interest situation with planner, Jay Kilpatrick. Landon Company has applied for a rezoning and is also represented by William & Works. Wittenbach investigating alternate planners to use for this project only. Stone noted that any planner used should have knowledge of Vergennes Township ordinances and philosophy. Baird suggested requesting Township Attorney, Jim Doezema, to comment on the choices of planners. Wittenbach to request Doezema comments on planners by Special Meeting of Board to discuss budget scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. Board members to interview planners before making any decision. PUD Revision Proposal also to be discussed at Special Meeting of Board on February 27, 2002.

5. **Commercial Ordinance Discussion – Maximum Square Feet.** Discussion over 10,000 or 20,000 maximum square feet restriction. Some Board members felt 20,000 maximum square footage too large. Businesses desiring a building larger than maximum allowable square footage can apply for a special exception use permit. Motion by Baird, seconded by Wittenbach, to approve 20,000 maximum square feet restriction in Commercial Ordinance.

**Yes: Wittenbach, Baird**

**No: Stone, Hoffman, Nauta**

It was suggested that a compromise between the two square footages be made to a maximum of 15,000 square feet. Motion by Stone, seconded by Hoffman, to adopt Ordinance 2002-2, amending the Commercial District, with an allowance by right of 15,000 maximum square feet building footprint.

**Yes: Stone, Hoffman, Nauta**

**No: Wittenbach, Baird**

Motion approved.

6. ZBA recommended that Planning Commission look at 50' rear setback restrictions in R2 and R3 Districts; presently same as RA and R1, and size of accessory buildings in these districts. Two 12x16 buildings allowed. Vandersloot noted that buildings presently not allowed to exceed 30% of total lot size. Motion by Stone, seconded by Nauta, to have Planning Commission to reevaluate 50' rear setbacks in R2 and R3 districts. Motion carried.

7. April 10, 2002, Road Commission Meeting at Boulder Creek.

### **Citizens Comments**

Query by Tom Medendorp to the Board regarding disconnecting water hookup on his property from Lowell Township/City of Lowell water and reconnecting to existing well. According to the Water Ordinance, all new homes to be hooked up to water main and Medendorp noted that two possibly three other residences are not hooked up to Lowell Township/City of Lowell water. Board to look into existing inequities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_