

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township meeting 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

Members Absent: Jean Hoffman - Treasurer
Vern Nauta - Trustee

The agenda for the February 18, 2008 meeting was approved by Wittenbach; seconded by Baird. **Motion approved.** The minutes for the January 21 meeting were approved. There was no Treasurers report to be read. The bills were approved with a motion by Baird; seconded by Stone. **Motion approved.**

Unfinished Business:

1. Henschke Permit Discussion – A letter from the attorney has been drafted to the Henschkes regarding the finishing of their house outlining what will be required by the township in order to complete. Wittenbach will take the letter to the family instead of mailing it.

New Business:

1. Resolution to Revoke IFT – Precise Engineering – The PA 198 approved in 2001 contained an agreement with Precise requiring that they continue manufacturing. The company sent a letter to the township dated February 1, 2008, explaining that they have ceased manufacturing and are now only engineering. Three issues are causing the board to take action - 1.) the February 1, 2008 letter explaining that Precise is no longer manufacturing; 2.) there has been a violation of the agreement, specifically item #2; and 3.) Tax Commission confirmation that IFT's are specifically meant for manufacturing facilities.

There was a motion by Wittenbach to revoke the IFT for Precise Engineering because they no longer meet the manufacturing requirements; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** A copy of the resolution will be sent to the State Tax Commission, and they will contact Precise as to their decision. Precise may appeal that decision directly with them.

2. Lowell Fire and Rescue Budget – The fire department budget was reviewed. It was noted that the city wants the townships to help pay for city costs of the use of the fire chief truck, fuel, building maintenance and other items currently not covered by the townships. The most recent yearly breakdown of use shows Vergennes at 29% of the total runs, making the additional cost around \$15,000. Stone and Wittenbach recalled estimates for these additional expenses discussed at previous Fire Board meetings being approximately \$6,000.

Citizens Comments

There was a concern regarding whether the lighting in Cumberland Woods and the Fellowship Church met the lighting ordinance requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk