

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting of the Township Hall-10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331

February 18, 2019

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

Roll Call- Wittenbach, Mork, Hoffman, and Rasch, Gillett were present. None absent.

The agenda was approved with a motion from Wittenbach seconded by Rasch, All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

The January 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented with a motion from Gillett, seconded by Hoffman. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

The February 6, 2019 Special Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented with a motion from Gillett, seconded by Hoffman. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

The treasurer's report was read. Gillett motioned to pay the bills as presented, Rasch seconded. All members voted yes, **Motion carried.**

Guest: Lisa Plank- Lowell Area Historical Museum Annual Report

Lisa Plank from the Lowell Area Historical Museum provided the board with a copy of the 2019 annual report. Lisa also provided an overview of the current programs the museum provides to the community. In the last year, 29,145 people were served directly through their education and outreach to the public. 2018 was the first year that all 3rd grade classes in the Lowell Area School District were able to attend their museum Immersion Educational Program. There were grants awarded to help cover the cost of this Immersion Program. She shared about their Summerfest fundraisers and the new Graham exhibit coming to the museum.

Public Comment

None

Old Business:

- 1. Township Hall Building Update:** The Board visited the 69 Lincoln Lake building on February 11, 2019 when this property came up for sale to see if this property could fit the need for the township offices and community room. The Board discussed this as a viable, fiscally responsible option and along with renovations and an addition of a community/ board room, would come in close to half of what the proposed new building at 1100 Lincoln Lake property would cost.

New Business:

- 1. Township Hall- NEW Building and Location-Building w/Property Purchase discussion-** 69 Lincoln Lake Ave property with building- The Board discussed

the purchase of the 69 Lincoln Lake Ave- the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall building. The Township placed an offer on this building on February 11, 2019 for \$200,000. The JW investor group countered the offer at \$209,900. The Board discussed this counter offer. Gillett motioned to accept the \$209,900 counter offer to purchase the building located at 69 Lincoln Lake Ave. for the new Township Hall. Hoffman seconded. All voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Gillett motioned to have architect Tim Spitzley start the work on preliminary drawings for an addition to the building. Mork seconded. All voted yes. **Motion carried.** Wittenbach motioned to have township attorney Jim Doezema start the paperwork for the phase 1 environmental study and any title work that is needed Rasch seconded. All voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- 2. New Township Website discussion- STG, REVIZE, ADDORIO –** The Board received three quotes to create a new, ADA compliant, mobile friendly Township's website. The three quotes are as follows: Revize: \$4500 startup- \$1,500 annual fee, Addorio: \$11,025 startup, \$239.40 annual fee, STG: \$999 startup cost, \$175.00 annual fee. The board discussed the options and reviewed other township data who have used STG. Hoffman motioned to use STG to create the Township's new website. Gillette seconded. All members voted yes. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comment: Wittenbach shared photos of the new Lowell Area Fire Authority fire tanker truck.

Meeting adjourned 7:48 pm

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2019.