

## **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

### Regular Meeting Minutes

January 21, 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
	Al Baird	-	Trustee
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
Absent:	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

The minutes of the December 17, 2001 regular meeting were approved as presented. Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board held January 7, 2002 were approved as written. Treasurer's Report accepted as read. Baird, seconded by Hoffman, made a motion to approve bills as read. Motion approved.

#### **New Business:**

1. **Set Annual Meeting Date.** Baird made a motion, seconded by Wittenbach, to hold the Annual Meeting on March 30, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.
2. **Fire Pumper Update – Chief Frank Martin.** Spencer Fire presented the lowest bid, \$283,415.00. Truck to be delivered approximately fall 2002. Engelhardt funds to cover \$100,00 of the downpayment. A three-year bank loan for the remainder will be taken out with a local institution, with City of Lowell, Vergennes Township and Lowell Township to fund equally. In 2004, another fire truck will be delivered with County paying \$180,000; Chief Martin plans to apply for another grant from the Engelhardt Fund for assistance with payment of the second fire truck, with the three entities again splitting the remainder.
3. **Community Development Grant Funds** - Discussed possible recipients. Presentation by Don Fochtman et al of Fallasburg Historical Society regarding archeological study to determine feasibility of relocating an operating mill that they own in Saranac to an old mill site along Flat River. \$22/\$25,000 total cost of archeological study. Additional funds for project will be procured from national organizations and they have one donor willing to match gifting. Total cost for the project estimated to be \$300,000.00. Question regarding ownership of land - Stone to check files.

Other entities asking for funding included Rockford/Lowell Ambulance, who would like to replace trauma equipment; Lowell Area Historical Museum, to assist with funding of new museum roof, and; North Kent Transit/Hope Network, for Senior/Handicapped transportation.

Motion by Mari Stone, seconded by Hoffman, to assign \$21,615.00 remaining unallocated Community Development Grant Funds to the following organizations in the amounts indicated as follows:

Rockford/Lowell Ambulance	-	\$ 4,000
- Replace Trauma Equipment		
North Kent Transit	-	\$ 2,000
- Transportation for Township Residents		
Fallasburg Historical Society	-	\$13,615
- Archeological Study		
Lowell Area Historical Museum	-	\$ 2,000
- New Roof Construction Project		

Motion approved.

4. **Ordinance Amendments – Commercial District/Zoning Map, Adult Businesses.** Discussion regarding change square foot requirement from 10,000 to 20,000. **Motion** by Baird, seconded by Wittenbach, to return Ordinance to Planning Commission recommending amendment of 10,000 square feet to read 20,000 square feet and reporting back to Board by first Monday in February, 2002 (2/4/02). The Board will then act upon adopting ordinance amendments. Motion approved.

**Motion by Wittenbach, second by Stone, to approve Zoning Map for Commercial District as presented.** Roll Call Vote: Yes, Stone, Wittenbach, Baird, Hoffman. Motion approved.

Adult Business Ordinance Amendment - recommended for adoption by Planning Commission. **Motion** by Stone, second by Wittenbach, to adopt Adult Business Ordinance as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yes, Stone, Wittenbach, Baird, Hoffman. Motion approved.

5. **Consideration of Resolution Regarding Mobile Home Commission Act.** Cannon Township has adopted a resolution regarding Mobile Home Commission Act. Resolution urges legislation that would, among other things, allow for local control of these residential uses. Vergennes Township asked to support and follow suit. Motion by Wittenbach, second by Stone, to sign and adopt Resolution No. 1-2002 regarding Mobile Home Commission Act as presented by Cannon Township. Motion carried.

**Citizens Comments**

Roger Odell issued a thank you from the Vergennes Methodist Church to the township for allowing use of the upstairs of the township hall for Sunday school classes. The church wishes to store a TV at the Hall for their use on Sunday. Stone commented on this ideal reciprocal arrangement, and that the township appreciates the church allowing their meeting space to be used for Vergennes Precinct 2. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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