

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2006

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
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Al Baird	-	Trustee
	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

Minutes of the December 19, 2005 Regular Board Meeting stand approved as presented. Motion by Nauta, second by Baird, to approve bills as read. **Motion approved.** Motion by Nauta, seconded by Stone, to approve Agenda with the removal of No 3 - "Road Commission Work Order 2006 Road Projects" to meeting on January 8, 2006. **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business:

1. Review of Social Security Number Privacy Policy. No need to vote as Board adopted this policy at last month's regular Board meeting.

New Business:

1. Discussion regarding Liquor License for Arrowhead Golf Course. Josh Brewer called Liquor Control Commission regarding a liquor license in Vergennes Township. According to Commission there has never been a vote of the people in Vergennes to allow spirits, so it is a Board decision (if there had been a past - vote of the people then another vote of the residents would be necessary). Brewer was to begin a petition drive to have a liquor vote on the ballot for this year, but according to the LLC it will not be necessary. It was decided to table discussion on this issue for next month's regular meeting after receiving Liquor Control Commission information/material.
2. Discussion regarding Community Development Grant Funds. Discussion regarding possibilities for the \$28,493.00 in unprogrammed funds. It was decided that unless a viable transportation project became available, the senior meals and North Kent Transportation is all that could be considered. It is acceptable to carry over funds to another year. Motion by Stone, second by Nauta, to designate 2006-2007 allocations of Senior Center Meals for \$5,000 and North Kent Transit for \$3000.00. **Motion approved.**

3. Planning Commission Recommendations.
-Triple Oak Drive. Township Attorney approved maintenance agreement; map, survey, driveway entrance, engineer approval of construction permits all in file. Motion by Nauta second by Stone, to grant preliminary approval for construction of Triple Oak Drive. **Motion carried.**

-Rental Storage – Special Use Amendment. Some discussion regarding acreage size minimums; nothing as to how rental storage may function. Motion by Baird, second by Wittenbach, to adopt Rental Storage Special Use Amendment as is. A roll call vote was taken, with all present voting yes. **Motion approved.**
4. Lighting Ordinance Discussion. Township planner reviewed suggestions from Open Space Committee and produced a memo with comments - 9/29/05. Discussion on grandfathered residences; question on who would enforce ordinance on residential homes, comment that it could be viewed as similar to building numbering ordinance – could be addressed after a complaint; fundamentals of illumination in ordinance to pertain to new construction; need for a simpler ordinance; the Board agreed that basically would like to see all new lighting have a cap to promote downward cast lighting. Motion by Stone, second by Hoffman, to send Lighting Ordinance to Planning Commission for their review and revisions for a very simple lighting ordinance. **Motion carried.**
5. KCRC Road Easement Discussion. KCRC would like to expand the required ROW for all new developments or on a case by case situation. Wittenbach to contact Kent County Road Commission for further discussion and possible presentation to the Planning Commission.

Citizens Comments

Correspondence from Historical Museum – Discussion at February 2006 regular board meeting. Comments regarding Paul Livingston property – it was determined at the December 2005 regular meeting that Jeanne Vandersloot would contact the Township attorney as to legal rights of the Township.

Resident Odell noted his recent split creates a less than three acre lot with barns. Request to come before the Board rather than Planning Commission. Notice for Public Hearing necessary. Jeanne Vandersloot adding \$150 fee to Fee Schedule regarding Board decision rather than Planning Commission decision.

Garrett of AT&T possibly erecting antennas at high school and will need a special use permit to do so.

Wittenbach, Hoffman, Stone to attend MTA meeting at the end of January in Grand Rapids.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk