

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 pm in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Members Present: Tim Wittenbach -Supervisor
Jean Hoffman -Treasurer
Rick Gillett -Trustee
Al Baird -Trustee

Members Absent: Mari Stone -Clerk

The agenda for the January 16, 2012 meeting was approved as presented with the addition of discussion on Vredenburg property. Motion made by Jean Hoffman; seconded by Al Baird.

Motion Carried. The minutes for the December 19, 2011 meeting were approved as presented. Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion made by Al Baird; seconded by Rick Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

Hoffman motioned to pay off the remaining amount on the Leah Vredenburg land contract split over the months of January, February, and March; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried**

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

1. Community Development Grant Funds-

The Senior Neighbors of Lowell asked the township for \$10,000 this year. Last year the Senior Neighbors of Lowell received \$4,481. Senior Neighbors and North Kent Transit Service both receive funding from Vergennes Township. The board stated that they didn't want to short North Kent Transit Service any money. The board didn't know how much North Kent Transit Service was asking for this year. Board decided to wait until the February meeting to make the final decision about funding for Senior Neighbors of Lowell and North Kent Transit Service.

2. Request for Private Road Waiver - Dave Arnswald

Dave Arnswald was present to request a waiver from the Private Road Ordinance for Wildview Dr. He is splitting his property and needs a waiver because the road cul-de-sac radius is 10 feet shy of the township requirement. The board had no objections to the waiver, and there were no replies from a letter sent to all property owners on Wildview. Wittenbach motioned to grant a waiver of the cul de sac requirement for Dave Arnswald to split his property on Wildview Dr. private road; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried**

3. Special Events Request - “The Lowell 50”

Jeff Zvirzdinis, of Chain Reaction Sports, is running another “Lowell 50”, and has asked for permission to close the covered bridge on March 31st. The race is scheduled from 10am-3pm. The board was opposed to closing to road for the entire 5 hours, and would like more information. The board is also not in favor of race directions being painted on the roads in Vergennes Township.

4. Annual Meeting Date-

The board discussed possible times for the annual meeting date, and set it for Monday, March 19th at 6:30pm.

5. Discussion on Vredenburg Property-

The township was offered the Vredenburg property to purchase. It contains about 12 to 15 acres that is located near the other township property. Board discussed possibility of purchasing, noting that it could be a good investment. More information is needed.

Citizen’s Comments:

The township has been trying to call the owner of the Henske property. Someone is removing the windows. The house cannot be sided without windows. The board stated that they are going to have to demolish the house if it is not sided shortly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
