

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2011

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
Mari Stone -Clerk
Jean Hoffman -Treasurer
Al Baird -Trustee
Rick Gillett -Trustee

The agenda for the January 17, 2011 meeting was approved by Hoffman; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the December 20, 2010 Regular meeting and January 12, 2011 Special meeting were approved. Treasurer's report and bills were read and motioned for approval by Hoffman; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

1. Community Development Block Grant Funds – Wittenbach motioned to allocate \$10,000 to the Lowell Senior Center and \$3577 to North Kent Transit. Gillett seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Proposal for Broadband Wireless Network Project – Ryan Peel – Mr. Peel returned to the Board with a proposal to provide wireless internet service to 90% of the township, and to ask for some assistance from the township. He proposed that a non-profit foundation with 501(c.)(3) status be created that would involve the school district and would, in his words, turn a community need into a community benefit. (A copy of his presentation is an attachment to these minutes) Peel has researched the provision of wireless internet services by municipalities, and found that this service can be provided by a township. The Board was adamant that Vergennes is not in a position to do this, but told Peel that they will listen to his idea for a non-profit entity that could. One of the questions regards the township serving as fiduciary in grant applications. It was decided that the township attorney would be consulted for an opinion. Several residents also spoke in support of the project.

3. Lowell Area Historical Museum – Pat Allchin - Allchin presented the 2010 report and noted an increase of 20% participation. 1300 artifacts were collected and 67 books added to the research library.

Citizen's Comments: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
