

# *Vergennes Township*

## Regular Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2009

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  
Al Baird - Trustee  
Not Present: Vern Nauta -Trustee  
Jean Hoffman -Treasurer

The agenda for the January 19, 2009 meeting was approved as presented by Wittenbach; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the December 10, 15, and 17 meetings were approved. The treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion by Baird; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**

### **Unfinished Business:**

1.**LACF Representative-** The board has learned that Peggy Covert is not eligible to be the Vergennes twp. representative for the fund. The representative must be a board member. Stone motioned to have Wittenbach be the representative; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

### **New Business:**

1.**Murray Lake Marina- Request to move facility to 4 Mile Road-** Dave Steinbrecher showed a map that explained his intentions to the board. He asked if his plan could be passed on to the planning commission. Dave also explained that there will be no increase in traffic because his business stores the boats, it is not self-storage with the customers storing their own boats. It will be visible only from the school. Wittenbach inquired about the condition of the soil. Dave stated that it is sandy and good for draining. Baird motioned to have this request referred to the planning commission; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**

2. **Community Development Block Grant Funds-** Stone explained that there was one area in the township that is low income, but it does not qualify to use this fund. The board looked at the way the funds were used last year and made a decision based on that information. Stone motioned to allocate \$7,000 for Lowell Senior Neighbors and \$5,000 for North Kent Transit from the Community Development Block Grant Funds; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**

3. **Set Annual Meeting Date-** The 2008 Annual Meeting was held prior to the Township's regular March meeting at 6:00. Stone noted that the 2009 March meeting date of the 9<sup>th</sup> is in conflict with the scheduled board of review meeting. She will check to see which meeting can be changed; Stone motioned to have the annual meeting at 6:00 on March 9<sup>th</sup> with March 10<sup>th</sup> as an alternate; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

**Other business:**

Wittenbach asked if the Henschke issue is moving forward. Vandersloot told the board that Doezema was in process of serving the papers.

Vandersloot explained the issue of Fegel and Barron vs. City of Lowell. Barron and Fegel are fighting the City of Lowell who have sued to overturn the Commercial Zoning on the corner of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes.

Stone was asked by the Assessing Department to make sure that Thomas Reiger's letter of credit is good. The Board gave approval in August of 2003 to build an accessory building prior to a residence – meeting minutes indicate requiring a bond naming Vergennes Township, but Mr. Reiger obtained a letter of credit instead. It is uncertain that the letter of credit will guarantee the township in the same way. Wittenbach will follow up with Reiger to make sure the township is covered.

There were no Citizen's Comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mari Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk