

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 15, 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
 Mari Stone - Clerk
 Vern Nauta - Trustee

Members Absent: Al Baird - Trustee

Motion by Nauta, seconded by Stone, to accept the agenda as written with the inclusion of item #5 (Doezema correspondence regarding Morgan's Agreement). Motion carried. The minutes of the June 17, 2002 regular meeting were approved with an amendment to the Faber Request for Rezoning, noting that the Planning Commission had recommended approval. Treasurer's Report accepted as read. Hoffman, seconded by Nauta, made a motion to approve bills as read. Motion approved. Stone noted that the auditor suggested creating a separate custodial account. Motion by Stone, seconded by Nauta, to amend Budget to include new custodial services account (#101-265-702) in the amount of \$720.00, to be transferred from Repairs & Maintenance Account. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Discussion – 2003 Road Construction Projects. Meeting with Road Commission in September. Need to prioritize roads within Township to be graveled. Roads discussed were: 3 Mile between Murray Lake and Parnell; Biggs, from Downes to Fallasburg Park; Finn, Alden Nash to Murray Lake; Downes, Fallasburg Park to Biggs; and Downes, Parnell to the Ada border. Stone suggested planning on 5 miles, but if cost for 5 miles too prohibitive, can amend request for lesser amount of miles in January after doing some budgeting for 2003-04 Fiscal Year. To help keep track of gravel roads and their repairs, Stone to create a list of all gravel roads in township. Work Session set for August 5, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. for Board and Road Committee discussion and prioritization of roads for graveling in 2003.
2. Discussion – Lowell Sewer Expansion. Lowell Township is expanding their sewer plant and needs to know if Vergennes Township is “in or out.” Lowell last inquired about Vergennes interest in sewer in 1976. Wittenbach will be attending the September 26th Lowell Area Leadership Council meeting where the topic will be discussed. Board members are also encouraged to attend.
3. Discussion – Mobile Home at 853 Montcalm. This matter is out of the hands of the Zoning Officer. A letter was sent from the Township regarding cars and junk in yard.

The home needed to have a Health Department inspection before moving in of occupants. No one is aware of any Health Department inspection. Rumored sewer/septic problems; standing water pit in yard. Wittenbach to investigate.

4. Discussion – Maintenance Bids – Rear Deck. Bids have been received from John McKay and Superior Pressure Washing Company regarding sealant/stain of rear deck at Township Hall. Unfortunately bids were over different criteria; not comparative. Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Stone, to accept the bid of Superior Pressure Washing Company for staining, mending or rear deck and also wash Township Hall (if for \$180.00 or less). If they will not wash building for \$180 or less, then hire John McKay for washing the Township Hall building at \$180.00. Motion approved.
5. Jim Doezema – Mobile Home/Morgan’s Agreement. Township attorney, Doezema, faxed letter with recommendations regarding Morgan’s Agreement for accessory dwelling on Morgan property for mother/mother-in-law. Motion to accept Morgan’s Agreement for special use permit as amended (see attached) made by Stone and seconded by Nauta.
Motion carried unanimously.
6. Jeannie Vandersloot put together a list of special uses broken down for matters that can be decided at the Board level as opposed to matters that need to go directly to Planning Commission for their recommendation to the Board for decision. Board to review list and discuss at next month’s meeting.

Citizen Comments:

Comments on waste disposal/sewage. Required by DEQ to fill in within twenty-four hours. Marsha Wilcox introduced brochure of Brian Craig who is running for State Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk