

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2005

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:05 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 June 20, 2005 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes of the July 11, 2005 Special Board Meeting stand approved as presented. Motion by Baird, second by Nauta, to approve bills as read. **Motion approved.** Motion by Stone, second by Nauta, to approve Agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Guest – Kent District Library Representatives: Annual Report

Presentation by library representatives detailing many innovations and technological advances within the Kent District Library. Much has been added to their website at www.kdl.org.

Unfinished Business:

Amendment to Slow-No Wake Ordinance – Draft review. Board needs to research options; i.e. handle Slow-No Wake Ordinance in-house (like Township's Flat River Ordinance) or allow DNR to govern ordinance and handle all details. Schreur will circulate a petition.

New Business:

1. DeWitt Private Road Construction. Planning Commission recommended approval as well as Township Engineer, William & Works. Township Attorney Doezema's letter to the Board notes that all requests of DeWitt have been completed. DeWitt offered a performance bond but the Board declined in favor of withholding the Certificate of Occupancy instead. Motion by Baird, second by Nauta, to grant preliminary approval to DeWitt Private Road Construction and building permit with the stipulation that there is no occupancy of building until private road is approved by Township Board, and that a maintenance agreement be signed and recorded. **Motion approved.**
2. Impact Church Addition. Bill Culhane, Progressive Architectural Engineers, spoke for the church, indicating they will need a zoning variance for setbacks and a Special Use Permit. The piece of property on which Impact Church wishes to build an addition lies one-half in the City of Lowell and one-half within Vergennes Township. He inquired of the Board if it would be interested in the City of Lowell annexing the property – as the Church would then get city services at cost. The Board is not

interested in annexing the property to the City of Lowell but indicated they would work with the Church in the process of variances in order to build their addition. Culhane will return and request variances and Special Use Permit.

3. Kent County PDR Program 05-06 Applications. Motion by Stone, second by Hoffman, to allow Nauta to abstain from discussion and vote on this issue. **Motion carried.** Motion by Stone, second by Baird to approve 05-06 applications. **Motion approved – Stone, Wittenbach, Baird and Hoffman.**
4. Insurance Liability Discussion. Board has been advised to raise their insurance liability coverage from \$2 million to \$5 million. This would incur an additional \$3,300 fee from the \$10,503.00 fee paid at present for \$2 million insurance liability. Liability was raised to \$2 million two years ago. Motion by Hoffman, second by Nauta, to remain at \$2 million insurance liability for this year. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Nauta, second by Hoffman, to include and approve payment of Burnham & Flower invoice in the bills for the month of July 2005. **Motion approved.**

Citizen Comments:

Roger Odell made an inquiry regarding status of annexation process. Stone indicated that the Boundary Commission is trying to set a date in August for adjudication hearing to be held in Lansing, MI where a decision will be made. Township to get word to interested parties when date is set for adjudication hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk