

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 18, 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
Rick Gillett -Trustee
Al Baird -Trustee

Members Absent: Jean Hoffman -Treasurer

The agenda for the July 18, 2011 meeting was approved with the addition of the closed session after citizen comments by Mari Stone; seconded by Al Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the June 20, 2011 meeting were approved as presented. Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion by Rick Gillett; seconded by Al Baird. **Motion Carried.**

Guest Speakers- KDL Annual Report

Cheryl Garrison, KDL Assistant Director and Kristin Meyer, Englehardt Branch Manager gave an update to the board regarding the KDL library system. KDL has created several early literacy programs in different locations that are enhancing the reading level of children. Over 3.5 million visitors and over 1.5 online visitors have used the KDL libraries within the past year. The online library system is improving and working well with the new E-books. Local libraries are using a new check in service which helps keep staff numbers low.

Kristin updated the board on the Englehardt branch located in Lowell. She informed the board that the interior makeover is finished. The library received a local grant to pay for those renovations. The Englehardt library is improving their Wi-Fi connections so that more visitors to the library can use the high speed internet. The Englehardt library has recently received a grant that will pay for a new laptop center and wireless furniture.

Unfinished Business:

CDBG Contract Execution-

Board discussed the contracts between Vergennes Township and Hope Network and Lowell Senior Neighbors. Gillett motioned for Wittenbach to sign the contracts with Hope Network and Lowell Senior Neighbors for Vergennes Township; Stone seconded. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

1. Charter Township Eligibility Status-

Board discussed the possibility of becoming a charter township. According to 2010 Census, the township population is over 2000 (actually at 4189) and is eligible for incorporation as a Charter Township. Jim Doezema had given an opinion in a letter that he recommends adopting a resolution to not incorporate as a Charter Township, which could then be overturned by a referendum of the electors. Stone motioned to resolve that Vergennes not incorporate as a charter township; Wittenbach seconded. **Motion Carried** A notice of this action will be published for two weeks in a row with the Ledger.

Citizen's Comments:

There were no citizen's comments

The Board voted to go into Closed Session for the purposes of discussion regarding a legal proceeding at 7:40pm. The Regular Meeting re-convened at 8:30, and the meeting was adjourned at the same time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk