

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2010

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
Members Absent: Rick Gillett -Trustee

The agenda for the July 19, 2010 meeting was approved by Stone; seconded by Hoffman.

Motion Carried. The minutes for the June 21 meeting were approved. Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a correction by Hoffman; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1.Parking Lot/Handicapped Accessibility Issues - An inspection by the Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service showed that the handicapped accessibility of the Township's precinct locations needed some minor work. The inspection showed that there are gaps in the sidewalks, Precinct 1 lacks a handicap parking sign, and the handicap parking spots at both need to be repainted (in blue) to show access aisles. The Township currently has \$2,500 budgeted to make repairs for things such as the handicapped parking spaces. The Vergennes Methodist Church is the site of Precinct 2, and their board of Trustees has been appraised about the needed amendments. They are addressing the sidewalk issues, and the township will take care of the access aisle markings when Precinct 1 is marked. The board has until the November general election to make these repairs. The board also discussed whether they should replace the lower part of the parking lot which would cost the Township approximately \$10,000 or if they should continue to make minor repairs. There was no motion.

2.Cemetaries – Signs and Fencing – The Board reviewed a proposal from Digital Image that showed what new signs for the cemeteries in the Township might look like. Hoffman motioned to purchase the 30x48 sandblasted signs for Fox's, Fallasburg, and Krum Cemeteries, and Stone seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Citizen's Comments:

The Michigan Court of Appeals has recently made a decision that disallows the terms "similar uses" and "unclassified uses" in zoning ordinances allowing Special Uses. The board was generally not in favor of amending the ordinances, and decided to wait to see what other townships do about this ruling.

The board then proceeded to discuss Ron Dawson's situation. He has constructed a 20' x 50' pole building that appears to be standing partially on his neighbor's (Connell) property. He did not take out a building permit, and has violated the required building setback. Wittenbach motioned to give Ron Dawson 30 days to apply for either a building or demolition permit, to have Building Inspector Mark Fleet inspect the building, to provide the township with an up to date survey, and to set up an escrow account of \$1,000 to cover township expenses incurred as a result of having to address this situation, or he will be issued a civil infraction. In addition to this, the Township will inform its' attorney and Cindy Connell on the action to be taken; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
