

# *Vergennes Township*

## Regular Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2008

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township meeting 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  
Vern Nauta - Trustee  
Al Baird - Trustee

The agenda for the July 21, 2008 meeting was approved as presented by Wittenbach; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the June 16 regular meeting were approved, and the July 9 special board minutes were approved with amendments. There was no treasurer's report. The bills were approved with a motion by Hoffman; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

**Guests – Kent District Library Representatives** – Pamela VanderPloeg, Jane Aronson, and Charles Fry represented the library. A review of the past year was given. There are five million books in circulation, numerous book clubs, and a plethora of media options. 75% of Kent County citizens have a library card. The Kent District Library is the largest library in Michigan.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**1. Historic Districts Commission Ordinance – PC Recommendation** – Nauta motioned to dissolve the ordinance citing the reasons for this action as developed by the planner; seconded by Baird. A roll call vote showed Wittenbach, Stone, Hoffman, Nauta and Baird in favor. **Motion Carried.**

### **New Business:**

**1. R2C Road Services – Unclassified Use Permit Request** – Richard Rozell would like to have an impound lot. The impound lot is moving locations from Alto to Vergennes Township. The Board's concerns were drip pans and the amount of cars in the lot. Rozell assured the board that a 50 car limit is plenty and the application package he submitted outlines the use of drip pans so no leakage of engine liquids into the ground water occurs. The lot will be gravel, and already contains a 30' by 50' building for indoor storage. The lot will be unmanned. Motion by Stone to approve an Unclassified Use Permit with a 50 car limit of storage capacity, subject to an annual review; seconded by Wittenbach.

**Motion Carried.**

**2. Non-Harassment Policy** – The Township's new insurance carrier Suggested adoption of a non-harassment policy. There was a motion to adopt the non-harassment policy as presented by Stone; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

**3. Fireworks Permit – Roth Farm** – There was a motion to approve the fireworks permit for the evening of October 18, 2008 by Baird; seconded by Nauta. **Motion Carried.**

**Henschke** – Henschke met with building inspector, Mark Fleet, and has found two builders. Henschke isn't sure if she can make her August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline due to the builder being out of town. Fleet made a list of things that need to get done. It was suggested Henschke set up an appointment before the builder gets back. There was a motion to require a progress report on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of every month until an occupancy permit is given, the magistrate must see the information and requirements from Fleet, a requirement of \$300 in escrow to cover miscellaneous township costs such as attorney fees, etc., and move the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to August 4<sup>th</sup> by Nauta; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

**Langlois** – Larry Wilson hasn't heard from Langlois. Wittenbach hasn't heard from the Road Commission either.

#### **Citizens Comments**

Peggy Covert is concerned with the invasive plant, garlic mustard. She put together a packet of helpful information for residents. She would like to see a central location to drop off the plant for proper disposal, as the plant has survival mechanisms even after being uprooted. She was wondering what the township could do to help with this situation. She is planning an October Garlic Mustard Plant pulling. There will be general information on the problem in the Winter Newsletter.

Dave Austin had pointed out to Vandersloot that the private road ordinance contains a provision to get a completion bond. The bond would be based on engineer's estimate for completion. There was a motion to have the Planning Commission pursue additional ordinance language for a completion bond for private roads by Stone; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mari Stone, Clerk