

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Wittenbach.

Members Present: Tim Wittenbach - Supervisor
 Mari Stone - Clerk
 Jean Hoffman - Treasurer
 Al Baird - Trustee
 Vern Nauta - Trustee

Stone, seconded by Nauta, made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, to move items one and two of Unfinished Business until next month when Jim Dozema will be present. **Motion Approved.** The minutes of the regular Township Board meeting held May 19, 2003 were accepted as presented. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Baird, to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting held May 19, 2003. **Motion Approved.** Motion by Baird, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the bills as presented. **Motion Approved.**

1. **Discussion - Millage Rate.**

Stone and Hoffman reviewed the Township millage rate to be approved in September. The maximum allowed to be collected without holding a Public Hearing will be the lowest it has been in a number of years due to Headley rollbacks and an end to the Gypsy Moth Spray Program extra-voted millage. Discussion was held regarding current funding sources and project needs. There are many possible uses for the money generated from collecting the full amount such as a spring clean up for residents. Stone also suggested a building fund for adding on to the current office or purchasing land for future construction of a new building. Nauta recommended an analysis of what the difference is with and without the rate increase. Discussion tabled until next month.

2. **Discussion - Kent County Purchase of Development Rights Resolution.** Nauta spoke in support of adoption of this resolution. Wittenbach read from a letter from Commissioner Horton stating, "Adopting does not obligate the Township in any way." Motion by Nauta, seconded by Stone, to approve Resolution 1-2003, Supporting the Kent County Farmland Preservation Program and authorizing Vergennes landowners to participate in the program. **Motion Approved.**

3. **Amendment - Kazemier Woods Private Road.** Connie Kazemier was present tonight to seek approval for an amendment to their private road application. The Planning Commission recommends the Board approve the plans and the township engineer has reviewed and also approves the drainage easement. Motion by Baird, seconded by Stone, to approve the amendment. **Motion Approved.**

Citizens Comments:

Craig Wood of the Historical Commission reported that the committee met last Thursday and several questions were raised. The committee is looking for clarification from the Board of what they would like the committee to do. Stone said one needed project is to gather historical data such as a listing of buildings that are one hundred years or older for inclusion on the township website. Another would be original settlers. Several resources were suggested, including interviewing long-time residents of Vergennes Township. Al Baird expressed an interest in reviewing the data.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Township Clerk