

# *Vergennes Township*

## Regular Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2006

*As amended*

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:04 in the Vergennes Township Hall

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

The agenda for this meeting was approved with amendments by Nauta and seconded by Stone. Minutes of the April 17, 2006 Regular Board Meeting stood as approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Hoffman, and bills were approved with a motion by Baird and seconded by Nauta. **Motion Carried.**

**Guest – Dan Goudy, for Senior Millage** - Dan is with Hope Network, and talked to the Board on behalf of the Senior Millage on the August Primary. The millage request is a renewal of the 1998 approved millage, which will be up on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The vote on August eighth is for a third of a million dollars, for programs benefiting seniors over 60. It provides them with groceries and services, so they can better live their lives without going to a retirement home.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. **Liquor License Discussion-** There was a request from Arrowhead Golf Course to sell liquor by the glass. The Board declined to make the decision, citing the long history of being a spirit dry township, preferring to let the public decide. There are two licenses available in the township, and the license holder(s) can initiate a petition drive to be put on a ballot to resolve the question. *Motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Hoffman, to deny the request but encourage the applicant to seek a vote of the people. Motion carried.*

### **New Business:**

1. **Bailey Lake Dr. – Pvt. Road** – There were two issues with the road regarding wetlands – the Planning Commission asked that the road be moved so it wouldn't interfere, but had recommended approval with contingencies. With these contingencies the motion was made to grant preliminary approval to Bailey Lake Dr. by Nauta, seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**
2. **Flat River Pines – Pvt. Road** – The Planning Commission recommended approval, and a motion was made by Baird, seconded by Hoffman, to grant preliminary private road approval to Flat River Pines. **Motion Carried.**
3. **F&G Realty Investments LLC – Special Use Permit request** – F&G Realty would like to build an office building that includes recreation/exercise facilities. The building would be built on a parcel in the Commercial District, but the access drive would be on adjacent R3. The Board expressed a desire to keep the entire project in one zoning district, and asked that the Planning Commission look at the area and recommend if a rezoning of the access area would make sense. They also need to look at the size of the building. The applicants would like a public hearing in June if time permits, and hope to have approvals

in July. A motion to send the plans to the Planning Commission was made by Hoffman and seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**

4. **Historical Commission Discussion** – Fallasburg Historical Society Board members Ed and Doris Roth and Craig Wood were present to give an update on the current situation. Leadership is sorely needed, and the Roth's said the FHS Board is trying to get a meeting together to make some decisions. It was noted that the annual filings to the IRS had not been made, and there were several other issues of immediate concern that needed to be addressed.
5. **Alden Nash West** – Request for Final Road Approval – Steve Hanson asked to amend the screening plan for the South side of the project. Because of topography, large equipment can't get in to the area with the large trees. Hansen proposes to plant 16 or 17 evergreens of about 4-5 feet that can be hand planted. Motion to allow the amendment to the screening plan as presented was made by Stone and seconded by Nauta. **Motion Carried.** Hanson also asked for permission to sell a total of 12 lots. Stone noted that the township's request that he include a trail easement in Phase Two of the development has not been addressed, and she is concerned that buyers of these lots will object. Hansen told the Board that an amendment detailing an easement to the Lowell Area Recreation Authority for a trail will be made and filed with the Master Deed. Based on this information, a motion was made by Nauta and seconded by Stone, to allow the sale of not more than 12 lots prior to Final Approval. **Motion Carried.**
6. **2006 PDR Application Approvals** – Motion was made by Stone, and seconded by Wittenbach, to excuse Nauta from this item of the agenda. There have been four applications made to the program – Wilcox, Nauta, Richmond, Koning. All were satisfactory to the Board. The four applications were motioned to be approved by Stone, seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Chamber Support Discussion** – The Lowell Chamber Of Commerce came to the Board in May to ask for financial support in a marketing effort. Discussion was held, and Hoffman made a motion to allocate \$1,000 dollars per year for three years, seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Annexation Request – N. Washington** – The city would like the township to annex a city-owned parcel on N. Washington to them. It appears that the township would receive nothing in return. This plan would have to go through the process with the Boundary Commission. Wittenbach motioned to ask city representatives to attend a Vergennes Board meeting to make their request and answer questions. Nauta seconded, and the **Motion Carried.**
9. **Joint Community Agreement Update** – Wittenbach and Stone briefed the Board on their progress.

**Citizens Comments** – none

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk