

Vergennes Township Regular Meeting of the Township Board

May 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call - Gillett, Wittenbach, H. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Rasch were all present.

The agenda was approved as presented with a motion from H. Hoffman and supported by J, Hoffman. **Motion carried.**

The April minutes were accepted as presented with a motion from Gillett, supported by Rasch. **Motion carried.**

The treasurer's report was read. J. Hoffman made a motion to pay the bills as listed along with the Lowell Cable Endowment fund bills to be paid when they are received. Wittenbach supported. **Motion carried.**

Citizen's Comments:

David Anderson introduced himself. David works for Senator MacGregor's office and attends meetings to report back what is going on in local government.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Consumers Energy Lighting Upgrade & 1 year contract**
The Board discussed the street lighting replacement options, pricing and cost savings of each option. Gillett motioned to change the 2 current cobra head mercury vapor lights to the 54W LED option and change the 1 center suspension mercury vapor light to the high pressure sodium option. He added that we hold the streetlight invoice payment until we receive a response from Consumers Energy about an on-going billing issue. If no response, we should call the Public Service Commission and our State Senator to help get the issue resolved. J. Hoffman supports. **Motion carried.**
2. **LCTV Grant Money Received**
3. **Vergennes Township vs. James M. Blair & Linda M. Blair Summonses and Complaint-** Current legal fees and a synopsis of what has transpired were discussed.

New Business:

1. **New Voting Equipment- Resolution to apply to Secretary of State for a grant to purchase new voting equipment**
J. Hoffman made a motion to sign the resolution 2017-5 to apply to Secretary of State for a grant to purchase new voting equipment. Gillett supported. Roll Call vote was taken- All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
2. **Policy for Authorizing Electronic Transactions**
Gillett made a motion to set up a policy for authorizing electronic transactions, Rasch supported. **Motion carried.**
3. **Pictometry Flyover completed April 2017- Local cost and payment options**
J. Hoffman made a motion to choose the county's three-payment option to pay for the Pictometry flyover. Payments will be in 2017, 2018 and 2019. H. Hoffman supported. **Motion carried.**

4. **Fire Authority- Board Member Compensation**
The board discussed compensation for Fire Authority Board members. It was discussed that the Authority by-laws do not allow them to compensate board members. There was discussion that if municipalities compensate for this board, that other Vergennes Township representatives who serve on other boards should also be compensated. The board felt that the discussion for the Fire Authority Board compensation should be brought back to the Fire Authority for further discussion. It was discussed that if there is municipality consensus, the by-laws could possibly be reopened and amended.
5. **CDBG funds- Discuss allocation of funds for maintenance on Fire Building Entrance**
The fire building entrance is in need of maintenance.. There was discussion to see if the unallocated CDBG funds could be used to help fund this maintenance. .J. Hoffman made a motion that we investigate if the unallocated CDBG funds would be available for maintenance of the fire building entrance. Gillett supported. **Motion carries.**
6. **Master Plan- Discuss budget for Williams and Works Master Plan review and small update**
Gillett made a motion that we move forward with Williams and Works Master Plan review including a small update. Wittenbach supported. **Motion carried.**
7. **Noise Ordinance Amendments- Planning Commission recommendations- Ordinance Amendment**
Gillett made a motion to set a public hearing regarding amendments to the noise ordinance wording to take place at the June 19, 2017 regular meeting of the board. Rasch supported **Motion carried.**
8. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments- Planning Commission recommendations-**
Board had discussion regarding three zoning ordinance amendments the planning commission recommended. Gillett made a motion to adopt the amendments as written to the Flat River Districts, 2017-1 Rasch supported. Roll call vote was taken, all members voted yes. **Motion carried.** Gillett made a motion to adopt the amendments to the Accessory Building ordinance- 2017-2. J. Hoffman supported. Roll call vote, all members voted yes. **Motion carried.** Gillett made a motion to adopt the amendments to the swimming pool ordinance- 2017-3, H. Hoffman supported. Roll call vote was taken. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
9. **Resolution Consumers Energy- 1 year lighting contract**
Gillett made a motion to sign the 1 year contract/ resolution 2017-6 for four streetlights in Vergennes Township. Wittenbach supported. Roll call vote was taken. All members voted yes. Motion **carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2017 @ 7 p.m