

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2009

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
Al Baird - Trustee
Vern Nauta - Trustee
Jean Hoffman - Treasurer

The agenda for the April 20, 2009 meeting was approved as presented by Nauta; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the April 20 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion by Baird; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business:

Cemetery Drive Repairs - Wittenbach shared with the board recommendations made by the representative of Dirt Cheap Excavating regarding the cemetery drive. It was determined that Dirt Cheap Excavating will use crushed concrete all the way to the fence. In addition, to avoid visitors to the cemetery from driving all over the cemetery grounds, crushed concrete will also be used to start the curve to show people where the drive actually is. Stone motioned to have Dirt Cheap Excavating repair the cemetery drive; seconded by Nauta. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

1. 2009 PDR Application Approvals - The board reviewed the new Vergennes Township PDR applications for 2009. The board briefly discussed the locations of some of the properties. The applications will be added to a roster for the county once approved by the township, and will then be prioritized for funding by the PDR Board. Stone motioned to approve the 2009 Vergennes Township PDR Applications; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

2. Fire Authority Budget Discussion - The budget comprises of a new formula to divide the costs between the City of Lowell, the Township of Lowell, and the Township of Vergennes. Division of budget gave the City of Lowell greater fiscal responsibility. The board is unsure of the township's ability to afford the new budget that was proposed due to the extra \$55,000 included for the Suburban and a new pickup truck for the fire chief. Another issue with the proposed budget discussed by the board is the initial lump sum of approximately \$20,000, which is needed to jump start the budget. The budget needs to be done by July 1st. This issue will be discussed further in the future by the board.

There were no citizen's comments. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk