

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2008

Tim Wittenbach called the regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board to order at 7:00 pm 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 the May 19, 2008 meeting was approved with additions by Nauta, seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the April 21, 2008 regular meeting were approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. There was a motion to approve the bills as presented by Hoffman; seconded by Baird. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Historical Ordinance - Hoffman motioned to direct the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing on the option to rescind the ordinance, with a recommendation from the Board to recind. Nauta seconded. Jeanne Vandersloot will put on agenda for June 2 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Road Commission reschedule – meeting rescheduled to next week. Baird will attend.
2. Grant Money –Mari Stone and Jeanne Vandersloot spoke to Kent County regarding oblique and aerial maps and when program would be available. They were able to obtain aerial maps but the obliques were a bit late and the leaves are in the way. Another flyover may need to be done next year. Our grant request for printer/software is due by June 1. They questioned whether the county's information will work with the software Arcview. It will work and we should go ahead with the purchase as it can be used for several applications that we use in office currently. Stone motioned we request money from LACF for equipment purchases; Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.
3. Langlois private road update – meeting scheduled for 5/21 at 10am at Langlois private road site. Wittenbach and Vandersloot will be in attendance.

4. 2008 PDR Application Approvals – Since Gay Nauta is one of the applicants, Vern Nauta wished to be excused from discussion and decision. Stone motioned to excuse Nauta from this agenda item; Hoffman seconded. Motion carried. Roth is new applicant. He joins Koning, Nauta and Wilcox as landowners wanting to participate in program. An approval or denial of properties is required. There is \$500 allocated in the township budget to support PDR applications. We could split money among approved landowners. Applicants get points for having township monetary input. Stone motioned to approve applications and allocate township contribution to be split evenly between accepted applicants. Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.
5. Henschke – Wittenbach talked to Attorney Doezema last week. No word from Henschke's. The township has two options – issue citation or tell Doezema to sue them. Suit would be most effective in getting action on the property. Wittenbach thinks weather is good now, maybe they will move on it. Generally, the Board was not interested in pursuing a suit. If the decision is to issue a citation, Vandersloot said we could go with informal hearing (no attorneys) or formal hearing (with attorney). Wittenbach motioned to issue a Civil Infraction with an informal hearing, Nauta seconded. Motion carried. Board discussed several options as to how to handle this case, and it was noted that the least aggressive option has been chosen. Jeanne Vandersloot will talk to Doezema and get citation written up.
6. Langlois truck – larger than normal pickup has been there since January. His son drove it and crashed it. It's been sitting there ever since. For sale for parts, gave leeway for that. Spring came and received many complaints. Another letter sent. Gave till 5/16 to get it moved or township would take legal action. Langlois called Vandersloot to allow him time to get transmission out. He had an accident with tool, has stitches in face. Can't pull truck into garage to get it out of way, it's too high. Move away from road view. Look into tow truck to move – still there 5/19 pm. Next step would be to ticket homeowner. 2nd offense on junk on property. May get higher fine. Nauta moves to proceed with citation. Wittenbach seconds. Motion carried.
7. No wake sign – Bill Schreur Jr. put no wake sign up a week ago. Ron Potter said sign is in wrong place, not where DNR stated they should go. Vandersloot and Stone determined that he is correct. Gave Bill Schreur copy of map and told him where the sign should go. He was opposed to moving them. Discussion - Township paid for signs, they should go where we determine. DNR said you can put no wake signs on your own property but they are not enforceable. We don't want homeowners using a sign same as ours since they are not binding. Township will not order any other signs, up to homeowner to pay for them. Stone motioned to have Schreur relocate sign at correct location and if he chooses to put his own signs up, they cannot be similar and will be at his own cost. Nauta seconded. Motion carried.
8. Roads – addition to agenda – Wittenbach and Abram Scheer met regarding dust on Ike near Soccer fields. County is charging \$700 to chloride road additional times. County

will only bill township. Are we willing to contribute to cost? Township/County will be applying dust layer this week; if we need special run due to big weekends, it will cost \$700. We get bill - Hoffman said property owner should have money in escrow if we agree to this arrangement. This will encourage him to follow-up and figure out on his own how to keep dust down. We do three applications a season - single, double, single runs. County will let homeowner do own spraying but wants to approve what is being put down.

9. Wittenbach met with KCRC. West end of Burroughs is busted up. (Lincoln Lake to Bridge) All county will do is rough patch. To crush and reshape 1300 feet, our share is \$23,500. Alden Nash 3200', \$50,000 our share. Would add to current Fallasburg Park bill. Wittenbach will have county write up plan. If we can get payments added to current bill to pay over time, we will approve. Wittenbach motioned to do work if county will extend payments. Seconded by Stone. Motion carried.
10. 2-Mile Road trash/junk in yard. Brought up by Nauta – had pictures. Vandersloot was out this afternoon and had pictures but didn't have them printed. Stone motioned to initiate proceedings to get the property cleaned up. Junk appears to be in road right of way. Stuff is out all the time. Not just weekends. Nauta seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm

Mari Stone, Clerk