

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2012

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
Jean Hoffman -Treasurer
Rick Gillett -Trustee
Al Baird -Trustee

The agenda for the May 21, 2012 meeting was approved with the addition of Roof Estimate Discussion. Motion made by Tim Wittenbach; seconded by Al Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the April 16, 2012 meeting were approved with a small correction. Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion made by Jean Hoffman; seconded by Al Baird. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business:

Vergennes Broadband Request for Additional Tower - Ryan Peel

Peel is not planning to build the tower right now, but would still like it to be approved in case he wants to use the special use permit in the future. Local resident Carol Lehman told the board that she thinks there should be a limit to the number of towers to be built in Vergennes Township. She doesn't want the tower because there are already two in her vicinity. There was discussion regarding the ideal conditions that exist in that area for tower locations, and the continued need for wireless services. Peel asked the board to table this issue until he decides on what his next move is going to be. The board was in favor of this. Baird motioned to table the additional tower request at 3251 Fallasburg Park Dr. until Ryan Peel is ready to pursue it further; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried**

New Business:

1. Special Use Permit Application for Internet Tower at 10496 Bailey

Hoffman motioned to table the application pending the receipt of the required fee, and to require the existing tower that was built without a permit to be taken down; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.** The board then discussed different aspects of the internet tower. The special use permit application wasn't complete because the township never received the fee. Therefore, it will not be reviewed until the fee is paid. The board believes that the tower is operating without the permits needed to make it legal. Mark Fleet, the township building inspector, discussed option of issuing a civil infraction ticket with board. The board was concerned about the 20-30 people who would lose their internet connection. Wittenbach motioned to amend the original motion to include that the board will contact the township attorney for an opinion, adding that

the board wants an apology from Steve Langler for his rude comments in an e-mail to Vandersloot. Seconded by Gillett, the **Motion Carried**

2. Amend Planning Commission Ordinance - Number of Members

Currently the Planning Commission has 5 members. Gillett motioned to adopt **Ordinance #05-21-2012**, changing the numbers on the Planning Commission from 7 to 5; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried**

Ordinance #05-21-2012

3. Request from KCRC for Draining Easement

Steve Roon from the Kent County Road Commission came to the board to request approvals for work that will be done at the intersection at the township building. The request includes drainage and highway easements, and a temporary construction permit. During this process, the road commission will resurface the lower part of the township parking lot. Also, while the roads are closed, they will be open to local residents at all times, and also to access the township and church. Stone commented that it would be nice if the work was done after the August election and before the November election. Gillett motioned to approve entering into the agreements with the Kent County Road Commission; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried**

4. PDR Applications from Bruce Roth

Bruce Roth applied for PDR last year. There wasn't enough funding so he didn't get accepted into the program. Bruce Roth applied again this year. Board was in favor of the application. Gillett motioned to approve the PDR application for Bruce Roth; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried**

5. Roof Estimate Discussion

Board didn't receive any new information on the roof estimates. Stone motioned to use Advanced Building and Construction; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

Citizen's Comments:

Mark Fleet said that he recommends the board attach a fine to notices that are used for those who violate the ordinances and construction codes, commenting that this serves as a deterrent. He highly suggests this to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
