

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 15, 1999

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

Members Present:	Tim Wittenbach	-	Supervisor
	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
	Susan Geiger-Hessler	-	Trustee

Members Absent:	Mark Weber	-	Trustee
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A motion was made by Hoffman, seconded by Geiger-Hessler to approve the minutes of the October 18, 1999 regular meeting. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report accepted as read. Motion by Geiger-Hessler and seconded by Hoffman to approve bills for payment, including Williams & Works invoice for Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried. Drafts 3536 through 3579 were issued.

Unfinished Business:

1. Gypsy Moth Program Update. Company performing survey finished Lowell Township last week. Started Vergennes Township (SW corner) and will contact Wittenbach in approximately two weeks.
2. Tom Bland, Senior Neighbors County-Wide Program. Gave an update on where money goes from millage passed in last year's election. Outlined programs being administered. Bland would like feedback/suggestions on how to reach people who could benefit from Senior Neighbor services. Suggestions such as mentioning Senior Neighbors in Township Newsletter and stuffing brochure in February assessment mailings will be considered by the Board.

New Business:

1. Request for Preliminary Approval for PUD for Carlson Farms - Planning Commission voted unanimously to accept this plan and recommend that the Board grant preliminary approval to the proposed PUD concept. Total of 23 lots all with a share of dedicated open space, for an average density of 3.4 acres per unit. Formula in township ordinance requires 27 acres for dedicated open space, and this proposed PUD has 33 acres. Phase One consisting of lots 1-11, 12 and 13 will be completed first with remainder of land (Phase II) to be set aside as open space for Phase I should II never happen.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Stone, to grant preliminary approval to the Carlson Farms PUD upon recommendation from the Planning Commission. Motion passed.

Yes: Wittenbach, Hoffman, Stone

No: Geiger-Hessler

2. Consideration of Unclassified Uses Ordinance Amendment - Would allow a use which is not classified or listed in the Ordinance by granting a special exception use. Concern by Stone and Hoffman that this ordinance amendment would apply to Residential Districts as well as Commercial and Industrial. Motion by Stone, seconded by Geiger-Hessler, to send Unclassified Uses Ordinance Amendment back to Planning Commission for reconsideration as to application in Industrial and Commercial Districts only. Motion carried.
3. Consideration of Private Road Ordinance Amendments - Motion by Geiger-Hessler, seconded by Hoffman, to table matter until December regular Township meeting thereby allowing Board members sufficient time to study the lengthy proposed amendments. Motion passed.

Greg Culross gave an overview of the proposed changes, and answered questions from the Board. Mainly, the changes have to do with inconsistencies or unnecessary language and attempts to reference the county requirements for the most part rather than setting specific Township standards.

Citizens Comments:

Al Baird questioned Stone regarding the cemetery committee. As administrator of the cemetery, she found people willing to serve on the committee. She clarified that they are volunteers performing community service, and function in an advisory capacity only.

A letter from Jeanne VanderSloot was received by the Board regarding her need for a raise. Her job has become more time-consuming and she spends more and more time at the Township office and hours at home. Current salary: \$5,000 Zoning Administrator and \$3,000 Planner/Coordinator = \$8,000. Jeanne would like to lengthen her hours until 3:00 p.m. and receive a raise of \$3,000. Motion by Geiger-Hessler, seconded by Stone, to grant a \$3,000 raise (total compensation = \$11,000) to Jeanne VanderSloot to cover the additional time required to complete her job and VanderSloot in turn will lengthen her office hours until 3:00 p.m. The raise will begin as of November 15, 1999; the raise will be reflected in equal amounts of \$1,500 added to her salary as Zoning Administrator and her salary as Planner/Coordinator totaling \$11,000. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk