

Vergennes Township Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 16, 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
 Jean Hoffman - Treasurer

Absent Members:

Vern Nauta - Trustee

The agenda for the November 16, 2009 meeting was approved as presented by Wittenbach; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the October 19 meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion by Baird; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

Public Hearings:

1. Harding SEUP for Accessory Building on Vacant Adjoining Parcel - Wittenbach opened the public hearing at 7:02. There were no public comments. Wittenbach closed the public hearing at 7:02.

2. Heffron SEUP for split for Free Standing Farm Buildings - Wittenbach opened the public hearing at 7:03. There were no public comments. Wittenbach closed the public hearing at 7:03.

Unfinished Business:

1. Harding SEUP for Accessory Building on Vacant Adjoining Parcel - The board looked over the deed restrictions. Baird motioned to approve the SEUP for the Harding's; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

2. Heffron SEUP for split for Free Standing Farm Buildings - Hoffman requested the correct address of the properties for the township records. Hoffman motioned to grant the SEUP for the Heffrons; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

1. Rezoning - Section 33 R1 to R2 - Wittenbach told the board that the planning commission had recommended the rezoning as proposed and that it fit in with the Master Plan. Stone motioned to adopt the rezoning as proposed by the planning commission; seconded by Wittenbach. A roll call vote was taken. Wittenbach, Stone, Hoffman, and Baird voted yes. Nauta was absent. **Motion Carried.**

2. Recreational Facilities Ordinance 2009-4 - Wittenbach motioned to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Baird. A roll call was taken. Wittenbach, Stone, Hoffman, and Baird voted yes. Nauta was absent. **Motion Carried.**

3. Review of Appointments and Terms of Office - The board reviewed terms to expire in December. Members will be notified and asked if they would like re-appointments.

4. Facilities Discussion-Furnace Repair/Duct Work - There is a problem with the furnace, and the solution will cost the township \$400 to replace the part now, or if we choose to wait we will need to replace the entire furnace for a cost of \$1700. The board also discussed the front door - when it snows, snow blows in because of a bad seal. Hoffman motioned to make repairs to the furnace and the door; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**

Citizen's Comments:

Stone reviewed her findings regarding recycling options with the board. She had contacted the Kent County Department of Public Works, Resource Recovery Program. A recycling bin in the parking lot would cost the township thousands of dollars to establish. She noted that there is a battery drop-off site at the Lowell Library branch, and that Lowell Light and Power accepts fluorescent bulbs. Both of these efforts participate with the Kent County program. They have created card inserts outlining their recycling programs which will be sent in the tax bill/newsletter mailing in December. It was decided that it would not be effective for the township to undertake our own efforts.

There were no citizen's comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk