

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2014

As Amended

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 pm in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Oath of Office – Welcome to Duane Rasch, Vergennes Township Trustee-

Duane Rasch was sworn in to the Vergennes Township Trustee position. He took the oath of office, and was welcomed as a member of the township board.

Members Present: Tim Wittenbach -Supervisor
Rick Gillett -Trustee
Duane Rasch -Trustee
Jean Hoffman -Treasurer
Mari Stone -Clerk

The agenda for the November 17, 2014 meeting was approved with the additions of the Fire Board Report. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Jean Hoffman; seconded Rick Gillett. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the October 20, 2014 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved as presented. The motion was made by Jean Hoffman; seconded by Rick Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

Guests – Diane Jones, County Commissioner and Captain Kevin Kelley, Kent County Sheriff's Department – Opportunity to Purchase Special Events Coverage-

Diane Jones was welcomed by the board and introduced the idea of the Kent County Sheriff department covering areas for special events. She said that money is always a topic of conversation, however the Special Events coverage is paid by the township or the event, not the county. Captain Kelley informed the board of the benefits of using a Kent County Sheriff for events in the area such as football games or races. The officers can patrol and fit the problem specific to the needs of the township or event. Some common uses for this service are for parking or general safety. This can increase the quality of life in the community and if the township needs it, the department will create a plan to take care of issues brought to their attention through the Special Events Coverage. The Sheriff department works for the township or event and for any shift that is needed. A week's notice is what is needed for the service and it costs about \$65 an hour to have the sheriff present.

Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business

New Business:

1. Review of Needed Appointments/Terms of Office

Stone updated the list of the Board of Commission members correcting the mix up of the alternate. Board discussed the list and decided to look at it until the December meeting. There is only one applicant so far and several open seats.

2. Consideration of the 2015 Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed a calendar for meetings in 2015, and will stay with the third Monday of every month for the regular Board Meetings. Stone said she would have a complete schedule with all holidays and meeting dates for the December meeting.

3. Set Date Budget Workshop

Board set a budget workshop on January 7th at 10 AM. If more time is needed, then the workshop can be finished on January 21st.

4. Fire Board Report

Wittenbach informed the Board of the topics discovered in the Fire Board Meeting. The check for the second part of the Englehardt Fund grant came in so Vergennes Township will be getting the refund for their part of the two grant checks for the new fire truck. The township will be getting about \$52,000 from the grant money. Another topic during the Fire Board Meeting that was discussed was the need for new air packs. The fire authority, along with other townships in the area, applied to FEMA to fund the purchase of the new air packs. FEMA did not have enough money to fund the purchase so the fire authority will have to purchase the air packs. The cost of these is about \$140,000, which means the Vergennes Township share would be about \$45,000. These would probably be needed soon, so the board said that some of the refund grant money might be needed to put towards this purchase. Wittenbach said that it will be *approximately* 2022 before the next fire truck will need to be purchased.

Citizens Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
