

# **Vergennes Township**- 10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell, MI 49331

## **Regular Meeting of the Township Board**

November 19, 2018

# **MINUTES**

**Call to Order-** Tim Wittenbach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call-** Members Present: Gillett, Hoffman, Mork, Rasch, and Wittenbach. Members Absent: None.

**Approval of the Agenda-** Tim Wittenbach moved and Rick Gillette seconded to approve the agenda as amended. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Acceptance of the Minutes-** Janine Mork moved and Duane Rasch seconded to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting as written. All Ayes. The Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report/Approval of Invoices-** Rick Gillette moved and Janine Mork seconded to approve the invoices as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment-** None

### **Old Business**

#### **1. Kent County Dispatch Authority Tower and Rezone**

- a. **Resolution Approval-** Tim Wittenbach moved and Rick Gillette seconded to approve the resolution to rezone the property from R1 to RA.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gillett, Hoffman, Mork, Rasch, and Wittenbach

No: None

All Ayes. The Motion Carried.

- b. **Resolution dated 10/29/18 to adopt/approve special exception use request and site plan to authorize construction of a wireless telecommunications tower at 1000 Cumberland Ave-** Rick Gillette moved and Duane Rasch seconded to adopt the Planning Commissions approved resolution allowing the special exception use request for the Kent County Dispatch Authority Tower. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. **New Township Hall Update-** Heather Hoffman presented an updated floor plan to the board and also a second option for the exterior of the building. No decision was made.

3. **Website Discussion-** The board received three quotes for a new website design. The quotes were gathered from Addorio Technologies, STG, and Revise. The goal for the website design is to be mobile friendly and ADA compliant. The board is going to do more research on the companies and their product before making a decision.

### **New Business**

1. **The Right Place-** The Right Place is a company that helps bring companies into new areas of the state to up revenue and job availability. Tim Wittenbach asked the board if they would be willing to listen to a presentation and consider donating to the company who is primarily endowment funded. The board agreed that they would be open to a presentation.
2. **Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act- Proposal 1 passed- Township discussion-**Tim Wittenbach declared a Special Board Meeting be set for December 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM to decide if the township will opt out or not.
3. **Moratorium Discussion-** The Planning Commission asked the board to consider removing the Moratorium on Solar Energy to allow for residential solar to be built for 90 days. The board chose to deny the request allowing the ordinance to be written prior to approving any new solar panels in the township.
4. **Review of Needed Appointments/Terms of Office-** Tim Wittenbach reviewed the openings available or coming available as well as the terms expiring on the many township boards and committees. He recommends sending letters and applications to the board/committee members with expiring terms asking if they would like to re-up for another term. He also asks that the vacancies be posted in the paper. Consideration of appointments will be made at December's meeting.
5. **Consideration of 2019 Meeting Schedule-** The board will continue to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Planning Commission will meet quarterly- March 4, June 3, September 9, December 2, 2019. Tim Wittenbach moved and Heather Hoffman seconded to approve the calendar for 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gillett, Hoffman, Mork, Rasch, and Wittenbach

No: None

All Ayes. The Motion Carried.

6. **Set Date for Budget Workshop-** The budget workshops will tentatively held Wednesday January 30, 2019 and February 6, 2019 at 9:00 AM.
7. **Oath of Office-** Janine Mork, Township Treasurer, and Heather Hoffman, Township Clerk, took the oath of office after being elected to their positions in the November, 6, 2018 General Election.
8. **Fire Board Discussion-** Tim Wittenbach briefed the board on the Fire Board meeting he attended. The tanker that was purchased was scheduled to arrive in December but has been delayed until February.

**Public Comment-** Sandy Miles spoke during public comment inquiring about the green belt that is supposed to be around the Beckwith Verizon cell tower site. Zoning administrator Vandersloot has photos showing the 19 approved tree on the property and the landscape plan and will provide Miles information.

**Adjournment-** Tim Wittenbach declared the meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.