

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2005

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

Members Present:	Tim Wittenbach	-	Supervisor
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Al Baird	-	Trustee
	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

Minutes of the October 17, 2005 Regular Board Meeting and the November 4, 2005 Special Meeting stand approved as presented. Treasurers Report was given. Motion by Hoffman, second by Nauta, to approve bills as presented. **Motion approved.** Motion by Nauta, seconded by Baird, to approve Agenda with the addition of No. 4 – Resolution Regarding Intergovernmental Efforts; No. 5 – Amend Budget to Include Account for Property Purchase Installment Payments; and No. 9 – Henschke Temporary Dwelling Agreement/Building Permit Extension, and the removal of Strejc Child Care Facility Public Hearing, as the result of an error in the published notice. **Motion carried.**

Public Hearing: opened at 7:10 Arrowhead Golf Course, request to place a pole building for storage in the front and side of the existing clubhouse. Josh Brewer was present to answer questions regarding his proposal to build a 64 x 40 barn to store equipment and golf carts recently purchased. He needs the permit to place the unit in the area between the clubhouse and Alden Nash Rd, on the side of the parking lot.

Tom Krebill, a neighbor to the north of the clubhouse, requested that the existing storage building, the rear of which is visible from his backyard, be cleaned up. He noted that there are abandoned vehicles and other items still outside even after speaking to Brewer about them earlier in the season. He is particularly concerned about batteries lying on the ground and possibly seeping into the water table. Brewer noted that he has had the operation for the last year, much of the junk has been taken away over the summer, and he has further plans to clean it all up. He said that they have outgrown the current storage, and that is why he is constructing an additional building.

Stone had received a call from a representative of Peter Wege, another neighboring property owner, who was inquiring about the project. No objections were raised.

Public Hearing closed at 7:25.

Unfinished Business:

1. Hunters Trace Private Road – Final Approval. Stone motioned to excuse Nauta, the applicant, from discussion and the vote. Hoffman seconded, and the **motion carried**. Williams and Works had recommended approval of final acceptance. Stone motioned to grant final approval to Hunters Run Private Road, Wittenbach seconded, and the **motion carried**.

New Business:

1. Group Day Care Permit – Heather Strejc, Grindle Drive. Ms. Strejc was present to answer questions about her application. There were no objections raised by the Board. Stone noted that the publication notice, while misdated, garnered no comments from the public. Public Hearing to be held during December Regular Board Meeting, and the Board will address the request that same evening.
2. Arrowhead Golf Course Pole Building Request – Regarding comments received at the Public Hearing, Nauta proposed restrictions on the request to ensure removal of junk. Brewer was asked about his future plans for the club house, and responded that he is concentrating on the course improvements and irrigation needs first. He would like to eventually add banquet facilities and would upgrade the clubhouse at that time. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Hoffman, to grant the Special Exception Use Permit with the stipulation that the junk is removed from the aforementioned site before a building permit is issued. Vandersloot will inspect. **Motion approved**.
3. Planning Commission Recommendation – Retirement Village Concept Discussion. Marcia Roth was present to discuss the concept of building a retirement village on property owned by her family at the NE corner of Cumberland and Vergennes. The Planning Commission had recommended she come directly to the Board to discuss since the ordinance would not currently allow the density and particular use. The Board generally agreed that this type of facility would be desirable in the community. It was noted that Vergennes is a Primary County Road, and already handles heavy traffic. The number of units would likely be the main hurdle – the Board discussed considering an amendment to the Special Exception Use Section of the Ordinance adding this type of facility. The applicant understands the likely use of a community sewer to serve the project – they are familiar with the concept as used in Bieri Industrial Park. Roth agreed to consult directly with Jay Kilpatrick of Williams and Works for further guidance and advice.
4. Resolution Regarding Intergovernmental Efforts – In discussion, Wittenbach noted that the resolution under consideration is simply a public statement in affirmation of our past opinions. Hoffman motioned to adopt Resolution 7-2005 Supporting Enhanced Intergovernmental Efforts in the Lowell Community. Wittenbach seconded, and the motion carried.

5. Budget Amendment – Creation of an account is needed in order to make installment payments for the property purchased at 1120 Lincoln Lake Ave. NE. Stone motioned to amend the 05-06 fiscal year budget to add an account in the amount of \$10,800.00 for this purpose. Nauta seconded and the motion carried.

Citizens Comments

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk