

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2007

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

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

The agenda for the October 15, 2007 was approved with one addition by Nauta; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the September 17, 2007 meeting were approved with changes by Wittenbach; seconded by Nauta. **Motion Carried.** Treasurer's report read and approved. There was a motion to approved the bills with one addition by Hoffman; seconded by Baird.

Public Hearing: Baird Accessory Building Request – Jeanne Vandersloot, zoning administrator, stated the accessory building should be on a three-acre parcel in case it will be split. She also stated it needs to be screened. The proposed location is on 3-Mile Rd. west of Fallasburg Dr and meets all proposed setbacks and screenings. The hearing was opened at 7:07 and closed at 7:08 with no public comments. There was a motion to excuse Baird from the following discussion by Hoffman; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business:

1. Baird Accessory Dwelling – Mr. Baird stated that the accessory building is about 250 feet away from his house and would have its own driveway. A previously used agreement will be used for this dwelling. It stipulates such things as health department visits, and annual reviews. Stone's concern is that the township must do the follow ups. Roger O'Dell stated that he thinks it is a mistake to have the area screened and the agreement should be less objective and not say Baird Family. He thinks in the future the dwelling could be rented and be split off from the property. On the old agreement, number one will be replaced with Baird Family. There was a motion by Nauta to permit this SEUP subject to the agreement being signed; seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**

New Business

1. Resolution – Penalty Waiver, Failure to Notify Re: Public Transfer – There was a motion to approve a penalty waiver if someone fails to notify the township of public transfer of land by Wittenbach; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**
2. Marc Kidder – Fuhr Private Road Update & Extension Request – Dan Valley will be doing the contracting and the township engineer will do inspections. To pave the road, it must be 45 degrees, so an extension until June would give enough time to build the road. There was a motion to extend the building of the road to June 1, 2008 by Wittenbach; seconded by Nauta. **Motion Carried.**

3. Road Commission Recommendation Payment Plan – The Township must pay for what has been finished since June 2006 and the engineer fees. There was a motion to agree to the pay schedule by Stone; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**
4. Planning Commission Recommendation –Ordinance Amendment #2007-2 –
 - a. This ordinance will allow for windmills 30-35 feet. A SEUP will be needed for any larger ones. Sound levels, braking system, a building permit, a rights of transfer if sold will all be checked/needed when putting one in.
 - b. The marina regulations will be added to the lake residential district and key residential districts. Lally and Alden Nash Ave covers the marina area on and off water. Buildings built in this area will have architecture similar to the area, and storage will be screened. Any off street parking must meet any DNR requirement, and outdoor storage requires lighting. This will also be SEUP. The marina area is set up this way because the planning commission felt it wasn't necessary to rezone Lally/Alden Nash for business. The size and impact will be minimal. Shops could include ice cream, canoe, bait and tackle, bakeries and cafes. Larry Roelofs, 11665 Lally St., would like the board to wait to vote until the residents of Murray Lake to look at the ordinance. He also doesn't want office buildings built. 3753 Alden Nash, says the Murray Lake Association is a tight knit group and they would like to be more aware things pertaining to them. Alan Rumbaugh, 4361 Causeway, likes the fact that area wouldn't be rezoned and is a SEUP instead. The board will remove the word offices since it describes something more that is described in the ordinance. There was a motion to adopt these ordinances as presented with the exception of removing office under the definition by Nauta; seconded by Stone. There was a roll call vote showing, Nauta, Stone, Wittenbach, Hoffman, and Baird in favor. **Motion Carried.**
5. Henry Anderson – Photo Show Calendar Request – Anderson would like to sell a calendar with photos taken from the eastern Kent County townships photo contest. There was a motion to not allow Anderson to sell the calendars at the township by Wittenbach; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**
6. Census Bureau Project – An update of street addresses needs to be done before the next census. The estimated time for the project is 105 hours, so someone needs to be designated to the project. Star Palasek and Janine Mork will work together to cross-reference the street addresses, and check for new streets and roads since 2000. There was a motion to offer Palasek and Mork to work on the project together and report how it is coming after the first month by Hoffman; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.**

Citizens Comments

Jeanne Vandersloot said that 853 Montcalm has been cleaned up so a ticket will no longer be issued to them. There are two people interested in buying the house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Mari Stone, Clerk