

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2012

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
	Jean Hoffman	-Treasurer
	Rick Gillett	-Trustee
	Al Baird	-Trustee

The agenda for the October 15, 2012 meeting was approved with a motion made by Al Baird; seconded by Rick Gillett. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the Sept 17, 2012 meeting were approved as presented. Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion made by Jean Hoffman; seconded by Al Baird. **Motion Carried.**

Guests: KDL Director, Lance Werner; Chuck Myers, Board Chair – The annual update from the Kent District Library was presented. The Director and Chair described the 2013 budget, commenting that they have the same figures to work with as the 2005 budget, but are serving more patrons. The Engelhardt branch alone sees 10,000 visitors a month. Myers commented that they are just “making do with less,” relying on retirements to cut back on staffing. Many awards have been achieved this past year, including being named a “National Star Library”, one of only three in Michigan.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Flat River Watershed Group – Chuck Stribley – Stribley is a Vergennes Township resident who is active in this group which seeks to protect the water a stream quality of the Flat River. They have been monitoring water quality, temperatures, and erosion for the past year using a small grant from the Michigan DEQ. They are following up with a \$200K request to the DEQ for a comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, and are asking for support from the township, specifically the have a representative serve on the Steering Committee for an estimated \$335 value of time. The Board was not in agreement to this proposal, preferring to take a wait and see approach, but told Stribley his presentation was appreciated and they looked forward to updates from the group.

2. Snow Plow Bids – Bids were sought by three local providers, but Scenic Expressions was the only company to provide one. The company has had the contract for several years, and has done a fine job, and their price has not been substantially raised. Stone motioned to hire Scenic Expressions at their seasonal rate (with a pre-paid discount) of \$1108.80, Hoffman seconded, and **the motion carried.**

There were no citizen's comments, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Mari Stone, Clerk