

# **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**October 16, 2000**

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:06 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Members Present:	Tim Wittenbach	-	Supervisor
	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Susan Geiger-Hessler	-	Trustee
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
	Mark Weber	-	Trustee

Weber, seconded by Geiger-Hessler, made a motion to approve both the minutes of the September 18, 2000 regular meeting (after amending minutes to note correct date of meeting) and September 18, 2000 Special Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board. Treasurer's Report accepted as read. Motion by Geiger-Hessler, seconded by Weber, to approve bills as read including Williams & Works invoice. Motion approved. Drafts 4063 through 4099 were issued.

### **New Business:**

1. Consideration of Manufactured Home Developments Ordinance Amendment. Amendment to ordinance is first step of a two step process; i.e. approval of Vergennes Township own site plan review (to be legal and not open to lawsuit); and approval by Mobile Home Association. Cascade litigation involves minimum of three months to years; decision most likely will be appealed. Planning Commission recommends the Township Board adopt Manufactured Home Developments Ordinance Amendment. Weber made a motion, seconded by Stone, to adopt Manufactured Home Developments Ordinance amendment as recommended by Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote: All yes.

2. Gypsy Moth Survey/Map Agreement. Agreement with Aquatic (SP?) Surveys to go over total township and evaluate problem areas and develop map of the township: \$6,200 (\$200 higher than last year). The survey of the township to begin end of October – beginning of November 2000. Belief is that the concentration of gypsy moths to be much less than last year. Motion by Stone, seconded by Hoffman, to accept agreement with Aquatic (SP?) Surveys to pay \$6,200 for gypsy moth survey of township and production of township map indicating areas of varying degrees of gypsy moth concentration. Motion carried.

3. Request from Fallasburg Historical Society. Historical Society would like the Board to designate certain areas as historic landmarks; not the whole Village of Fallasburg. Vergennes Township Board has never officially designated highlighted properties highlighted on map submitted by the Historical Society nor has the Board ever designated a Fallasburg Historic District. Historical Society holding meeting Thursday, October 22, 2000. Board does not have to accept their recommendation. Wittenbach to attend the above meeting. Issue tabled until next regular meeting of Vergennes Township Board.

4. Kent County Fire Commission Question. Theory is that more people = better rates. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Geiger-Hessler, to include Sparta Township and Village of Sparta within the Kent County Fire Commission.
5. Policy Discussion Concerning Attorney. Some discussion regarding latest invoice for services rendered; issue centered around telephone discussion between Cooper and Doezema before actual application for rezoning on 8/7/00 by Cooper. Blurring of roles between Township planning coordinator, planner and attorney. Township needs policy clarifying job descriptions of each position. Outline from Township Board indicating its expectations and services required along with parameters of each position. Board decided to ask Pete Gustafson, Chair of ZBA, to meet with Tim Wittenbach, Jeannie VanderSloot and Planning Commission Chair Vern Nauta to discuss these roles and draw up a list of guidelines for each position.
6. Jeanne VanderSloot. Request for new zoning map by Williams & Works. \$500 initial fee (1 large map + overlays; small maps); updates \$50-\$100 each depending upon scope of amendment changes. Cost to by own program anywhere from \$1,000-\$1,200; but copier to handle large paper also required. Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Stone, to hire Williams & Works to develop new Vergennes Township zoning map for \$500 which includes one large map plus overlays and several small maps. Motion approved.

Discussion regarding cutting within 25' vegetation strip belonging to county. VanderSloot brought up issue regarding other individuals besides supervisor being appointed to issue infraction tickets in his absence for an emergency situation; possibly a telephone/personal poll of Board. Ordinance vague if Board approval needed. Township attorney, Jim Doezema, to determine correct method.

It was noted by Hoffman that Township Board agreement with Kazemier ended April 2000. The trailer was to be removed from the property at that time. To date, removal has not occurred. Jeanne VanderSloot to check into this matter.

**Citizens' Comments:**

A group of citizens concerned about rezoning or possible creation of new district (R4) of land at Foreman and Alden Nash (Cooper) requested updates from the Board and indicated a desire to work with the Board for an educated and appropriate decision on possible rezoning. Request the Board look at all viable options; think ahead on the planning side (future) of rezoning; form a subcommittee. Board indicated there has been no recommendation from Planning Commission at this time.

Stone noted thanks to Susan Geiger-Hessler and Mark Weber for time spent as trustees for Vergennes Township. This is their last meeting before the election and new trustees, Al Baird and Vern Nauta, accept their positions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mari Stone, Clerk