

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2008

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
Vern Nauta - Trustee
Al Baird - Trustee

The agenda for the October 20, 2008 meeting was approved with the addition of discussing the status of the old piano by Nauta; seconded by Baird. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the September 15 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion by Baird; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business:

1. **Lowell "Cable TV" Fund Representative-** Peggy Culvert informed the board that the Lowell City Council had decided to cut the Vergennes representation down to one person despite the fact that representation is supposed to be done by population percentages. It was decided to bring this back next month in unfinished business.

New Business:

1. **Disposition of Old Copy Machine-** Alton Bible Church has offered to buy the Twp.'s old copy machine for \$750. A motion was made to excuse Wittenbach from the vote by Stone; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.** Another motion was made to accept Alton Bible Church's offer of \$750 for the old copy machine by Hoffman; seconded by Nauta. **Motion Carried.**

2. **Betsy Davidson-Update on Technology Projects-** Betsy Davidson informed the board that since Vergennes Twp. upgraded its telecommunications/internet access it would be greatly reducing troubleshooting costs. The new computer and printer/copier that the Twp. purchased are saving money compared to buying the REGIS system. She also informed the board that the Canon scanner/copier/fax was working extremely well. The board learned that it would be a good idea to hold off the purchase of the ARCVIEW software since it may not be necessary with the county project's software package. It was suggested by Davidson that the board consider investing in a program that would backup and store data from the Township's system automatically rather than having to take the backup tapes offsite. If the Township used this system, it would cost \$34.95 a month.

3. **Old Piano Space -** The board discussed what should be done with the piano in the hallway so that they could maximize available space for the upcoming elections. It was decided, without a motion, that Stone should look into disposing of it.

The Citizen's comments were as follows:

Covert noted that the Lowell City Council would like to have the surrounding Townships of Lowell and Vergennes record their meetings with video so that a "historical library" may be created. She also informed the board that the peoples group "the Lowell Area Voice" was investigating various discrepancies with the way Lowell area is run. On another subject, Stone informed Covert that the Vergennes Twp. newsletter would include information for residents on how to dispose of the mustard plant.

Hoffman asked about the Henschke property. The progress report stated that no significant progress had been made.

It was also discussed by members that Bruce Langlois had several junk vehicles, including the same blue truck he was cited for earlier this year, in his yard on Beckwith, which violated the ruling that the judge had made last spring. He received an e-mail from Vandersloot, and later removed the vehicles.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully Submitted,
