

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2014

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
Vern Nauta -Trustee
Rick Gillett -Trustee
Jean Hoffman -Treasurer
Mari Stone -Clerk

The agenda for the October 20, 2014 meeting was approved as presented. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Tim Wittenbach; seconded Rick Gillett. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the September 15, 2014 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved as presented. Hoffman commented that the City of Lowell bill will be held until November when the refund money from the Fire Truck comes in. The motion was made by Jean Hoffman; seconded by Vern Nauta. **Motion Carried.**

Public Hearing – Dave Buckias, SEUP Request for Garage Site

The public hearing opened and 7:10. There were no citizen comments. The public hearing closed a minute later.

Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business

New Business:

1. Dave Buckias, SEUP Request for Garage Site

Dave Buckias approached the board to request a special use permit for a garage on his property. He needs a special permit because the building is further than 75 feet away from the house. Hoffman motioned to approve the SEUP for the garage site; seconded by Nauta. **Motion Carried.**

The board then went outside to look over the new fire truck which was just purchased by the Lowell Area Fire Authority.

2. Snow Plow Bid Approval

The township received a snow plow bid from Scenic Expressions for \$1735.00 for the year. This includes shoveling, plowing and salting for the township hall. Wittenbach motioned to approve Scenic Expressions bid and to use them as the townships snow removal service for this year; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

3. Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Board discussed the proposed ordinance which is focused on off street parking of vehicles in the Industrial and Commercial Districts. Stone motioned to approve Ordinance 2014-2, which amends section 201.417 of the Zoning Ordinance; seconded by Gillett. A roll call vote was taken, and all were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Discussion was also held on a proposed ordinance to add regulations regarding the raising and/or possession of domesticated farm animals upon residential property. Gillett motioned to approve Ordinance 2014-3 as presented; seconded by Nauta. A roll call vote was taken, and all were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

4. Alden Nash Property Development Discussion

The owner of a large parcel of property on Alden Nash is interested in developing a residential development. The development would be about 90 homes – the owner would like to start building in the Spring of 2015. The parcel is about 100 acres and is currently in the R1 District. The homes would be served by the Lowell Township water system. The Board discussed options regarding sewer/septic. The developer has told the township that the demand for housing in this area is on the rise.

The J&H storm water issue is in the process of being resolved. The oil company contacted the road commission and they are going to look into the issue and see if more ditching needs to occur along Lincoln Lake.

Citizens Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
