

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2013

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

Members Absent: Al Baird -Trustee

The agenda for the October 21, 2013 meeting was approved as presented. Motion made by Rick Gillett; seconded by Jean Hoffman. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the September 16, 2013 meeting were approved with the addition of fire truck replacing one truck and the other truck is being repurposed. Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved. Board discussed the bills from the Road Commission. The township received two bills, one for the McPherson project which was for \$65,352.45 and the other bill is for the Dust Layer and the amount was for \$7,253.00. Wittenbach motioned to pay the bills and to pay half of the McPherson bill now and the rest of the bill in January, and to pay the full amount of the Dust Layer bill; seconded by Jean Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

1. Snow Plow Bid Approval-

Stone informed the board that the township has received one bid from Scenic Expressions for snow plowing. They are the same company that did the plowing last year. The township will save 4% if they pay the full amount by November 1st. Stone motioned to use Scenic Expression again for this winter and to pay the full amount by November 1st so that they will get the discount; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

2. J&H Request to Extend Site Plan Approval-

The board received a letter requesting for the site plan to be extended for one year. Wittenbach motioned to extend the J&H request for another year; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

3. Witt's Inn SEUP Request-

Stone motioned to excuse Wittenbach from Discussion; seconded by Hoffman. Motion Carried.

Wittenbach presented the board with his plan to build a 30 by 60 pavilion. Currently Witt's Inn uses tents and they would like to put in a more permanent structure. Stone motioned to set the public hearing for the November meeting; seconded by Gillett. **Motion Carried.**

Wittenbach re-entered the meeting.

Jeanne Vandersloot informed the board that the Planning Commission had a few questions about the Internet Antenna Tower Ordinance. The Planning Commission wanted to know how quickly the board wanted them to work on the ordinance. Williams and Works looked at the ordinance and it only applies to receiving towers, not transmitting towers. There are not many internet tower ordinances in Michigan because the regulations are usually under the cell tower ordinance for the townships. The board decided to sit on this ordinance for a while and to find out more information before the Planning Commission spends too much time on this issue.

Jeanne Vandersloot also said that it might be a good idea to have a board member present at the Planning Commission meetings. Al Baird was the representative but since he has been sick he has been unable to attend the meetings. Gillett said he would attend the meetings in case the Planning Commission has questions for the board. The next Planning Commission meeting is January 6.

Citizen's Comments:

There were no citizen's comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
