

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2005

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Members Present:	Tim Wittenbach	-	Supervisor
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

Member Absent:	Al Baird	-	Trustee
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Minutes of the August 16, 2005 Regular Board Meeting stand approved as presented. Motion by Nauta, second by Hoffman, to approve payment of invoices as presented. **Motion approved.** Motion by Nauta, second by Hoffman, to approve Agenda with addition of No. 7 – 425 Agreement Discussion. **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business:

1. Purchase Agreement – Vredenberg Property. Motion to accept and approve the land contract to purchase 22 acres of property located at 1120 Lincoln Lake NE, and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract as the Township representative. **Motion approved.**

New Business:

1. 10/15 Fireworks Permit, Ken Roth Property – Michigan Pyrotechnics. Ken Roth was present with John Shupe of the Michigan Pyrotechnics Arts Guild to answer questions regarding the proposed shoot to take place on October 15th. It is meant to be a practice and display event for members of the guild. Insurance has been secured naming the township as insured, and the Fire Chief has been notified and consulted. Motion by Stone, seconded by Nauta to grant the fireworks display permit. **Motion carried.**
2. Resolution Adoption – National Incident Management System. Motion by Stone, seconded by Hoffman, to adopt Resolution 6-2005 regarding participation in the National Incident Management System. **Motion carried.**
3. Approval of Township Millage Rate for 2005. Hoffman commented that with the Headley amendment the amount the township collects each year is getting smaller and smaller. The Board discussed what is entailed in opting to collect the entire 1 mil – public notice and a hearing – and decided to discuss this as an option for next year at a budget meeting in January. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Stone, to set the 2005

Millage rate for Vergennes at the .8732 figure as allowed under the Headley Amendment.
Motion carried.

4. Grattan Sewer Operations Agreement. Wittenbach motioned to accept the agreement as presented in the 9/16/05 correspondence from Jim Doezema, with the understanding that we will revisit it if Grattan has any comments or changes. Stone seconded, and the **motion carried.**
5. **Private Road Final Approvals.**

Alder Meadow Court – Jim Sturris was present requesting final approval for his road. Vandersloot commented that the Township Engineer will be performing final borings shortly, but that everything else is in order. Nauta motioned to grant final approval to Alder Meadows Court pending the engineers report. Hoffman seconded and the **motion carried.**

Wright Woods – Several members of the DeWitt family were present for the approval. Outstanding issues: All but one person has signed the road maintenance agreement and it then needs to be recorded at the County; an additional escrow deposit needs to be made in the amount of \$1000; Township Engineer needs to submit the final inspection report but it has been inspected; the vegetation growth near the entrance is not sufficient and there is some ponding occurring on Fallasburg in front of the road that needs resolution. The applicants are aware of these issues and all are being addressed within the next few days. Motion by Stone, seconded by Hoffman, to grant final approval of Wright Woods Dr. contingent upon the afore mentioned issues being resolved. **Motion carried.**

6. Building Inspector and Township Mileage Reimbursement. Since the cost of gas has skyrocketed recently, the schedules should be adjusted. Stone motioned to raise the Building Inspector's fee rate from 65% to 70% of the building fee, Hoffman seconded, and the motion carried. Hoffman motioned to set the mileage reimbursement figure to match the amount allowed under Federal law as it changes. Nauta seconded, and the motion carried.
7. 425 Agreement Discussion. Wittenbach had met with Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale, and the two had outlined some of the issues. It was questioned if the members representing the two municipalities would remain the same – Vergennes will stay with Wittenbach and Stone. A meeting will be held on the 28th to continue the negotiations. The Boundary Commission will meet again on October 20th in Lansing.

There were no Citizen Comments. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk