

# *Vergennes Township*

## Regular Meeting Minutes

September 15, 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 September 15, 2008 meeting was approved as presented by Nauta; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the August 18 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report and bills were read and approved with a motion by Baird; seconded by Nauta. **Motion Carried.**

### **Unfinished Business:**

**1. Victory Woods Pvt. Rd.-Update-**Survey markers showed that Victory Woods Pvt. Road is where it is supposed to be. It was suggested that the township gets together with Williams and Works to discuss status of road.

### **New Business:**

**1. Proposal for copier/scanner-**Stone presented a proposal to the members regarding a Canon copier/scanner/printer. The two options for acquiring this equipment are buying it outright or leasing it. To buy it outright would cost the township \$6499. The existing LACF grant for Arcview software and printer is \$2300. It was suggested that the township could also try to sell current copier for additional funds. Hoffman suggested buying it outright rather than having a lease. Nauta suggested looking at Lowell Township's copier/scanner to see how user friendly it is. Baird suggested it be purchased with a return policy that would allow them to return the system if the township was not pleased with it's performance and usability. Nauta made the motion to purchase it outright contingent on the users finding it acceptable. Seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

**2. Lowell Cable Fund-Vergennes Representation-**The Lowell City Council has decided to have the townships of Lowell and Vergennes have representation on this fund board. Board needs to appoint someone to represent Vergennes. The Board will visit this again next month after more information is received.

**3. AT&T Township-Wide High Speed Update** –Township is trying to bring in competition from other companies such as Verizon. It was suggested that the township attorney investigate laws about the issue, and the Board agreed. Baird suggested a PSC complaint. The attorney should also be asked if there is basis for a PSC complaint.

Nauta asked about the Henschke property. Owner obtained a building permit but no siding has gone up to date. No further building appears to be going on. She hired the builder that the building inspector recommended. Stone suggested that Vandersloot put something together for the township's attorney to look into this matter.

The Citizen's comments were as follows:

Peggy Covert informed members that the 27 acre Boy Scout property is now part of the park system in Lowell. The city is still forcing renters who are currently on the land to vacate premises. City of Lowell will likely then try to annex the 3-acre section that is in Vergennes twp. She was wondering if anything could be done to prevent this. Stone suggested that the township could always use a petition for detachment if that happened.

Dave S. said that Murray Lake Elementary School put up a 5 ft. fence. He was going to probably put up shrubbery along it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21.

Respectfully Submitted,

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