

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2013

As amended

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 September 16, 2013 meeting was approved with the addition of Fire Truck Discussion and Windows Discussion. Motion made by Tim Wittenbach; seconded by Jean Hoffman. **Motion Carried.** The minutes for the August 19, 2013 Regular meeting and September 4, 2013 Special meeting were approved as presented. Treasurer's report and bills were read and approved as presented with the addition of \$1470 for Dirt Cheap Excavating. Motion made by Jean Hoffman; seconded by Mari Stone. **Motion Carried.**

Guest - KDL Annual Update - Representatives Michelle Boisvenue Fox, KDL Assistant Director; Charles Myers, KDL Board Chair; and Sandy Graham, acting Engelhardt Branch Manager each gave a brief address to the board. The library is functioning efficiently and is managed very well. The library's budget for this year is about \$14,396,000 which is more than \$100,000 less than last year. However this has not affected the employment or general performance of the library as a whole. The Englehardt Library has advanced in technology this past year by buying a larger number of eBooks and the WiFi use by visitors has increased as well. The library has received two awards this year, the Star Library Award and the Epic Business Award. Currently the library has a special event every Saturday that is called "Learning in the Lobby". This is a time where someone can show their hobby to visitors. Overall, the library is bringing in a lot of visitors and is doing well.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

1. Fireworks Permit - Ken Roth Farm

This is the same organization which has requested permit approval for about 10 years. There have been no problems in the past. Stone motioned to approve the Fireworks Permit for Ken Roth Farms; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion Carried.**

2. Fire Truck Discussion-

Wittenbach told the board that the Lowell Area Fire Authority has recommended the purchase of a new fire truck from a list of bidders. The price of the truck is \$565,471 which comes fully built and equipped and will be replacing two vehicles, *one totally and one that will be re-purposed.* The total price for each authority would be about \$190,000. If each authority pays \$60,000 by December, then there will be a \$7,000 discount off the price of the vehicle. The fire authority board said that they are going to apply to the Englehardt Fund to cover some of the cost. The truck will take about 325 days to build, so it will not be finished until about June. Gillett motioned to participate moving forward with this truck and that the township will pay \$60,000 by December and \$130,000 when the truck gets delivered; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

3. Windows Discussion-

Hoffman stated that the windows at the township hall need to be fixed soon. The board said that they would get somebody into the township hall to look at fixing them.

Stone commented to the board that the township regulations do not apply to antenna towers that are used for receiving. The planner is working on something to show the Planning Commission to see if they need to change the regulations.

There were no updates on the gas station. They are currently trying to buy out Subway in Lowell so that it can move into the new gas station. If the building of the gas station does not happen soon then they will need to get new permits for the project.

Citizen's Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
