

Vergennes Township – 10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell, MI 49331

Regular Meeting of the Township Board

January 20, 2020

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 p.m. Pledge followed.

Roll Call –Gillett, Hoffman, Wittenbach, Mork and Rash were all present, none were absent.

Approval of the Agenda – Motion made by Gillett to accept the agenda as presented. Mork seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Acceptance of the December 16, 2019 Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Hoffman motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Gillett seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer’s report was given and bills were presented. Mork motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report and approve the bills. Gillett seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Public comment – There was no public comment

Old Business –

1. **New Township Hall Building Project Progress** – Preliminary construction prints. The board reviewed the plans and discussed. The board agreed to discuss further at the Wednesday, January 22 budget meeting.

New Business –

1. **Fire Authority Discussion** – Report from Fire Authority Board Representatives and discussion by board. Board in agreement to continue discussion at a later time.
2. **Concrete ramp discussion** – 13922 Thompson Dr – Zoning Administrator presented a report showing non-compliant floating dock and extension of non-compliant ramp. Board to review information and discuss at a later time.
3. **Draft Ordinance for Dwelling Accommodations recommended to the Board by the Planning Commission – Ordinance 2020-01** – Gillett motioned to accept the Planning

commission recommendation and adopt Ordinance 2020-01 “Ordinance for Dwelling Accommodation Requests” as presented. Roll call vote - Mork, Rasch, Hoffman, Gillett, and Wittenbach all voted yes, there were none opposed. **Motion carried.**

4. **LCTV endowment fund grant application** - Board in agreement to request grant for anything related to the community room and kitchen in the new Township Hall or other areas that will benefit Township Residents.
5. **Election Equipment discussion** – Presentation from Clerk on the increased number of voter registrations and absentee voter applications and the need for additional election equipment for a absent voter counting board. This Board would allow all Absent Voter ballots to be processed in its own precinct. The Board agreed to purchase a Dominion tabulator for the cost of \$5295.00. Hoffman has applied to the Bureau of Elections for a grant to fund ½ the cost.
6. **Community Expo** – Board agreed to not participate in the Expo.
7. **Election update** – Clerk shared that Election Inspectors are still needed.
8. **LARA update – Phase 2 project** – Hoffman provided information to the board regarding current project obstacles - the permit application to allow the Phase 2 project trail to cross the Railroad under the trestle bridge was denied, the LARA board is researching alternate routes to complete this phase, there was discussion about water issues and the current flooding of the Cooper Woodland Trail due to the run-off from the new Nursing Home development and their method of dispersing water from that property.

Public comments - There were none

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

The next regular meeting is February 17, 2020