

Vergennes Township – 10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell, MI 49331

Regular Meeting of the Township Board

April 20, 2020

Minutes

This meeting was held electronically via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:02 p.m. Pledge followed.

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

Approval of the Agenda – Motion made by Gillett to accept the agenda as amended by deleting annual meeting minutes that will be approved at the next annual meeting and adding New Business #5, considering lawn care bids from Scenic Expressions and Wittenbach Services. Mork seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the March 16, 2020 Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Gillett motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Rasch seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer’s report was given and bills were presented, adding one that had been omitted to Wittenbach Services for \$2300.00 for tree removal at Krum Cemetery and Fallasburg Cemetery. Gillett motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report and approve the bills with the addition. Hoffman seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Public comment – There was no public comment

Public Hearing: Murray Lake Marina –To Amend Special Exception Use Permit (SEUP) to allow a roof and sides to cover the existing cement to be constructed.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:11 p.m.

Public comment: None.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:11p.m.

Old Business –

- 1. Township Hall New Building Project Update** –The project is delayed due to the stay-at-home order. There was discussion about how the revenue sharing may impact the project. Further discussion is needed.

- 2. Lowell Area Fire Authority Board** – Fire Authority Board Consultant Update – Vergennes Township provided all of the 2019-2020 fire reports to McGrath. Wittenbach reported that McGrath is doing what he can via email.

New Business –

- 1. Murray Lake Marina** - Amend Special Exception Use Permit – Hoffman motioned to amend the SEUP at 3051 Alden Nash Ave NE to allow them to cover the concrete area with a lean-to as presented. Gillett seconded the motion. Roll Call vote – Rasch, Gillett, Hoffman, Mork, and Wittenbach all voted yes. **Motion carried.**
- 2. LARA – New members** – LARA Board is recommending two new members to be appointed to the Board: Amanda Rogers - Lowell Township Citizen Rep, Laura Garrison – At Large Member, alternate – Tom Gossiaux (non-voting alternate). Gillett motioned to accept the new members and Mork seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
- 3. Designation of Township Attorney, Auditor, Engineer, and Planner** – Wittenbach motioned that the Township continue to use Jim Dozema with Foster Swift as the designated township attorney, auditor- Hungerford Nichols, Engineering Firm and Planner- Dave Austin @ Williams and Works. Hoffman seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
- 4. Approval of designated Depository Institutions** – Mork motioned that the township continue to use the current depository institutions: Michigan Class, Mercantile Bank, Fifth Third and Kent County Pooled Investment. Gillett seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
- 5. Lawn care bids from Scenic Expressions and Wittenbach Services**– Lawn care bids were received for both township hall buildings and for the cemeteries. Wittenbach motioned that we accept the bid from Scenic Expressions and pay up front for the work. The board held discussion. Mork seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion Carried.**

Zoning Administration report – nothing new to report

Public comments - None

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting is May 18, 2020