

Vergennes Township – 10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell, MI 49331

Regular Meeting of the Township Board

July 20, 2020

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:01 p.m. Pledge followed.

Roll Call – Rasch, Gillett, Mork, Ford, Wittenbach present.

Approval of the Agenda – Motion made by Wittenbach to approve the agenda with addition of New Business #7 and #8. Mork supported the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Township Board Minutes – Motion made by Mork to approve the minutes with corrections. Gillett supported the motion. All present members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the June 22, 2020 Special Meeting of the Township Board Minutes – Gillett motioned to approve the minutes, supported by Rasch. All present members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the July 9, 2020 Special Meeting of the Township Board Minutes – Gillett motioned to approve the minutes, supported by Mork. All present members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report – Treasures' report was given. Gillett motioned to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Mork supported the motion. All present members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

Old Business –

1. **New Township Hall Building** – The project is moving forward and the August 4 election will be held there.
2. **COVID – 19 Policy Review** – Policy visited. No questions, comments, or changes.
3. **Fire Authority Board** – Meeting July 25th to spec out the new county truck. Will receive \$200,000 to go towards the truck. Goes out for bids soon. The vacancy on the Fire Authority Board for Vergennes Township remains.

New Business –

1. **Election Updates** – Resolution 2020-02 – Regarding campaigning on township owned property. Must be careful to ensure there are no obstacles to voting in person. The County is supplying a box of PPE, unsure of contents. The State provided a budget but no guarantee that supplies will be delivered in time. Everything is all set with election inspectors and receiving board. Resolution submitted to avoid concerns with campaigning on election on the township property. Ford makes a motion to adopt the resolution and Gillett supported. Roll call vote. Wittenbach, Mork, Gillett, Rasch, and Ford voted yes. **Resolution passes.**

2. **Payroll Policy** – Gillett motioned to accept the payroll policy. Rasch supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
3. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Ordinance 2020-02** - Temporary Housing ordinance and Language changes. Wittenbach motioned to accept. Gillett Supported. Roll call vote. Ford, Wittenbach, Mork, Gillett and Rasch voted yes. **Ordinance 2020-02 to amend zoning ordinances passed.**
4. **Ridgeview Estates PUD** – For safety and first responders, the road will go straight across Alden Nash connecting to established development across the street. Master deed has met all the requirements. Gillett motioned to accept the PUD contingent on withdrawal from P.A. 260 and tax payment. Rasch seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motioned passed.**
5. **Special Exception Use Permit – 825 O.E. Bieri Dr – NUVU Real Estate LLC** – Privately owned fitness area. Contract trainers. Sports areas and personal trainer areas. Rent by the hour spots. Tennis, Basketball, and Wrestling. Not specific to school sports. Open to all ages. Zoning Administrator recommends sending application to planning commission. Mork motions to forward to planning commission. Gillett supports. All members vote yes. **Motion carried.** (Planning Commission Meeting is August 10)
6. **Noise Complaint** – Sheriff requests noise ordinance clarification. Continual complaints about continual shooting. Recorded decimal level of noise from the shooting coming from 13980 Bieri and audio recordings with the dates and police report number were submitted by homeowners John Forsberg and Morgan Jarema of 850 Montcalm. Gillett motioned to have Zoning Administrator talk to the Township Attorney about what the township can do to enforce the ordinance. Mork supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
7. **Painted Turtle On Premises Tasting Room Approval** – Changing the approval for off-premises tasting room permit to on-premises tasting room permit. Gillett motion to give local government approval. Rasch seconded. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
8. **Blair Letter** – Gillett motioned to reject the request of 90 day extension and give 45 days from the date of the letter. Wittenbach supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Zoning Report – Jeanne Vandersloot gave a report to the board and answered questions.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm

