

Vergennes Township - 10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell MI 49331
Regular Meeting of the Township Board
February 17, 2020

Minutes

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

Roll Call – Wittenbach, Gillette, Rasch, Hoffman were all present, Mork absent at start time.

Approval of the Agenda - Hoffman motioned to accept the agenda as presented, and Gillette seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Mork arrived at meeting at 7:05 p.m. after hitting a deer.

Approval of the January 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of the January 22, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of the January 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Gillett motioned to accept all three Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Rasch seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's report was read and the bills were presented - Gillett motioned to accept the report as read and to approve the bills. Rasch seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Guest: John Bagley, Conservation Coordinator – Kent Conservation District Strike Team – Invasive Species work – John Bagley informed the Board about the work the team does, and explained that it is funded with a grant that is ending. He offered to do a roadside survey for the Township and give a quote to treat township.

Guest: Lisa Plank – Lowell Area Historical Museum Annual Report – Lisa Plank presented the report of 2019 museum activities. The museum has seen a large increase in attendance and website visits.

Guest: Sandy Graham – KDL – Sandy Graham updated the board regarding Vergennes Township residents' usage of the library.

Public comment - none

Old Business -

1. **New Township Hall Update progress** - Spitzley reported to Hoffman that construction drawings are on track. Hoffman and Spitzley will set date for special meeting.

New Business –

1. **Salary Resolution 2020-02** – Motion by Gillett to accept the amended salary resolution 2020-02. Wittenbach seconded the motion. **Salary Resolution 2020- Salary Resolution was adopted as follows:** Supervisor salary from \$26085 to \$27400; Clerk's salary from \$26085 to \$27400; Treasurer's salary from \$26085 to \$27400. Assessor

Salary remains at \$27050. Assessing Office Assistant remains at \$15.50 per hour. Zoning Administrator remain at \$15340; Planning Administrator remain at \$15340; Deputy Clerk remain at \$20.50 per hour; Deputy Treasurer raise to \$20.50 per hour; Reception/Building Department Administration from \$15.50 per hour raised to \$15.50 per hour; Trustee's Salary from \$3,000 to \$3,150 per year salary; Planning & Zoning Commission remain at \$100 per diem; Board of Review: March \$200; July \$50; Dec \$50; Org Mtg: \$25 - \$325 All Board members voted yes; None no- **Motion Carried**

2. **Fire Authority Discussion** – Wittenbach updated the board. Chairman and Vergennes Representative Jim Herb's resignation was discussed. Wittenbach provided an update on McGrath proposal, and the Board discussed the fire department's current runs, man hours and counts. Discussion on looking at cost per run and comparison of medical runs compared to non-medical runs. What contracts with other providers outside the Lowell Fire Department would be in comparison. County Truck is due in 2022. The county will pay \$204,000 towards a new vehicle and the Authority will budget for the remaining balance to be split equally amongst the three municipalities in the authority. The Lowell Area Fire Authority contract was discussed. The purposed budget has an increase in firefighter's wages- this was expected. No Capital purchases scheduled for 20-2021. The New County truck will be ordered in late 2020 to be delivered in 2022.
3. **Board discussed the Zoning Ordinance and Williams & Works Memo**
 - **Temporary Dwelling Ordinance – 201.415 (B)** – Wittenbach motioned to change to “administrative review”. Gillette seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
 - **Bed & Breakfasts in R-2 and R-3 districts and Ambiguous language in the R-3 District, specifically section 201.306 (c) (4)** – Wittenbach motioned to accept the planning commission's recommendation. Gillette seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment – there was none

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.
Next regular meeting will be March 16, 2020