

Vergennes Township – 10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell, MI 49331

Regular Meeting of the Township Board

September 21, 2020

Minutes

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

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

Approval of the Agenda – Cares Act (Covid money from Kent County) added to the agenda as New Business #6. Wittenbach motioned to accept the updated agenda. Mork supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the August 17, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Township Board Minutes – Gillett motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Rasch supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report – Treasure's report was presented. Gillett motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Rasch supported the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

Old Business –

- 1. New Township Hall Building update** – Bid from Mike Harding to fill the cracks in the parking lot. Decided to wait since the parking lot will be cut and possibly resurfaced with the new construction.
- 2. COVID – 19 Policy Review** – Requires monthly visit. Visited.
- 3. Update Fire Authority Board** – Fire Chief's retirement is Friday. Shannon Witherell is the interim chief. Meeting October 8th at 7:00 pm. Appointed a new attorney at the last meeting. Gillett motioned to ask Kate Dernocoeur as citizen representative to the Lowell Area Fire Authority Board. Mork supported. All members voted yes. **Motion Carried.**
- 4. Election Update** – Working through applications. About 1400 ballots to be sent out for absentee voting. No incorrect MOVE ballots were sent out from Vergennes Township, even though the state website ballot was incorrect.

New Business –

- 1. Resolution 2020-03** – Request presented by Steve Donkersloot from Lowell Light and Power. Provided a resolution to no longer collect a security deposit in exchange for delinquent customers to have the bill added to their tax bill. Gillett motioned to approve resolution 2020-03. Mork supported. All present members voted yes. **Motion Carried.**

2. **Community Clean Up Day – September 26** – Volunteers needed to work 7:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.
3. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2020-03** – adds commercial recreational uses to the Industrial Zone. Gillett motioned to turn down the Planning Commission’s recommendation. Wittenbach supported. Roll Call Vote: Gillett – Not approve, Mork – Not approve, Ford – Not approve, Wittenbach – Not approve, Rasch – Not approve.
4. **Building Department Update** – Year to date report and 8/17/20 to 9/13/20 report. Summary report to be supplied at every meeting.
5. **Enwork’s PA 198 Application** – Need to set public hearing. Gillett motioned to set a public hearing for October 19, 2020 for Enwork’s PA 198 Application. Wittenbach supported. All members voted yes. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Cares Act** – County Covid funds are available. Funds must be used by the December deadline. No clear answers on what qualifies, other than used specifically used for covid related expenses.

Zoning Report – Jeanne Vandersloot was absent from the meeting but submitted a written report to the board.

Public Comment - none

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 7:59p.m.

Next Regular Meeting – October 19. 2020