



**Vergennes Township**  
**69 Lincoln Lake Ave NE Lowell, MI 49331**  
**Regular Meeting of the Township Board**  
**December 20, 2021**

**Minutes**

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

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

**Approval of the Agenda** –Gillett motioned to accept the agenda. Rasch seconded. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Township Board Minutes**– Rasch motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Gillett supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report & Approval of Invoices** – Mork presented the treasurer’s report. Mork moved to accept the treasurer’s report and approve the invoices. Gillett seconded. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

**Public Comment** – none

**Old Business** –

1. **New Township Hall Building Project Progress** – Ford provided updates on the building. The LCTV endowment foundation applications are due in February. The endowment would be used to install handicap accessible door openers on the three sets of glass doors. A quote from Automatic Door Service (recommended by Entrance Technologies, the alarm and door strike company) will be forthcoming. Additional vacuuming capabilities are needed in the new building. Currently our cleaner is spending an hour on vacuuming. Two models of robot vacuums, were researched. Wittenbach motioned to purchase two iRobot Roomba S9+ models. Gillett supported the motion. All members voted yes and the **motion carried.**
2. **2170 Alden Nash SEU application-** Josh and Kristen Bruwer provided more information about the indoor golfing facility/driving range with simulators they would like to build. Carrigan informed the board of the difficulties with the zoning issues of this property. It is zoned RA and the previously approved SEU allows the legal non-conforming use as a golf course. Questions regarding the proposed use of the new facility, definition of what constitutes rural recreation and indoor sporting facilities, set-backs, and commercial use of the building were

all discussed. It was decided to table this SEU until next month's meeting to allow the board to research these items relating to golf courses.

**New Business –**

- 1. Appointments- Planning Commission-** one term ended- Supervisor Wittenbach legally is charged with nominating PC candidates to the board. He nominated Bill Makuski, who also is the required crossover member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Gillett supported the nomination. All members voted yes. **Nomination approved.**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals-** two terms ended- Ford nominated Marie Kutzli. Wittenbach seconded. Mork nominated Morgan Jarema. Wittenbach seconded. All members voted yes; **nominations approved.**  
**Construction Board of Appeals-** two terms ended- Gillett nominated Bill Rapson and Bill Schreur. Mork supported. All members voted yes; **nominations approved.**
- 2. Approval needed for the Collection of Summer Taxes for Lowell Area Schools and Grand Rapids Community College-**Wittenbach motioned to approve the collection of the Lowell Area Schools and GRCC summer taxes. Gillett supported. All members voted yes; **motion carried.**
- 3. 2022 Calendar-Meetings and Office Hours-**Wittenbach motioned to adopt the 2022 meetings' schedule and calendar. Gillett supported. Roll Call vote: Wittenbach, yes; Rasch, yes; Ford, yes; Mork, yes; Gillett, yes. **Motion carried.**
- 4. Fee Schedule changes for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission** -Gillett recommended that this be discussed in the January budget workshop meeting. The board agreed.

**Fire Authority Board Update –** Written report was submitted.

**Written Building Department Report-** submitted

**Zoning and Planning Report –**Carrigan presented the report.

**The budget workshop meeting will be held January 7, 2022 at 8:30 a. m.**

**Public Comment –** written public comment was presented to the board from JoAnne Schreur

**Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p. m.**

**Next Regular Meeting –January 17, 2022**

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Shantell Ford, Clerk

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Date