



# Vergennes Township

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## Vergennes Township Regular Meeting of the Township Board March 21, 2022

### Minutes

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

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

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

### Approval of the Consent Agenda–

- **Minutes – February 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Township Board**
- **Approval of Invoices**
- **Payroll**

Gillett moved to accept the consent agenda with the addition of a sentence added to the February Board meeting minutes under Old Business #1- Wittenbach pointed out that the next procedural step would be for the Board to send the application to the Planning Commission. This step does not constitute approval by the Board, simply following procedure. Mork seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report**-Gillett motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report. Mork seconded. All members voted yes; **motion carried.**

### Special Guest - Bruce Doll - Fallasburg Historical Society - “The Fallasburg Village Celebration” July 30, 2022 presentation

- Bruce Doll shared information about a new celebration the Fallasburg Historical Society will be hosting this year. The Fallasburg Village Celebration will be held on July 30<sup>th</sup> from noon-8pm and is designed to bring awareness of the Historical Society and the Village, to educate people of the rich history of the Fallasburg Village and to raise money for the replacement of the school HVAC system. Some of the activities for the day are music, family activities, games, Village tours, food, and vendors. More information can be found at [www.fallasburg.org](http://www.fallasburg.org) or [www.facebook.com/groups/2022fvc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2022fvc) Tina Cadwallader shared information about other activities that are being planned for October in the Village.
- Bruce Doll submitted a proposal to the township for mounted photographic prints to decorate the new hall. He showed examples of the canvas and metal styles.

**Special Guest- Kent Distict Library (KDL)-Annual & Impact Reports presentation**  
**Lance Werner, Nicole Lintemuth, Sandy Graham and Kurt Lardie** represented the library. Numbers are back up after the Covid shutdowns with many programs active again. Summer reading and Friends group are operating. A partnership with Feeding America allowed the library to provide needed summer lunches to families. Digital book checkouts have more than doubled, with KDL being ranked in the top 60 in the world. KDL kid's areas are being renovated. The Englehardt library will have a fur trading theme.

**Public Comment**-none

**Public Hearing**-open 7:40 p. m. closed7:41 p. m.

**Old Business** –none

**New Business** –

- 1. Resolution Request-Murray Lake Association**-Cindy Covell asked the township to renew the Canadian Geese removal resolution for another 5 years. Gillette moved to approve Resolution 2022-04. Rasch supported.  
**Roll Call**- Mork, yes; Gillette, yes; Rasch, yes; Ford, yes; Wittenbach, yes.  
**Motion carried.**
- 2. 2021-22 Proposed Budget Amendments**- Gillett motioned to accept the budget amendments. Mork seconded. **Roll Call**- Wittenbach, yes; Mork, yes; Ford, yes; Ford, yes; Wittenbach, yes. **Motion carried.**
- 3. Resolution 2022-02- Property exemption poverty guidelines**- Mork moved to adopt Resolution 2022-02. Rasch supported. **Roll Call**- Wittenbach, yes; Mork, yes; Ford, yes; Rasch, yes; Gillett, yes. **Motion carried.**
- 4. 2022-2023 Proposed Budget**-Gillett moved to accept the proposed budget. Rasch supported. **Roll Call**- Rasch, yes; Wittenbach, yes; Gillett, yes; Mork, yes; Ford, yes. **Motion carried.**
- 5. Cemetery Fee Updates**-cost to open/close a full burial has increased. Need to update fee to \$550.00. Ford motioned to approve the fee increase. Gillett supported; all members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
- 6. Banking**-Mercantile sweep account discussion-Decision is postponed until all information has been received.

**Election**-Ford reported that due to redistricting the township will be in a new U.S. Congressional district, State House and Senate districts and County Commissioner district. New ID cards will be mailed out to township residents once the redistricting is finalized. There is a bill before the state senate to increase the precinct number. This would greatly benefit the township.

**Fire Authority Board Update** – Wittenbach reported the Lowell Fire Station will be hosting a Pancake breakfast this Saturday March 26th. They have a full roster of firefighters, and the new fire truck should be arriving in August.

**Written Building Department Report**- submitted

**Zoning and Planning Report** –Carrigan reported that there will be an April Planning Commission meeting.

**Public Comment** –

**Sandra Graham** - praised the Fire Dept response time

**Bruce Doll**-2255 Fallasburg Park Dr NE-would like to see a photo of firefighters in the township building

**Amanda Conley**-12583 McPherson St NE-question about the old township hall building

**Tina Cadwallader**-presented the board with old Register of Election books

**Dave Thompson**-14100 Thompson Dr-question about the damaged fire truck

Gillette motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mork seconded.

**Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p. m.**

**Next Regular Meeting –April 18, 2022**

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Shantell Ford, Clerk

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Date Approved

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