



Vergennes Township

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Regular Meeting of the Township Board April 18, 2022

Minutes

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

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

Approval of the Agenda – Gillett motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of New Business # 7 Derek Wilson-Permission to access Township land for photography and New Business # 8 - Internet/email Security update. Rasch supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the Consent Agenda–

- Minutes – March 21, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Township Board
- Minutes- April 7, 2022, Special Meeting of the Township Board
- Approval of Invoices and Payroll
- Treasurer's Report

Gillett moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Rasch supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment-none

Unfinished Business –none

New Business –

- 1. Site Plan Approval- 980/855 OE Bieri**-Recommendation from the Planning Commission-Gillett motioned to approve the site plan for 980/855 OE Bieri. Rasch supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
- 2. Designation of Township-**
 - a. Attorney-** James Doezema- Foster Swift
 - b. Auditor-** Michael Gruennert- Hungerford Nichols
 - c. Planner-** Andrew Moore- Williams & WorksGillett motioned to continue using James Doezema, Michael Gruennert and Andrew Moore. Ford seconded. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
- 3. Approval of Designated Depository Institutions-**
 - a.** Fifth/Third, Mercantile Bank, Kent County Money Max and Michigan Class
 - b.** Vanguard, Consumers Energy, and Lord Abbott-Alton Cemetery holdings- Mork voted to approve the designated depository institutions. Gillett supported; all members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

4. **Audio/Visual additions to Rental Policy-** AV equipment usage fees were discussed. Ford motioned to add wording about AV equipment being available with an additional fee. Fee scale depending on whether staff is needed for set up and working the event. Gillett supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
5. **Road Commission quotes-** Gillett motioned to accept the Road Commission quotes and pay \$80,000 for the Township part of the road repairs on Alden Nash and McPherson. Rasch supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
6. **Heat Trace for Township roof-** There is a need for a heat trace to be installed on the building after ice dams formed on the roof this winter. A quote from Van Haren Electric was received. Gillette motioned to accept the quote for \$6575.00 for a heat trace system on the problem areas on the front and back of the building plus thermostats. Rasch supported; all members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
7. **Derek Wilson-Township property access permission-** Mr. Wilson is an amateur photographer who enjoys incorporating the Milky Way into his photographs. He is asking permission to access Township property at night to photograph the Fallasburg Bridge. A group consent of the Board was given to allow Derek Wilson to access the property if he provides a liability release statement to the Township and the nearby property owners are notified.
8. **Internet/email security update-** Addorio and Kore Hi-Com are recommending security updates. Gillett motioned to approve the \$1730.00 for the needed update. Mork seconded. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Written updates were submitted from the **Lowell Area Fire Authority, Building Department** (from Cascade Township) and from the **Zoning and Planning Administrator**.

Public Comment – none

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p. m.

Next Regular Meeting –May 16, 2022

Shantell Ford, Clerk

Approval Date