



**Regular Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board  
February 20, 2023  
Minutes**

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

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

**Approval of the Agenda** – Gillett motioned to approve the agenda. Rasch supported. All members voted yes; **motion carried.**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda–**

- **Minutes** – January 16, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Township Board
- **Minutes** – January 25, 2023, Special Budget Workshop Minutes
- **Invoices and Payroll**
- **Treasurer’s Report**

Mork motioned to accept the consent agenda. Rasch supported. All members voted yes; **motion carried.**

Lisa Plank, Director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum presented the 2022 Annual Report.

Chief Shannon Witherell presented the 2022 Annual Report for the Lowell Area Fire Department.

**Public Comment-** Bill Kirsch, 1260 Fero expressed concern regarding the state of Fero.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** –

1. **Recommendation from the Planning Commission to deny the Special Exception Use application for 12583 McPherson for Conley’s Kennels.** Gillett motioned to deny the application per the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Wittenbach supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried.**

2. **Federal Poverty Exemption Approval** - Gillett motioned to approve the Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Mork supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried.**
3. **Salary Resolution #2023-01** – Mork motioned to accept Salary Resolution #2023-01. Gillett supported the motion. Roll Call Vote – Rasch, Mork, Ford, Wittenbach and Gillett voted yes. There were none opposed. **Motion carried.**
4. **Closed session** –
  - Wittenbach motioned to go into closed session in order to discuss legal issues with the Township Attorney. Gillett supported the motion. Roll Call Vote – Gillett, Mork, Wittenbach, Ford and Rasch all voted in favor of the motion, there were none opposed.
  - Board went into closed session at 7:46 p.m.
  - Board returned from closed session at 8:15 p.m.
  - Regarding the Blair case, Mork motioned to approve the proposed consent judgement and authorize Supervisor Tim Wittenbach to sign on behalf of the township, with the understanding that the settlement is to be paid by the insurance company. Rasch supported the motion.
  - Roll Call Vote: Wittenbach, Mork, Rasch, Gillett and Ford all voted in favor of the motion, there were none opposed. **Motion carried.**

**Updates-Elections, Fire Authority Board, LARA, Building Department, Zoning and Planning-** reports submitted.

Wittenbach motioned to pay the downpayment for the approved generator purchase. Gillett supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried.**

**Public Comment - none**

**Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.**

**Next Regular Meeting – March 20, 2023**

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Shantell Ford, Clerk

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Date Approved