



Regular Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board

March 20, 2023

Minutes

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

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

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda–

- **Minutes** – February 20, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Township Board
- **Invoices and Payroll**
- **Treasurer's Report**

Gillett motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mork supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried**.

Guest – Bruce Doll presented the 2023 Fallasburg Village Celebration and invited the board and public to participate and attend.

Public Comment- None

Public Hearing on the 2023-24 Budget – opened at 7:10 p.m. Kate Dernocoeur, township resident, asked a question regarding sales tax revenues. Public Hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

1. **Congregational Church Site Plan Amendment** – Gillett motioned to pass along the Site Plan Amendment application to the Planning Commission. Rasch supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried**.


2. **2023-24 Budget** – Wittenbach presented additional fire equipment needs of \$25,133.00 in account #206-336-973.00, Fire Equipment Purchases for two vehicles to be purchased in township FY 2023-24. In addition, the Fire Department needs \$5000.00 towards engine repair, and an additional \$10,000.00 for the operating budget from township FY 2022-23. Gillett motioned to pay the fire department \$15,000.00. Rasch supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried**. Gillett motioned to approve the 2023-24 Budget. Ford supported the motion. Roll Call Vote – Wittenbach, Gillett, Ford, Mork, and Rasch all voted yes, there were none opposed; **motion carried**.
3. **2022-23 Budget Amendments** – Gillett motioned to approve the budget amendments as presented. Mork supported the motion. Roll Call Vote – Gillett, Wittenbach, Rasch, Ford, and Mork all voted yes, there were none opposed; **motion carried**.

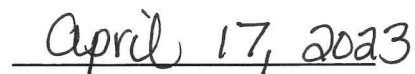
Updates-Elections, Fire Authority Board, LARA, Building Department, Zoning and Planning- reports submitted. Chief Witherell was present and answered questions and discussed the upcoming joint municipal meeting that will include a 20-year vision for the department.

Public Comment – Casey Brown, Lowell City Airport Manager expressed concerns over MDOT violations that have been ongoing since 2014, regarding tree obstructions in air space. He would like to submit MDOT recommended ordinances for the township to consider.

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting – April 17, 2023


Shantell Ford, Clerk


Date Approved