

Regular Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board May 15, 2023 Minutes

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

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

Approval of the Agenda – Ford requested to add as New Business #9, the consideration of Resolution 2023-04. Rasch motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business #9. Ford supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried.**

Approval of the Consent Agenda-

- Minutes April 17, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Township Board
- Invoices and Payroll
- Treasurer's Report

Ford added an invoice for \$200 for sponsorship at the Fallasburg Festival. Gillett motioned to approve the consent agenda with the additional invoice. Rasch supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried.**

Public Comment- None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business -

- 1. Server Update Presentation Jordan from Kore-Hi Com explained the need for a new server, and the recommendation for the upgrade and set up of a hypervisor. Gillett motioned to approve the new server system and the \$23,027.18 quote. Rasch supported the motion. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 2. Resolution #2023-03 Vacating Paper Streets in the Ellsworth Plat Addition Gillett motioned to approve Resolution #2023-03. Ford supported the motion. Roll Call Vote Rasch, Wittenbach, Gillett and Ford all voted yes, there were none opposed. Motion carried; Resolution declared passed.

- 3. Special Exception Use Amendment Recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the SEU Amendment at 865 Lincoln Lake Ave SE. Gillett motioned to approve the SEU Amendment. Rasch supported the motion. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- **4. Special Exception Use** Recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the SEU at 1775 Lincoln Lake Ave NE for a private road. Gillett motioned to approve the SEU. Rasch supported the motion. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 5. Township Operating Millage Rates for 2023 Gillett motioned to accept the Headlee Rollback Rate for Allocated Operating Expense Millage of .7933. Rasch supported the motion. Roll Call Vote Gillett, Ford, Rasch, and Wittenbach voted yes. There was none opposed; motion carried. Gillett motion to accept the Headlee Rollback Rate for the Extra Voted Public Safety Millage of .6883. Rasch supported the motion. Roll Call Vote Ford, Rasch, Wittenbach, and Gillett voted yes. There was none opposed; motion carried.
- **6. Kent County L-4029 Millage Rates for 2023 –** Includes allocated operating of 4.1310, extra voted Jail .7546, Zoo/Museum .4206, Ready by Five .2409, Senior .50, and Veterans .05. Gillett motioned to approve the Kent County L—4029 Millage Rates. Rasch supported the motion. Roll Call Vote Rasch, Ford, Wittenbach, and Gillett voted yes. There was none opposed; motion carried.
- **7. Resolution #2023-02** Gillett motioned to approve Resolution #2023-02. Rasch supported the motion. Roll Call Vote Ford, Gillett, Rasch, and Wittenbach all voted yes. There was none opposed; motion carried.
- **8. Kent County Hazard Mitigation Plan –** Ford motioned that the township adopt the Kent County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Gillett supported the motion. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Updates-Elections, Fire Authority Board, LARA, Building Department, Zoning and Planning-Updates were given, including Chief Witherell from the Lowell Area Fire Department speaking on the results of the ISO Audit. The previous score was 6Y and recent score was 4Y. This is a positive change.

Public Comment - None

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting – June 19, 2023

Shantell Ford, Clerk

Date Approved