



Regular Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board March 18, 2024

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wittenbach at 7:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

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

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda –

- **Minutes** - February 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Township Board
- **Invoices and Payroll**
- **Treasurer's Report**

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

Public Comment- none

Unfinished Business- none

New Business –

1. **Pam O'Dell Private Drive-Resolution 2024-03-** Gillett motioned to approve Resolution 2024-03. Rasch supported. **Rollcall: Wittenbach, yes; Mork, yes; Ford, yes; Gillett, yes; Rasch, yes. Motion carried.**
2. **2024-25 Fiscal Year Budget-** Public hearing for budget discussion was opened at 7:12 p.m. No public comments were made. The public hearing closed at 7:12 p.m. Mork motioned to adopt the 2024-25 budget. Gillett supported the motion. **Rollcall: Ford, yes; Rasch, yes; Gillett, yes; Mork, yes; Wittenbach, yes. Motion carried.**
3. **Fallasburg Village Celebration-sponsorship and approvals-** Wittenbach motioned to support the celebration by providing sponsorship for 2 games (\$100) and 1 food (\$100). Gillett supported. Gillett motioned to approve the closure of Covered Bridge Road from the bridge to Montcalm and send a memo to the Kent Co. Road Commission giving permission for the road closure during the Fallasburg Village Celebration. Rasch

supported. **Rollcall: Ford, yes; Mork, yes; Rasch, yes; Gillett, yes; Wittenbach, yes. Motion carried.**

4. **Cemetery price policy update-** A fee increase for frost removal/soil heating and a burial closing after 4:30p.m. have been added by Kenny Wittenbach. Ford motioned to approve these price updates. Gillett supported. **Rollcall: Mork, yes; Gillett, yes; Wittenbach, yes; Rasch, yes; Ford, yes. Motion carried.**
5. **Board approval of the requested relief of the Delinquent Personal Property Tax Report-** Wittenbach motioned to approve the requested relief of the delinquent property taxes of the 2 properties. Gillett supported the motion. **Rollcall: Mork, yes; Wittenbach, yes; Gillett, yes; Ford, yes; Rasch, yes. Motion carried.**
6. **CSA appointment-**With the retirement of Treasurer Janine Mork, a new bank account controller is needed. Gillett motioned that Supervisor Wittenbach be added as the bank account controller until a Treasurer is hired. Rasch supported. **Rollcall: Wittenbach, yes; Ford, yes; Gillett, yes; Mork, yes; Rasch, yes. Motion carried.**
7. **LARA Resolution 2024-01-** Mork motioned to approve Resolution 2024-01. Gillett supported. **Rollcall: Wittenbach, yes; Gillett, yes; Ford, yes; Mork, yes; Rasch, yes. Motion carried.**
8. **Janine Recognition-** Treasurer Janine Mork has retired from the Township. She has been serving the residents of Vergennes Township for 21 years. She will be greatly missed. Residents and Board members enjoyed cake to celebrate the occasion. Congratulations on your retirement and we wish you the best, Janine!
An advertisement will be placed in the Lowell Ledger announcing the Treasurer's position. Applications will be due on March 29th at noon. Interviews will be conducted on April 4th beginning at 9 a.m.
A Special Meeting to close the fiscal year will be held March 29th at 2 p.m.

Updates-Elections- 29% turnout in Presidential Primary, Early Voting- 101 voters

Fire Authority Board- Current Fiscal Year budget shortfall Fire Authority passed an amendment to bill municipalities, Vergennes' portion is just under \$20,000. Corwin Velzen, the new Fire Chief was installed.

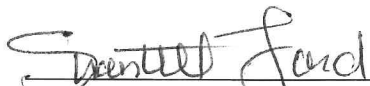
Building Department, Zoning and Planning- reports submitted

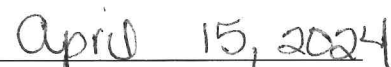
LARA- new Board representative member needed.

Public Comment- Kate Dernocoeur-comment about non-profit discounts
Roger O'Dell-comment about Point #3 in Resolution 2024-03

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting – April 15, 2024


Shantell Ford, Clerk


Date Approved