

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2006

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township board meeting was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Members Present: Tim Wittenbach - Supervisor
 Mari Stone - Clerk
 Al Baird - Trustee
 Jean Hoffman - Treasurer
 Vern Nauta - Trustee

The Agenda for the June 19, 2006 Regular Board Meeting was approved as presented. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Baird. **Motion Approved**

Minutes of the June 19, 2006 Regular Board Meeting stood approved with changes. **Motion Approved**

The Treasurer's Report and bills were approved by, and seconded by. **Motion Approved**

Public Hearing- Special Use Permit Request – John and Sandie Otis – The public hearing was opened at 7:05. This permit is for a garage to be added to the property of John Otis. He and his wife live on Lally, and the garage would store a mobile showroom used by John for work. It stores samples and is a showroom to show clients. Neighbors Greg and Barb White oppose the garage. They live at 11585 Lally, directly next to the Otis'. They say it blocks their views and is larger than their own house. They would be okay with them if it were moved closer to the Otis' house. The hearing was closed at 7:10.

Unfinished Business:

1. Historical Commission Ordinance Discussion- A motion was made by Stone and seconded by Hoffman to ask the planning commission to look at the Historic Districts Ordinance for recommendation as to the possibility of reducing the number of members and meetings. **Motion Approved.**

New Business:

- 1. Special Use Permit Request** – John and Sandie Otis – Board was concerned about the neighbor issues. Hoffman would like to see the garage moved toward the lake closer to the Otis home. The ordinance states that reasons to deny might be if the building blocks a view or lighting. The builder, Brad Reimer, will work with the owners and neighbors to come up with a better plan. Stone made a motion to table the issue until the next board meeting so the issues can be clarified and another plan considered. Seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

2. Planning Commission Recommendations –

Proposed Banquet Facility - A motion to approve the banquet facility as an Unclassified Use was made by Wittenbach and seconded by Stone. **Motion Carried.**

Canine Training Facility – Discussion with the owner was held regarding some needed retrofits to the building and the site in general. Motion by Stone, seconded by Nauta, to approve the facility as an Unclassified Use and to move forward with Rezoning the property to Industrial. **Motion carried.**

3. Sewer Study Discussion – Brett Gourdie gave information on a water treatment plant. The Board is positive about the idea, and would like references from current customers. Michigan Waste Water would test the site on the Cook property. This process would cost \$5000, and be done in about six months. The water treatment plant would all be onsite and would cost about 1.7 million dollars to build.

4. 425 Agreement Discussion – The road commission is willing to work with the township on the public streets needed for this development. An agreement needs to spell out everything that the township wants the road commission to do. A motion to table the issue was approved by Hoffman and seconded by Nauta. **Motion Carried.**

5. Township Millage Rate for 2006 – A motion to approve a millage for .8699 was approved by Wittenbach and seconded by Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

Citizens Comments- None

The next meeting is July 17, 2006. Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari Stone, Township Clerk