

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2005

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

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

Minutes of the February 21, 2005 Regular Board Meeting stand approved as presented. **Motion** by Baird, seconded by Stone, to approve bills as read. Motion approved. It was moved to add the storage shed to the agenda. **Motion** by Wittenbach, seconded by Stone, to approve Agenda. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** AT & T Cell Tower

**Opened at 7:05** - Wittenbach explained what has happened since 1<sup>st</sup> approval. AT&T attorney Wallace Haley gave a brief overview of cell tower sites chosen - because of airport location, the tower height was reduced, no light needed. 187' set back from eastern boundary.

**Mrs. Hill** is concerned about hum or noise. Haley assured there would be no noise.

**Roger Odell** – consider what another tower will do to the landscape. Thought previous tower approved on 3-mile (Alger) would co-locate and take care of dead spots. Haley said AT & T is currently on Alger's tower. They are limited to 250 watts by FCC.

**Pete Gustafson** – asked about FCC limitation. Health issues were a concern for several residents. Haley quoted studies that show that there is less radiation emitted than the leakage around microwaves in kitchens.

**John Amelar** – he is AM radio operator. Has no financial interest in the tower. Commented that 250 watts is not a concern; 80 foot tower will not be noticeable; his tower of 100' is only visible if you look for it; and noted that we live in a communications age.

**Pete Gustafson** – gave written statement of opposition to tower. He owns adjacent property. Adverse effect will fall on his property. He feels that it is inequitable that the property owner will not experience this.

**Brian Mooney** – supports Gustafson comments and suggestion.

**Brad Mooney** – asked about Mr. Burton's concern with drive location

**The public hearing was closed at 7:37 pm.**

Haley responded to Gustafson's concerns. Gustafson questioned if they could move it. Discussion regarding alternate site. Agreed to compromise. **Motion** by Stone to move site to top of rise at southern end of existing fence line. Seconded by Baird. Motion carried.

## New Business:

1. **Diane Stockreef – Alden Pines Private Drive.** Odell explained ZBA motion. Wittenbach explained that ZBA decisions are the law. Planning Commission said they would allow 18' width of the private road to the T and 50' on either side of the T. Several neighbors commented that they do not want the trees cut or the road widened. Wittenbach noted that if the split that was granted a variance is not pursued, the road will not need to be touched. Ron Thomure requested a copy of the Private Road Ordinance. Diane Stockreef withdrew the request.
2. **Paul Barron, Elite Auto Body** – Had a fire, plans to rebuild but would like to go 15' out to the west, closer to Lincoln Lake. Questioned whether public hearing is at Board or Planning Commission level. Because it is involving a waiver of a setback in the Commercial District, Stone suggested Planning Commission to review. Public Hearing will be held at April 11 Planning Commission meeting. **Motion** made by Stone to send to the Planning Commission for a recommendation, seconded by Baird. Motion approved.
3. **Fee Schedule Amendment.** Addition of Cell Tower Co-location fees and several housekeeping items. **Motion** by Baird to approve the amendments, seconded by Stone. Motion approved.
4. **Budget Amendment.** Baird **motion** to amend 2004-05 budget as follows:  
ADMINISTRATIVE: LEGAL FEES \$18,712.74 – from \$5000 to \$23,712.74  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: DEPUTY/CLERICAL \$2,020.88 – from \$9000.00 to \$11,020.88  
CEMETERIES: CONTRACTED SERVICES 3,222.72 – from \$2000 to \$5,222.72  
FIRE DEPARTMENT: FIRE AND RESCUE \$3,729.89 - from \$20,000 to \$23,729.89  
FIRE DEPARTMENT: EQUIPMT PURCHASES \$2,557.00 - from \$16,400.00 to \$18,957.00  
Seconded by Stone. Motion carried.
5. **Adoption of Budget.** Baird made a **motion** to adopt budget for 2005-2006 as presented at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing, Stone seconded. Motion carried.
6. **Zoning Administrator requests**
  - A. Residential Farm Animal form. Allows farm 4-H animals in residential district. **Motion** to approve by Stone, seconded by Baird. Motion approved.
  - B. Parcel Map – Williams & Works can do electronic parcel map for us. Decided to investigate further. REGIS is coming down in cost also.
  - C. Master Road Agreement – Vandersloot would like to have a template/standard agreement that Doezema develops to offer to smaller private roads serving up to 10 lots or so. Eliminate the need for applicant to pay twice. Motion by Stone to authorize Doezema to develop a sample Private Road maintenance Agreement as a template. Seconded by Baird. Motion approved.
  - D. Contract/Conditional Zoning – municipality needs to have a set of standards so that each applicant is treated fairly. Kilpatrick has a sample we are looking at. We will also ask Dave Hildebrand to keep us updated on any legislative changes. Motion to

authorize Kilpatrick/Doezema to work on an ordinance by Stone, seconded by Baird.  
Motion approved.

5. **2005-06 Lawn Care Bids.** Had received several bids, and these were reviewed. Motion by Stone to use Clean Cut in the amount of \$4800 for the season for all four cemeteries; and Rake, Inc. at the rate of \$28 per cut for hall, seconded by Baird. Motion approved.
6. **Storage Shed** – Jacob Sterling would like to do a storage shed as an Eagle Scout project. We would provide materials and he would do labor. The Board agreed to participate and there is already funding in the budget for the materials.

### **Citizens Comments**

Tom Medendorp – asked about annexation and 425 agreements. Also asked about Alden Nash developments.

Roger Odell – we need to be a leader in this whole ordeal. We can't stop it but we can make it a quality thing. Spoke about the possibility of a millage for things like PDR's, purchase of sewer capacity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk