

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2003

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
	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Al Baird	-	Trustee
	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

Minutes of the November 3, 2003 Special Meeting of the Board stand approved as presented as well as the October 20, 2003 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Baird, to approve the November 17, 2003 Agenda as written with the addition of discussion items Liquor License Ordinance and Act 425. Motion by Baird, seconded by Hoffman to approve bills as read. **Motion approved.**

New Business:

1. Amend Fee Schedule to Remove Building Permits and Inspections. Fee schedule is exactly the same as adopted previously except the building permit section has been deleted now that there is a separate building permit schedule. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Baird, to amend Fee Schedule by removing Building Permits and Inspections fees. **Motion carried.**
2. Federal Poverty Income Standards for 2004 Assessments. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Baird, to approve Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for 2004 Assessments as presented. **Motion approved.**
3. Amendment of 2003-04 North Kent Transit Service Contract. Discussion regarding N. Kent Transit Contract – amended two times last year; started at \$3,000 and ended up at \$3,500. New contract is in the amount of \$3,500. Motion by Nauta, seconded by Stone, to approve amendment of 2003-04 North Kent Transit Service Contract in the amount of \$3,500. **Motion carried.**
4. **Jeanne Vandersloot – Liquor License Ordinance.** Vergennes Township is a spirit dry township. A resident-wide vote is necessary for any change in status. Currently Township has one off premise license available (beer/wine only). Discussion regarding necessity of a Liquor License Ordinance for Township; set standards as to why you might not give a license out; set written standards/procedure for application process; fair and equitable process, i.e. same process for each applicant. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Stone, to schedule a meeting during regular office hours after Thanksgiving holiday with a representative from Liquor Control Commission and Board members to review proposed ordinance and discuss application process and miscellaneous considerations regarding liquor licenses in Township. **Motion approved.**

Lake Keyhole Ordinance. Grattan Township has adopted a Lake Keyhole Ordinance, and Murray Lake Association would like Vergennes to adopt same. Ordinance limits number of people using lake; one user per 50' of frontage. This ordinance would be a part of the Zoning Ordinance, as opposed to the Dock Ordinance which is a stand alone regulatory ordinance. Discussion - Lake Keyhole Ordinance appears to attempt to regulate number of docks for developments built next to but not directly on lake. Vandersloot to research and determine Grattan Township's sentiments regarding ordinance, and present Board with copy of ordinance for review.

Citizens Comments

Baird, Nauta and Wittenbach to meet (11/21/03) regarding possible purchase of land for future township offices. They also intend to drive around Township for a look at properties individually. Stone to post meeting eighteen hours in advance as meeting is a quorum of Board members.

Baird apologized for acting without consensus of all Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone, Clerk