

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2003

*As amended*

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

Absent:                                    Vern Nauta                            -                    Trustee

Motion by Stone, second by Hoffman, to approve the September 15 2003 Agenda as written with the addition of Item No. 5 – Fire Bill Discussion. **Motion approved.** No Treasurer’s Report. Motion by Baird, second by Hoffman, to approve minutes of the August 18, 2003 regular meeting as amended: Item No. 3 – change “1980’s” to “1974.” No. 4 – motion wording changed from “...Wittenbach or Vandersloot” to “...Supervisor or Zoning Administrator.” **Motion approved.** Motion by Hoffman, second by Baird, to approve bills as read. **Motion approved.**

**Guest – Wayne Creelman, M.D., Candidate for State Representative.** Dr. Creelman running for State Representative seat from District 86. He is the only declared candidate at the present time. He outlined his platform and noted he would appreciate Board support for his candidacy.

**New Business:**

1. Approval of Township Millage Rate for 2003. Motion by Stone, second by Hoffman to approve the township millage rate of .8890 for 2003. **Motion carried.**
2. Request from Vergennes United Methodist Church. Church would like to use the upstairs of the Township Hall from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. every Sunday for “Praise Team practice.” This is a continuation of the reciprocal agreement the Township has with the church - Township uses the church commons room as a voting precinct and alternate meeting space. Motion by Baird, second by Stone, to approve request (with an annual review of usage) of Vergennes United Methodist Church to use upstairs of the Township Hall on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Motion approved.**
3. POW – MIA Day Resolution. Motion by Wittenbach, second by Baird, to adopt September 19, 2003 POW-MIA Day resolution and fly the POW-MIA flag on that day. **Motion carried.**
4. Planning Commission Recommendations – Discussion and approval of proposed ordinance amendments tabled until October meeting. Discussion regarding owner of Shady Acres’ request for a Township Liquor Control Ordinance so he can apply for a liquor license. Gives proprietor more control than a BYOB situation. Kilpatrick noted if adopted the ordinance should be a “stand alone” ordinance. Board feels Ordinance needs more work and that they need more education on the subject. Liquor Control Commission to be contacted regarding a representative to speak/train the Board on the subject.
5. Fire Bill Discussion – Wittenbach had been contacted by Fire Chief Martin regarding an unpermitted burn. It was decided that an invoice for the costs to control the burn be sent to the *responsible party*.

**Citizens Comments** - Some discussion regarding developers at Planning Commission meeting with preliminary request for PUD and rezoning - test plan has 216 homes. They want bonus density clause returned to PUD ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mari Stone, Clerk