



Regular Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board

April 21, 2025

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wittenbach at 7:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Roll Call – Richmond, Wittenbach, Gillett, Rasch and Ford all present.

Approval of the Agenda – Gillett motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Richmond supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried**.

Approval of the Consent Agenda –

- **Minutes** – March 17, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Township Board, special board staff annual meeting minutes from March 26, 2025.
- **Invoices**
- **Payroll**
- **Treasurer's Report**

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

Public Comment- none

Unfinished Business – none

New Business

1. **Designation of**
 - a. **Township Attorney** – Wittenbach motioned to designate James Doezeema from Foster Swift as the township attorney. Ford supported the motion. All members voted yes; motion carried.
 - b. **Auditor** – Ford motioned to designate Vredevelt Haefner as the township auditor. Richmond supported the motion. All members voted yes: motion carried.

- c. **Engineer and Planner** – Gillett motioned to designate Williams & Works as the township engineer and planner. Rasch supported the motion. All members voted yes; motion carried.
2. **Designation of Depository Institutions** – Richmond and Ford discussed beginning the process to move the bank accounts to Mercantile Bank. Richmond motioned to designate Fifth/Third Bank, Mercantile Bank, Michigan Class and the Alton Cemetery investments at Lord Abbett, Consumers Power and Vanguard as the approved depository institutions. Gillett supported the motion. Roll Call Vote – Gillett, Richmond, Ford, Wittenbach and Rasch all voted yes; motion carried.
3. **Recreation Plan** – Richmond motioned to accept the proposal from Williams & Works to update the Recreation Plan. Ford supported the motion. Roll Call Vote – Rasch, Gillett, Ford, Richmond and Wittenbach all voted yes; motion carried.

Updates were given by the Clerk, Building Department, LARA, and Zoning and Planning.

Chief Velzen gave the Fire Department quarterly update. The first quarter call volume is up 40 calls higher than last year. Vergennes had 63 calls compared to 125 for the city of Lowell and 143 for Lowell Township. Only 50% of the calls were medical calls. This is normally closer to 65%. The department continues to install smoke and CO detectors. Recent CO calls reinforce the importance of CO detectors.

Public Comment – Carl Herron spoke to an experience he had with an electrical building inspector from the past.

Next Regular Meeting – May 19, 2025

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.


Shantell Ford, Clerk

May 19, 2025
Date Approved