

VERMONTVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
NOVEMBER 24, 2009  
MINUTES

The Vermontville Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday November 24, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Opera House.

Present were Supervisor J Owens, Trustee B Moore, Trustee B Miller and M Grant, Deputy Clerk. Absent: Clerk S Stewart and Treasurer J Nehmer.

Supervisor Owens called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Russ Laverty led the pledge to the flag.

Owens called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Miller requested that the Township Offices, the Opera House Rules and the Ramp Options all be removed from Old Business since the Clerk and Treasurer were not there to vote. Owens stated there was no reason to remove the Township Offices since the information he and Brian Moore had compiled was for informational purposes to share with the audience and there was nothing to vote on yet. And there was no reason to remove the Opera House Rules since Nehmer was the one who wrote the final draft and had said nothing further about unfinished issues needing to be addressed. The Ramp Options was removed.

Miller requested that Business Jeff Winans be removed from any further agendas since he never came to the Township Meetings. Owens will check with Winans before each meeting before putting him on the agenda or not.

Miller stated he would refuse to vote on the current agenda since he was not at the last Township Board meeting. Owens motioned, Moore seconded, to approve agenda. Two ayes to approve. Motion carried.

Brian Peacock from the Eaton County Sheriff Department was in attendance to share the Townships incident report to 911. There had been 43 calls for service from October 29, 2009 to November 24, 2009. 15 of those calls were car/deer accidents.

Fire report was given by Chris Rumsey in Chief O'Dells absence.

Ambulance report was given by Shirley Harmon in Director Sowles absence.

During Public Comment Virginia Harvey corrected an error in the minutes of October 29, 2009 stating that she had said that day light savings time ends instead of begins.

Owens called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Miller asked that the minutes of October 29, 2009 be removed from the Consent Agenda as he could not vote to approved them since he was not in attendance at the that meeting. After discussion the minutes remained as part of the Consent Agenda. There was one correction to the bills presented for approval concerning ambulance payroll which was noted. Owens motioned, Moore seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Two ayes to approve. Miller refused to vote aye, nay or abstain since he was not at the last Township Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Grant read a letter from Mrs Hughes of California regarding a fire run to her mother's house on Hager Road. Owens referred the letter on to the Fire Committee.

Owens attended the Planning Commission Meeting in support of the Peas In A Pod Daycare. Eaton County passed both their Conditional Use Permit and Special Use Permit. Owens arranged for the Board of Review to meet at 7pm until finished with review on December 15, 2009 at the Fire Station.

Miller requested that any further Conditional Use Permits be forwarded to the entire board immediately upon receipt. Owens will request this of the Clerk.

Moore reported for the Fire and Ambulance Committee that they would like the Supervisor to send a letter to surrounding Fire Departments asking their interest in creating a Fire Authority. Miller motioned that the supervisor send requested letter. Owens stated that there was no need for a motion, that he would send the letters.

No Clerk Report.

No Treasurer Report.

Shirley Harmon reported for the Library Board that Santa will be there on December 4<sup>th</sup>. And that they are waiting to hear from two grants that Head Librarian Rumsey had applied for.

Brian Moore gave a brief Buildings and Grounds report as more would be covered in the Township Office report.

Owens reiterated that the estimates that he and Moore had compiled for the Township Office was for informational purposes only and any decisions to be made would be made when the Clerk and Treasurer were in attendance. After explaining the rough plans an estimate of \$5000.00 had been arrived at to date.

No alcohol use inside or outside of the Opera House had been included in the rental agreement drafted by Nehmer as discussed as the only change at the previous Township Board meeting. Moore motioned to approve the rental agreement as written by Nehmer, Owens seconded. Two ayes to approve, one nay by Miller as he preferred to vote on the issue with Nehmer in attendance. Motion carried.

There was no new business.

During the final public comment there were numerous comments in support of the building of township offices in the lower portion of the Opera House.

Scott Peters asked about a ramp and who was telling the Board that there HAD to be a ramp. He wondered why the money that was there for a ramp be put towards the Township Offices.

Moore motioned to adjourn, Owens seconded. Two ayes to adjourn, one nay by Miller. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Marcia K. Grant  
Deputy Clerk