

Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board

April 14, 2025

Present: Supervisor Bert DeClerg, Clerk Susan Bannister, Treasurer Mary Jane Edwards, Trustee Janet Sprague, and Trustee Nathan Charles.

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order, with the Pledge being said at 7:00 pm.

The agenda was presented and approved, adding the minutes from the budget hearing, a special meeting on March 20, 2025, and library to reports.

The regular township board meeting minutes and budget hearing minutes of March 10, 2025, along with the minutes from the Special meeting on March 20, 2025, were approved with no changes.

Representatives of the Road Commission presented proposed road projects for Vernon Township in 2025.

Fire Chief Dan Bannister presented the fire report. The following motions were approved.

- Motion to approve the fire report.
- Motion to hire Josh McBride and Nathan Stanick.

There was no Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in April 2025.

The Planning Commission report was presented. There was a public hearing for the planning commission in April to make changes to the zoning of Leisure Lake and Holiday Shores. The following motions were made:

- Motion to approve the rezoning of Leisure Lake and Holiday Shores to A-2.
- Motion to remove the Lake Front Overlay from Leisure Lake and Holiday Shores
- Motion to approve the site plan for Lucky's Pets conditioned on approval from the fire department and the township engineer
- Motion to implement a \$1,000.00 fee to be put in escrow for payment of additional inspections and reviews.

The building report was reviewed and approved. For March, there were ten permits totaling \$2,201.00.

The Ambulance report was presented by Trustee Janet Sprague. The township board was notified that the fee for ambulance will be increasing from \$120.00 per year to \$130.00 per year. Trustee Sprague read a press release from SSESa regarding the charges against former fire chief Guy Hubbard.

The Sheriff's report was presented. There were 154 incidents in March 2025.

The clerk reported on items related to her office. The new BS&A software successfully launched and is being utilized.

Public comment was given by Paula Brooks on composting at Great Lakes Fusion. Russ Hilliker stated that invitations have gone out for the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony in the Village of Vernon, and questions were raised regarding the status of the property on Goodall Rd.

Old Business:

Roads: The supervisor discussed projects that he would like done for roads in 2025. The township board approved all projects proposed totaling \$265,980.00.

Sick Leave Policy: The township discussed the proposed sick leave policy and positions within the township now subject to the ESTA that need to be modified from salary to hourly. The following motions were made.

- Motion to make the building cleaning position from employee to contract.
- Motion to adopt the modified pay scale for minimal yearly salary to hourly with a min/max hour allotment.
- Motion to adopt the Vernon Township Sick Leave Policy.

New Business:

Bills were presented and approved.

The meeting was adjourned. Susan Bannister, Township Clerk