

Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board August 12, 2024

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

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order with the saying of the Pledge at 7:00 pm.

The agenda was approved by adding the library and Lovejoy Cemetery to the agenda.

The July 8, 2024, board meeting minutes and July 22, 2024, special meeting minutes were approved with one change: the title of the special meeting was corrected from regular to special.

The fire chief presented the fire report and reported on the department's activities. For July 2024, 12 runs and five burn permits were issued. The fire chief requested permission to purchase five sets of fire gear and approval of the updated MFR agreement. The township approved the purchase of the fire gear and signed the new MFR agreement.

The Zoning Board of Appeals reported that they held a meeting and denied Mark Bentley's variance request. The next meeting of the ZBA will be on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission reported that they held a public hearing regarding Lucky's Pets' site plan. This site plan was approved with the exception of propane distribution, which will need to be by special use. The next meeting of the planning commission will be Monday, October 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The building report was reviewed and approved. Ten permits totaled \$2,176.00 for July.

The library report was presented, and their summer program has been launched. They would like to thank the township for the \$1,000.00.

The Ambulance report was presented. Durand City passed their mileage for ambulance services, but there is no answer as to when or if the ambulance will be placed back into the city.

Two reports were presented for the sheriff. There were 179 incidents in June and 195 in July.

The clerk reported on election activities, and 870 voters turned out either in person or by absent ballot for the August primary. This represents a voter turnout of 22%. The clerk is monitoring the reinstatement of PA 337 & 338 for impacts to the township.

There was public comment from Mary Warner Stone and Russ Hilliker.

Old Business:

There is no new information on the "Land."

The township board approved an increase of \$165.00 for the installation of sound proofing at the township hall on Durand Rd.

The need to move transportation costs from the general fund was discussed. SATA will be at the September meeting, and the board decided not to put the issue of transportation millage on the November ballot.

Waste Management presented a proposal to the township for services. The township will put these services out to bid because they have not been looked at in over 20 years. The township board will also hold a public hearing in October regarding increasing the yearly refuse to \$200.00 per household.

New Business:

The township board approved the resolution that would allow the drain commission to exceed its spending authority and repair the Durand Relocation drain.

Bills were presented and approved.

The sexton for Lovejoy Cemetery provided a list of requests; most are for expenditures in the next fiscal year. This was tabled until a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.
Susan Bannister, Township Clerk