

Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board July 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, with two changes.

The regular township board meeting minutes of June 9, 2025, and June 17, 2025, were approved with no changes.

Fire Chief Dan Bannister presented the fire report.

The township board approved the contract with Rowe Engineering for the use of an Engineer on an as needed basis with a max contract amount of \$10,000.00.

The building report was reviewed and approved. For May, there were eight permits totaling \$1,988.00. The township board approved the purchase of code books for the use of the building department.

The township board “opened” letters of interest from applicants seeking the position of building official/zoning administrator.

The Ambulance report was presented by Trustee Janet Sprague. The budget is looking better than expected. The contract with Memorial has been finalized and a transfer truck is operational. Trustee Sprague expressed her gratitude for the new MFR program being operated by the Vernon Township Fire Department.

The library report was presented by Trustee Janet Sprague. The library has started the program Friends of the Library to assist with raising funds. There are currently 28 children and 21 adults participating in the summer reading program.

The Sheriff's report was presented. There were 193 incidents in June 2025.

The clerk reported on items related to her office. The residents able to vote on Byron Schools bond proposal will do so in Burns Township. The clerk will be available the Saturday and Sunday prior to the election, along with election day, to register voters. The clerk will begin the annual audit in the coming months.

John Wolf reported on the Shiawassee River Coalition meeting. There are three mile markers yet to be placed along the river. That will happen next month.

Representatives from the Village were present to discuss the use of the Vernon Township Fire Hall in Vernon. The board approved requesting \$300.00 per month for that use.

Old Business:

The Library millage expired in December of 2024. The township board will work to place this on the November ballot.

The Drain Commissioner, Brent Singer, gave a presentation on issues involving the Durand Re-Located drain. He will email proposals to the clerk for distribution and discussion of the township board.

The township board considered candidates for the contract bid of janitorial services for the township halls. The bid was awarded and will be offered to Katherine Patterson.

New Business:

SATA has presented its annual request for fees, which is \$2,000.00 less than last year. The board will consider this request at its August meeting.

The township reviewed and took questions regarding the new Building Official and Zoning Administrator positions. After discussion the position will be a dual role position and will be offered to Nathan Charles with a yearly salary of \$32,000.00.

Bills were presented and approved.

The meeting was adjourned. Susan Bannister, Township Clerk