

Vernon Township Board – Meeting Summary

Date: January 12, 2026

Location: 6801 S Durand Rd, Durand, MI

Time: 7:00–8:51 PM

Key Actions & Reports

- **Agenda & Previous Minutes Approved**

The Board approved the meeting agenda and the December 8, 2025 minutes.

Department Reports

Fire Department

- 227 runs in 2025: 120 fire calls and 99 EMS calls.
- Major 2025 accomplishments included delivery of a new truck, new E-tools, and implementation of the EMR program.
- Maintenance needs include a new roof for Station 1 and blacktop work at both stations.
- Board approved the fire report and annual participation in community events.

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Three members—John Wolf, Janeene Temple, and Robert Conrad—were reappointed for terms ending December 31, 2028.

Planning Commission

- Discussion on Holiday Shores’ pool proposal revealed procedural concerns, including lack of a properly submitted special use permit and unapproved installation of a “jump pad.”
- The Township Board directed the building official to halt approvals until legal guidance is received.
- Russ Hilliker and Rob Corwin were reappointed to terms ending December 31, 2028.

Building Department

- Six permits were issued in December with \$2,096 collected. Report approved.

Ambulance / SSES

- No formal report; ongoing budget review and ambulance acquisitions underway.

Sheriff's Office

- No formal report for December.
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Clerk's Report

- Township's auditing firm, Hoerner & Geer CPA, will discontinue services as of January 1, 2026; search for a new firm underway.
 - Updates provided on Durand Relocated Drain Project.
 - Phone system and website upgrades continue.
 - New policies (payroll, compensation, email) were distributed for February review.
 - Cemetery records modernization ongoing; budget amendment needed due to sexton hours.
 - W-2s mailed, with corrections accepted until January 26, 2026.
 - Fire department millage renewal language and other assessments to be addressed at February budget workshops.
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Library Report

- 2026 budget approved; building maintenance millage under consideration.
 - Annual statistics included 4,332 visitors and 104 new library cards.
 - A letter of support was received and will be acted on after April 1, 2026.
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Other Business

- Budget workshop scheduled for **February 9, 2026 at 5:30 PM.**
 - Monthly distributions and payroll approved.
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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM