

Meeting Synopsis: Vernon Township Budget Workshop – February 9, 2026

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Department & Committee Reports

Fire Department

- Report delivered covering **12 fire runs and 8 EMS runs** in January.
- Department completed annual training and testing, including bloodborne/CPR, cascade system maintenance, and SCBA flow tests.
- Requested and received approval to purchase **five new Minitor 7 pagers for \$2,970**.
- Announced an increased **DNR grant award of \$9,800**, split 50/50 with the township.

Zoning Board of Appeals

- No meeting held in February.

Planning Commission

- Completed training with township attorneys on meeting procedures.
- Requested update on language for campgrounds. Township board is awaiting that language.
- Requested by-law updates to remove references to Robert's Rules of Order.
- Sought clarification on process for handling inactive members.

Building Department

- Three permits issued in January totaling **\$573 in fees**.
- New BS&A software scheduled to launch on March 23, 2026.
- Updated building fee schedule approved.
- Discussion held regarding zoning interpretation issues affecting A2 properties.

Ambulance (SSESA)

- Operating successfully “in the black.”
- Morale and staffing have improved.
- Reported **436 EMS calls for 2025** involving Vernon Township.

Sheriff's Office

- January report noted **139 incidents**.

Clerk's Report

- Provided updates on website completion, phone system tweaks, building department software progress, and training plans for February 12.
- Announced a **May 2026 election**, affecting residents near the Village of Vernon.
- Board approved **\$4,604.05** for mass mailing new voter registration cards.

Public Comment

- Greenwood Cemetery restoration efforts shared, including “Flags Across America.”

Old Business

- Approved the **2026 lawn care contract** for Love Joy Cemetery at **\$15,000**.
- Approved the **Vernon District Library's annual request** for **\$1,000**.
- Approved **\$1,000 donation to MAGNET** of Shiawassee County.
- Adopted three township policies:
 - Compensation for Elected Officials & Specialty Boards
 - Email Policy
 - Payroll Policy (with new holiday-pay-date language)
- Directed preparation of fire millage ballot language:
 - **2.0 mills** for operations (new)
 - **0.4897 mills** for equipment (renewal)
- Discussed SATA funding options; will proceed with public hearings toward a possible special assessment beginning April 13, 2026.

New Business

- Budget hearing set for **March 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Payroll and fund disbursements approved as listed.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **9:10 p.m.**