

## **Synopsis – Vernon Township Board Meeting**

**April 13, 2026**

The Vernon Township Board met on April 13, 2026, with all board members present. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved as presented, and minutes from the March 9, 2026 regular meeting and budget hearing, along with the April 9, 2026 special meeting, were approved with minor changes.

A public hearing was held regarding continued funding for the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA). SATA representatives presented ridership data showing 259 Vernon Township riders since 2019. Board members and residents expressed concerns regarding service reliability, availability, and costs. The township attorney outlined funding options, including a millage or discontinuing participation. No action was taken following the hearing.

The Fire Chief presented the March fire report, noting six fire runs, nine EMS runs, and four burn permits. The board approved new firefighter hires and accepted a maintenance and repair agreement for tornado sirens. Discussion included failed sirens and long-term maintenance options.

Reports and actions were also taken for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission, including approval of updated bylaws. The Building Official reported on permit activity, proposed ordinance changes, and technology needs for the township hall. Ordinance 2026-01 was introduced for publication and adoption.

No ambulance report was presented, though an upcoming rate increase was discussed. The Sheriff's report noted 140 incidents in March. The Clerk reported that the transition to online payments and direct deposit is nearing completion and noted an upcoming May election for part of Precinct 2.

Under Old Business, the board approved Maner Costerisan as the township auditor and authorized over \$200,000 in road projects. Routine payrolls and fund disbursements were approved under New Business. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.