Vernon Township Board – Meeting Synopsis Regular Meeting – October 12, 2026

The Vernon Township Board met for its regular meeting on October 12, 2026, at 6801 S. Durand Rd. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with all members present except Trustee Janet Sprague.

The Board approved the agenda and the September 14, 2026, meeting minutes without changes. A closed session was held from 7:02 p.m. to 7:28 p.m. to consider the purchase of real property under MCL 15.268(1)(d).

Department & Commission Reports

- **Fire Department:** 16 fire runs and 3 EMS runs were reported for September. The department assisted Venice Township with a live burn, and SSESA provided EMS training.
- **ZBA:** No meeting in October.
- **Planning Commission:** Work continues on the Saginaw Street Overlay District with assistance from McKenna. The building official recommended updating zoning maps due to multiple spot-zoned parcels.
- **Building Department:** 17 permits were issued in September, totaling $3,870 in fees.
- **Ambulance:** SSESA reported a balanced $4.2M budget and is evaluating the former DNR building in Perry as a potential station site.
- **Sheriff:** 207 incidents were reported for September.

Clerk Report The clerk read correspondence from a resident requesting reconsideration of funding cuts affecting out-of-county transportation services. Absentee ballots for the November 3 election were mailed September 24, and voter requests remain high. The clerk also noted delays in the annual audit due to onboarding with a new auditing firm.

Public Comment Highlights

- Questions on Durand Rd. repairs—work is pending with the drain commission.
- Inquiry on township actions regarding data centers—Planning Commission will address future zoning needs.
- Thanks to the Road Commission for clearing trees near Palmeter Rd.
- Concern raised about water treatment plant capability regarding Cyclosporiasis—follow-up will continue.

New Business The Board approved payroll and fund distributions across township, fire, ambulance, refuse, and general funds.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.