

Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board
September 9, 2024
6801 S. Durand Road, Durand, MI 48429

Present: Supervisor Bert DeClerg, Deputy-Clerk Mike Blackledge, Treasurer Mary Jane Edwards, Trustee Janet Sprague, and Trustee Janeene Temple.
Absent: Susan Bannister

The meeting was called to order with the saying of the Pledge at 7:00 pm.

The agenda was reviewed, no changes were made to the agenda. **Motion:** Janet Sprague motioned; Janeene Temple seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All yes: motion passed.

The regular township board meeting minutes of August 12, 2024, were reviewed, having no changes. **Motion:** Janet Sprague motioned; Mary Jane Edwards seconded to approve the regular board meeting minutes of August 12, 2024. All yes, motion passed.

Fire Department:

Assistant Fire Chief Bill Hart presented the fire report. There were 10 fire calls for the month of August with 3 burn permits for the month. The department requests funds of \$7,704.00 to purchase a Supermac 20-inch battery operated positive pressure ventilation fan through Westshore Fire Equipment with 2-12 Ah Milwaukee Batteries with dual AC Charger and shoreline. VFW offered to donate a US flag to Vernon Township for the fire hall.

Motion: Mary Jane Edwards motioned; Janet Sprague seconded to approve the fire report as submitted. All yes, motion passed.

Motion: Janeene Temple motioned; Janet Sprague seconded to approve the fire department to spend no more than \$7,704.00 00 to purchase a Supermac 20-inch battery operated positive pressure ventilation fan through Westshore Fire Equipment with 2-12 Ah Milwaukee Batteries with dual AC Charger and shoreline. Roll Call; All yes, motion passed.

Zoning:

There was no zoning board report available.

Planning:

There was no planning report available.

Building Report:

The building report was read aloud by Supervisor DeClerg.

There were 10 permits issued for August 2024, and fees were collected in the amount of \$2,513.00. **Motion:** Mary Jane Edwards motioned; Janeene Temple seconded to approve the building report as submitted. All yes, motion passed.

Bob Delaney has submitted his resignation as Certified Building Official, effective September 16, 2024, and has recommended Jim Delaney as his successor, also effective September 16, 2024. **Motion:** Mary Jane Edwards motioned; Janet Sprague seconded to accept Bob Delaney's resignation and appoint Jim Delaney as his replacement, effective September 16, 2024. All yes, motion passed.

Ambulance Report:

The Ambulance report was presented, highlighting the locations of the two 24-hour ambulances and noting that the 12-hour ambulance is stationed at the Perry station overnight. **Motion:** Mary Jane Edwards moved; Janet Sprague seconded to approve the ambulance report as submitted. All yes, motion passed.

Sheriff Report:

The August 2024 Sheriff report was read aloud by Supervisor DeClerg. There was a total of 222 incidents for the month of August.

Clerk Report:

There was no Clerk report available.

Citizens' Concerns:

The board received a flyer for the Community Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2024, focused on the Greenwood Cemetery Restoration Project.

A member of the public inquired about the availability of a Fence Reviewer for public use.

Another member of the public noted that mile markers have been installed at three locations along the Shiawassee River in Vernon Township and that these markers are registered with emergency services.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Land:

Nothing was discussed.

Drains:

Supervisor DeClerg presented a proposal for tile installation at the corner of Byron Road and Prior Road by the Shiawassee County Road Commission. The cost to property owners would be \$2,300.00 for the tile work. **Motion:** Bert DeClerg motioned; Janeene Temple seconded to approve the Shiawassee County Road Commission to proceed with the tile installation at the corner of Byron Road and Prior Road. Roll Call; All yes, motion passed.

SATA:

Mary Rice, Executive Director of SATA, provided handouts outlining local funding needs for service operations. The Board discussed the current number of riders and the necessity for additional drivers to meet demand. They also emphasized the importance of addressing ridership and funding for the next fiscal year. **Motion:** Bert DeClerg moved; Mary Jane Edwards seconded to approve SATA funding for the period from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$27,504.62, using funds from the General Fund. Roll Call; With a vote of 3 in favor (Bert DeClerg, Mary Jane Edwards, Janet Sprague) and 1 against (Janeene Temple), motion passed.

Waste:

Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. (WM) presented an amendment to the curbside solid waste collection agreement, establishing the term from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2029. The amendment sets the township fee at \$16.08 per unit per month, with a 5% annual increase on the anniversary date of the agreement. Additionally, no further charges will be incurred unless amended by a written agreement. WM also announced that residents will receive a dump pass for up to one truckload of trash once per year. **Motion:** Mary Jane Edwards motioned; Janeene Temple seconded to approve the signing of the contract as presented. All yes, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Durand Sportsman's Club:

Tina, President of the Durand Sportsman's Club, requested that Vernon Township sign a resolution to issue a charitable gaming license from the Charitable Gaming Division of the Michigan Lottery. **Motion:** Janet Sprague motioned; Mary Jane Edwards seconded to approve the resolution for a charitable gaming license for the Durand Sportsman's Club, a 501(c)(7) organization. All yes, motion passed

Pay Bills:

The bills and payroll were presented to the township board for review and approval. **Motion:** Janet Sprague motioned; Mary Jane Edwards seconded to pay the following distributions.

Township payroll checks 17285 through 17307.

Fire Department payroll checks 8944 through 8946.

Ambulance fund distribution 1215.

Fire fund distributions 8941 through 8943.

General fund distributions 17277 through 17284.

Roll Call; All yes, motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Mike Blackledge
Vernon Township Deputy-Clerk