## Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board March 13, 2023

6801 S. Durand Rd., Durand MI 48429

The budget hearing was called to order by Supervisor Bert DeClerg. All board members were present.

After a review of the proposed 2023/2024 budget, the following motions were made and approved.

Motion to approve the 2023/2024 budget.

Motion to approve the 2022 tax reconciliation report.

Motion to set the meeting dates of the township board, planning commission and zoning board of appeals for the fiscal year 2023.

Motion to set the mileage reimbursement rate to .65 cents.

Motion to set the pay rate of the supervisor, clerk, treasurer, trustees, deputies, sexton, building inspector, assessor and building cleaning.

The budget hearing was closed at 7:00 pm.

Regular township board meeting.

Present: Supervisor Bert DeClerg, Treasurer Mary Jane Edwards, Clerk Susan Bannister, Trustee Janet Sprague, and Trustee Janeene Temple

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

Agenda was approved, adding the minutes from February 13, 2023, budget workshop to the minutes and the budget amendments under the clerk report.

The minutes of the February 13, 2023, board meeting and February 13, 2023, budget hearing were approved.

Fire Chief Dan Bannister reviewed the fire report. Following his report, the following motions were made and approved.

Motion to approve the fire report as submitted.

Motion to allow Diesler to replace emergency lighting and electrical outlets at the halls for \$2,500.00.

Motion to increase the probationary firefighter pay from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour.

There was no planning commission or zoning board of appeals meeting for February 2023.

The township board reviewed and discussed two proposals for a zoning administrator. The board accepted the proposal from the township assessor and building inspector to provide daily zoning administration to the township.

The building report was reviewed and approved.

The ambulance report was reviewed and approved.

The clerk provided a report on the various activities surrounding elections and finances within the township.

The board approved all budget amendments presented by the clerk.

**Public Comment:** 

Greg Broudeur from Shiawassee County gave a presentation on land grants. Rebecca Vandries and Danette Bancroft inquired about the railroad bridge over Newberry Rd.

The SEDP provided an update on projects within Vernon township.

The township board reviewed and approved the proposal from Anthony Karhoff to be the sexton for Love Joy Cemetery.

The township board reviewed and approved a request for plot ownership to be transferred in Love Joy Cemetery.

Russ Hilliker gave a year-end presentation on Greenwood Cemetery.

The township board approved the appointment of John Wolf to the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition.

The township board approved the pay proposal of the fire chief to make him a salaried employee, being paid \$20,000.00 annually.

All payroll and bills for the general fund, fire fund, ambulance fund, and refuse fund were reviewed and approved.

Susan Bannister Township Clerk