

Vernon Township Budget Hearing
March 10, 2025
6801 S Durand Rd, Durand, MI 48429

Present: Supervisor Bert DeClerg, Clerk Susan Bannister, Treasurer Mary Jane Edwards, Trustee Janet Sprague, and Trustee Nathan Charles.

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

The township board reviewed the findings of the budget workshop on February 10, 2025 as follows:

General Fund Revenues - \$680,323.06; Expenditures \$762,150.00.

Fire Fund Revenues - \$292,105.00; Expenditures \$292,105.00

Ambulance Fund Revenues - \$262,130.00; Expenditures \$286,020.00

Refuse Fund Revenues - \$269,000.00; Expenditures \$269,000.00

Revolving Fund - \$50.00; Expenditures \$ 0.00

Motion: Janet Sprague motioned and Mary Jane Edwards seconded, to approve the budget as presented. Roll call, all yes. Motion Passed.

The following Budget amendments were presented for the 2024/2025 budget year.

General Fund:

Elections – Amend Budget from \$25,000.00 to \$31,488.04.

Streetlights – Amend Budget from \$6,000.00 to \$7,200.00.

Zoning – Amend Budget from \$10,000.00 to \$22,261.96.

Recreation/Park Facilities – Amend Budget from \$1,000.00 to zero.

Fire Fund:

Amend Revenues from \$257,500.00 to \$435,076.00

Amend Expenditures from \$277,500.00 to \$422,610.19.

Ambulance Fund:

Amend maintenance from \$262,130.00 to \$268,250.00

Refuse Fund:

Amend maintenance from \$246,250.00 to \$248,350.00.

Motion: Janet Sprague motioned and Susan Bannister seconded, to approve the budget amendments as presented. Roll call, all yes. Motion passed.

The treasurer presented the tax reconciliation report. Question regarding why the report did not match revenues as recorded in the current budget were answered.

Motion: Janet Sprague motioned and Bert DeClerg seconded, to approve the tax reconciliation report as presented. All yes, motion passed.

The clerk presented the wages and projections with a 5% increase. Due to budget constraints the increase to the township board was adjusted to 2%.

Motion: Susan Bannister motioned and Nathan Charles seconded to set wages as follows. Roll Call, all yes. Motion Passed.

	Approved Pay	
Position	2025-2026	Frequency
Supervisor	23,694.60	Salary
Clerk	28,330.50	Salary
Treasurer	28,330.50	Salary
Trustees	5,151.00	Salary
Deputies	21.21	Per Hour
Sexton	5,040.00	Salary
Building Inspector	19,619.25	Salary
Assessor	32,886.00	Salary
Building Cleaning	50.00	Per Week
Fire Officers		
- Fire Chief	21,210.00	Salary
- Asst. Chief	5,302.50	Salary
- Captain	2,121.00	Salary
- Lieutenant	1,590.75	Salary
- Sargeant	1,060.50	Salary
Fire Fighters		
- FC/Asst. Chief	20.55	Per Hour
- Fire officers	19.47	Per Hour
- Fire Fighter Level 3	19.47	Per Hour
- Fire Fighter Level 2	18.39	Per Hour
- Fire Fighter Level 1	17.30	Per Hour
- Probationary	12.98	Per Hour
Planning Commission	42.00	Per Meeting
Election Workers		

- Regular	21.00	Per Hour
- Precinct Chairs	26.25	Per Election
Zoning	42.00	Per Meeting
Code Enforcement	18.03	Per Hour
Meeting Pay	42.00	Per Meeting
Mileage	0.75	Per Mile
Board of Review July/Dec	100.00	Per Day
Board of Review March	125.00	Per Day

Meeting dates for the township board are the second Monday of the Month starting at 7:00 pm, Planning Commission is the first Monday of the month starting at 7:00 pm, and Zoning Board of Appeals is the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm.

Motion: Susan Bannister motioned and Mary Jane Edwards seconded, to keep the meeting dates the same for the 25/26 budget year.

With no further business the meeting closed at 6:50 p.m.

Susan Bannister
Vernon Township Clerk

Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board March 10, 2025

Present: Supervisor Bert DeClerg, Clerk Susan Bannister, Treasurer Mary Jane Edwards, Trustee Janet Sprague, and Trustee Nathan Charles.

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order, with the Pledge being said at 7:00 pm.

The agenda was presented and approved, adding the minutes from the budget workshop and “the land” to new business.

The regular township board meeting minutes and budget workshop minutes of February 10, 2025, were approved with no changes.

Fire Chief Dan Bannister presented the fire report. The following motions were approved.

- Motion to approve the fire report.
- Motion to promote Travis Schneider and Theodore Cook to Lieutenant.

There was no Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in March 2025.

The Planning Commission report was presented and there will be a public hearing for the planning commission in April to make changes to the zoning of Leisure Lake and Holiday Shores. The following motions were made:

- Motion to approve the report as presented. Approved
- Motion to approve McKenna to start drafting language for an Enterprise solution for Saginaw Street. Approved

The building report was reviewed and approved. For February, there were six permits totaling \$1,735.00. There was also a discussion regarding the current building inspector’s certification status and who is signing permits.

The Ambulance report was presented by Trustee Janet Sprague. The budget is looking better than expected. The campground in Byron is looking to take their fee to the Tax Tribunal. The open position for this board has been posted.

The Sheriff’s report was presented. There were 135 incidents in February 2025.

The clerk reported on items related to her office. The new BS&A software will be live on March 17, 2024. There will be training the week of March 24th and everything operational as of April 1, 2025.

The Durand Annual Charity Chicken Barbecue, Inc. requested Charitable Gaming License status through the township, and it was granted.

Old Business:

The purchase of the new fire truck is nearly complete and they should see shipment by early summer.

The township is now subject to the Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA), and the clerk has requested a special meeting to discuss this.

MAGNET has requested a donation from the township. A motion was made and approved to give them \$1,000.00.

Rescue Me Pure Lawn Care presented the township board with a renewal contract for \$15,000.00 for lawn care services at Love Joy Cemetery. This contract was approved.

The Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition asked for \$100.00 in dues. This request was granted and John Wolf was reappointed to serve as representative.

New Business:

Bills were presented and approved.

There was a request for the available area from a data servicing company. The interest is in the area commonly known as "the land." No other information was provided to representatives of the township board.

The meeting was adjourned. Susan Bannister, Township Clerk