Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board January 8, 2024

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

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

The agenda was approved with removing the auditor from the agenda and adding the library and Caroline Wilson to the reports.

The December 11, 2023, board meeting minutes were approved with one change.

The County Clerk, Caroline Wilson, gave updates on moving back into the courthouse, nine days of early voting and fingerprinting now available in the vital office.

The library reported on upcoming projects for 2024 and will be having a meeting on January 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Fire Chief Dan Bannister presented the fire report. The township board approved the following for the fire department.

• Approval of the fire department participating in public events for 2024.

There was no zoning or planning commission for January 2024.

The planning commission will continue work on wind and solar ordinances. Nicholas Charles was appointed to the vacant position on the planning commission.

The building report was reviewed and approved. There were 10 permits for the month of December, totaling \$2138.00.

The Ambulance report was presented by trustee Janet Sprague.

The Sheriff's report was presented by Supervisor Bert DeClerg.

The clerk reported on the various activities surrounding elections. Absentee ballot applications have been sent out and ballots are expected on January 18, 2024.

The township board approved a budget amendment correcting the ARPA expenditure from Economic Development to Building and Grounds to cover building renovations.

There was no public comment.

Old Business:

There was no update on the "the Land."

New Business:

Bills were presented and approved.

The township will hold a budget hearing at 6:00 pm before their February 12th meeting.

Susan Bannister, Township Clerk