

Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board
November 13, 2023

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

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

The agenda was approved with the removal of the auditor from the agenda.

The October 9, 2023, board meeting minutes were approved without changes.

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

- Approval of purchase of an AED in the amount of \$1,900.00.
- Approval of the sale of 14 used air packs in the amount of \$1,470.00
- Sale of the Command Unit that is not being used.

The fire department received a donation of \$500.00 from the Durand Chamber of Commerce.

There was no zoning for October 2023. Planning commission will continue work on residential ordinances for wind and solar but will shelve commercial ordinances pending State regulations.

The township held a public hearing on the passing of a burning ordinance. Following discussion the ordinance was adopted and will become effective on December 18, 2023.

The building report was reviewed and approved. There were 12 permits for the month of October, totaling \$2,925.00.

The Ambulance report was presented by the new fire chief Trent Adkins. There were 35 runs for the month of October with an average response time of 6 minutes 59 seconds. The board made several requests and asked questions of the future of the service.

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

The clerk reported on the various activities surrounding elections. The presidential primary will take place on February 27, 2023. Election information will be updated on the website as it becomes available.

The VFW gave an update on their project to raise money for providing flag holders for each veteran grave.

The code enforcement officer gave an update on code enforcement activities and the township board approved him to be paid his regular wages while in attendance at court hearings on behalf of the township.

Old Business:

The due diligence report will be completed in the coming week for “the land.” SEDP will make sure the township has a copy of the report. SEDP and MEDC are seeking direction on how to proceed with any projects that may come forth for “the land.” The township did not give any direction at this time.

New Business:

The clerk made several budget amendments that were reviewed and approved.

Bills were presented and approved.

The township will be proceeding with renovations for both township halls in the months of January and February.

The township board entered a closed session to discuss litigation and settlement of an ongoing case. The attorney was directed to continue with the case as discussed in the executive session.

Susan Bannister, Township Clerk