

Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board September 11, 2023

Present: Supervisor Bert DeClerg, Clerk Susan Bannister, Treasurer Mary Jane Edwards, Trustee Janeene Temple and 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 August 14, 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 cell phones and SIM cards for fire trucks from Verizon Frontline Services.

There was no zoning or planning commission meeting for September 2023.

Planning Commission made the recommendation to publish the draft master plan and to re-adopt the interim zoning ordinance. The township board will hold public hearings in September for the adoption of the Emergency Medical Services assessment and in October for publishing the draft master plan and re-adoption of the interim zoning ordinances.

The building report was reviewed and approved. There were 12 permits for the month of August, totaling \$6034.00.

The Ambulance report was reviewed and noted that Dan Bannister has been promoted to the roll of Captain with SESSA.

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

The clerk reported on the various activities surrounding budget and resolving items identified by Risk Management. A budget amendment was approved for the publication line item and the creation of Code Enforcement department to the budget.

The board approved concrete work at both the station on Durand Rd. and in the Village of Vernon.

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

The remainder of the public comment section was dedicated to individuals who came to the meeting to speak out about their concerns over the proposed “HALO” project.

Old Business:

There was no further update to agenda items of “The Land” and EGLE.

New Business:

Bills were presented and approved.

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