

Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board
August 14, 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 addition of the Library to the reports.

The July 10, 2023, board meeting minutes were approved without changes.

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

- Approval of the fire report as submitted.
- Approval to send three firefighters and any interested board members to MTA sponsored training.
- Approval to purchase used gear grid for \$3,000.00
- Approval to hire five new hires effective September 1, 2023.
- Approval to adopt new pay scale for firefighters and officers effective October 1, 2023.

There was no zoning or planning commission meeting for July 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 19 permits for the month of June, totaling \$8,443.00.

The investigation into the actions of Chief Hubbard is ongoing. The SESSA board is working on next year's budget, and they hired five new personnel.

Trustee Janet Sprague reported that the Library is doing well and seeing a lot of traffic.

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

The clerk reported on the various activities surrounding elections and a meeting with Risk Management. A budget amendment was approved for the SATA line item.

The VFW gave an update on their project to identify graves of military personnel and to provide flag holders for each grave.

The public comment section was dedicated to individuals who came to the meeting to speak out about their concerns over the proposed "HALO" project being proposed. Citizens from Genesee County and Shiawassee County spoke about their opposition.

Old Business:

And update was provided on the "Land" and a meeting was held with parties involved with "HALO," a proposed project for that property.

A meeting that was to be held with the State of Michigan department of EGLE was cancelled and has yet to be rescheduled.

New Business:

The clerk's request that the township contract with Shiawassee County for holding early voting was approved.

Bills were presented and approved.

Susan Bannister, Township Clerk