

Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board  
October 9, 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 public hearing minutes, the special meeting minutes of October 6, 2023, and insurance to the agenda.

All minutes were approved with a date correction to the special meeting minutes.

The auditor from the company hired by the township was present and reviewed the 2022-2023 audit.

Fire Chief Dan Bannister presented the fire report. Which was approved by the board in its entirety.

There was no zoning for October 2023.

The planning commission reported that they are continuing work on updating the interim zoning ordinances, particularly wind and solar ordinances.

The building report was reviewed and approved. There were 11 permits for the month of August, totaling \$2874.00.

The Ambulance report was reviewed and accepted. The township representative to the SESSA board reported that Chief Guy Hubbard has been terminated.

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

The clerk reported on the various activities surrounding the audit completion, elections, and the request for the approval of an election assistant. The board approved this position and the appointment of Tina Holmes to this position.

There were questions and comments from the public on where brush should be placed in Chalker cemetery, the ditch line in front of residents on New Lothrop road having standing water, and the VFW gave an update on their project to raise money for providing flag holders for each veteran grave.

Old Business:

Brian Marks from the SEDP gave an update on the completion of the due diligence that has been ongoing on the property known as the "Land."

SESSA provided the township with an amendment to the ambulance contract to reflect the increase to \$110.00. This contract was reviewed and approved by the board.

New Business:

The Fire Chief presented a proposed burning ordinance, which the board approved to put forth as a public hearing during the November meeting.

The 2023 insurance premiums were reviewed and there is an increase due to additional insurance on fire equipment, buildings, and vehicles. The board approved the increase and did a budget amendment to accommodate the additional funds.

Bills were presented and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm

Susan Bannister, Township Clerk