

Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board  
December 11, 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 and the addition of building renovation to the old business.

The November 13, 2023, board meeting minutes were approved without changes.

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

- Approval of the purchase of two replacement ladders in the amount of \$1,100.00.
- Approval of a budget amendment to move \$1,000.00 from personal equipment to education to allow for a CPR class.

There was no zoning or planning commission for December 2023.

McKenna was present to give an overview of the passing of HB 5120 and the implications to the township.

The building report was reviewed and approved. There were 10 permits for the month of October, totaling \$3,754.00.

The Ambulance report was presented by fire chief Trent Adkins.

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

The clerk reported on the various activities surrounding elections. Absentee ballot applications are expected to go out as soon as they are delivered.

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:

Brian Marks from the SEDP spoke on whether the “land” would be impacted by the passing of HB 5120. He also let the board know that Detroit Development and the Railroad would be interested in speaking with the township about development on the “land.”

A new bid was submitted to increase the amount needed for renovations in the community room at the fire station in the Village of Vernon. The new bid in the amount of \$18,425.00, which the board approved. Due to renovation, the January township board meeting will be moved to the fire station in the Village of Vernon.

New Business:

Bills were presented and approved.

Susan Bannister, Township Clerk