

## Regular Meeting Vernon Township Board August 11, 2025

Present: Supervisor Bert DeClerg, Clerk Susan Bannister, Treasurer Mary Jane Edwards, Trustee Janet Sprague, and Trustee Nathan Charles.

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order, with the Pledge being said at 7:00 pm.

### Administrative Actions

- Agenda & Minutes: July 14 minutes approved with language correction.
- Board Composition: Nathan Charles removed from Planning Commission due to conflict as Building Official; Janet Sprague appointed as replacement.
- Representation Changes:
  - SSES Board – Susan Bannister appointed, with Bert DeClerg as alternate.
  - Planning Commission – Janet Sprague appointed.

### Department Reports

- Fire Department: 30 runs in June; no billing/burn permits. Approval to inspect rescue truck motor (cost ≤ \$20,000).
- Building: 13 permits issued in July (\$3,119 fees). 2025–26 fee schedule adopted.
- Ambulance: Revenues at \$890,000; 4 new hires (3 paramedics, 1 EMT). Budget strong.
- Sheriff: 226 incidents in July.
- Clerk: Resolution approved to establish a central polling place for Precincts 1 & 2.
- IT: Five-year modernization plan presented. Board approved moving IT services to LJ, Inc. and contracting KC Media for township website and branding.

### Planning & Zoning

- ZBA Variances:
  1. 1.86-acre residential split – approved.
  2. 3.48-acre residential split (Bennington Rd) – approved.
- Planning Commission Recommendations:
  - Recycling Facility – special use permit recommended.
  - Campground Definitions – clarified; board tabled approval until September.
- Composting Facility (TMB Property):
  - Enclosed system proposed; odor control and monitoring addressed.
  - Board approved special use permit with conditions for site cleanliness, containment, and safety.

### Other Motions & Business

- Training: Board approved paying for MTA fall training (registration + mileage).
- Library Millage: Approved new 9-year, 0.5 mill levy proposal.
- Drain Repair: Approved emergency UV lining fix for Durand Relocation drain; long-term petition process planned.
- SATA Funding: Public hearings scheduled for September & October to consider a special assessment to support SATA.
- Payroll & Funds: Payroll and fund distributions approved.

### Public Comments

- Concern raised about lack of Planning Commission minute-taker; clerk exploring software solutions.
- Interest expressed in potential data center development within the township.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned after completion of all motions.