

AGENDA
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF VERNON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING



February 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.



Vernon Township Community Service Building
2900 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
4. Public Comment.
5. Approval of Minutes.
6. Recognition of Nancy Urice and her volunteers for their exemplary work converting the township's food pantry into a grocery store experience.
7. Grant Applicant Presentations.
8. Reports:
 - a. Township Supervisor
 - b. Clerk
 - c. Highway Commissioner
 - d. Assessor
 - e. Trustees
 - f. Director of Parks & Recreation
 - g. Director of Constituent Affairs
9. Approval of Bills in the Following Funds:
 - a. Town Fund
 - b. General Assistance Fund
 - c. Cemetery Fund
 - d. Park Maintenance Fund
 - e. Road Fund
 - f. Permanent Road Fund

g. Metra Fund

10. Unfinished Business.

11. New Business:

- a. A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A BINDING PROPOSITION TO ABOLISH THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT TO THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ELECTORS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
- b. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A WELCOMING AND INCLUSION POLICY FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
- c. A RESOLUTION URGING ALL VERNON TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS TO DONATE THEIR AUTOMATIC, TAXPAYER-FUNDED ANNUAL SALARY INCREASE FOR THE YEAR 2018 TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FOOD PANTRY FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
- d. Discussion and possible action concerning Glenkirk's amended grant request.

12. Preliminary FY19 Budget Review.

13. Executive Session:

- a. Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, held in executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

14. Adjournment.

Vernon Township gives people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from Township meetings. Any person who has a disability requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a reasonable accommodation to participate in a Township meeting should contact Holly Kim, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Vernon Township, 3050 Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 or (847) 634-4600, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

**VERNON TOWNSHIP
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A BINDING PROPOSITION TO ABOLISH THE
VERNON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT TO THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ELECTORS
AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, FOR
VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ADOPTED BY THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF VERNON TOWNSHIP**

**DANIEL C. DIDECH, Township Supervisor
BARBARA BARNABEE, Township Clerk**

**ROGER N. ADDELSON
JONATHAN M. ALTENBERG
ADAM R. BROAD
PHILIP A. HIRSH
Trustees**

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VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois (the "Township"), is a duly organized and existing township and unit of local government created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is operating under the provisions of Illinois' Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/1-1, *et seq.* (the "Township Code"), and all laws amendatory thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Road District, Lake County, Illinois (the "Road District"), is a duly organized and existing road district and unit of local government created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is operating under the provisions of the Township Code and the Illinois Highway Code, 605 ILCS 5/1-101, *et seq.* (the "Highway Code"), and all laws amendatory thereto; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-134 of the Highway Code provides that the board of trustees of any township located in a county with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants may submit a proposition to abolish the road district of that township to the electors of that township at a general or consolidated election in accordance with the general election law; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township is located in Lake County, Illinois, a county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor (the "Supervisor") and the Township Board (the "Board") are committed to ensuring the effective administration of government and the responsible management of taxpayer money; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and the Board have determined that abolishing the Road District would save taxpayer money without sacrificing the high quality of service that the Road District's employees currently provide to the Township's residents by eliminating a redundant taxing body, increasing oversight and reducing unnecessary administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, with the foregoing in mind, the Supervisor and the Board have determined that it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to submit the following binding proposition (the “Binding Proposition”) to the electors of the Township at the general election to be held on November 6, 2018:

“Shall the Road District of the Township of Vernon be abolished with all the rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities being assumed by the Township of Vernon?”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
IN GENERAL**

Section 01. Incorporation Clause.

The statements set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution as if set forth in full.

Section 02. Authorization.

The Board hereby authorizes the Binding Proposition to be placed on the ballot in the Township at the general election to be held on November 6, 2018, and further authorizes and directs the Board to certify the Binding Proposition to the proper election officials so that the question may be submitted in accordance with the general election law, and that the Binding Proposition shall be in substantially the following form in accordance with Section 6-134 of the Highway Code and with the general election law:

Shall the Road District of the Township of Vernon be abolished with all the rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities being assumed by the Township of Vernon?	YES
	NO

Section 03. Severability.

The provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable, and should any provision of this Resolution be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable and as though not provided for herein, and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect.

Section 04. Superseder.

All Township code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

Section 05. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be immediately in full force and effect after passage and approval.

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ADOPTED by the Township Board of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, on the 14th day of February, 2018, by the following roll-call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Addelson				
Altenberg				
Broad				
Hirsh				
Supervisor Didech				
TOTAL				

APPROVED this 14th day of February, 2018.

Daniel C. Didech
Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

Barbara Barnabee
Township Clerk

COUNTY OF LAKE)
) SS
STATE OF ILLINOIS)

CLERK’S CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Barnabee, certify that I am the elected and duly qualified Clerk of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois (the “Township”) and, as such, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Township and its Supervisor and Trustees (collectively, the “Township Board”). I further certify as follows:

Attached to this Certificate is a true, correct and complete copy of Township Ordinance No. _____, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A BINDING PROPOSITION TO ABOLISH THE
VERNON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT TO THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ELECTORS
AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, FOR
VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

This Ordinance was duly passed and approved by the Township Board at a duly noticed meeting held on the 14th day of February, 2018. I do further certify that a quorum of said Township Board was present at said meeting, and that the Township Board complied with all the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act in connection with said meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal at Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Barbara Barnabee
Township Clerk

(SEAL)

**VERNON TOWNSHIP
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A WELCOMING AND INCLUSION POLICY FOR
VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ADOPTED BY THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF VERNON TOWNSHIP**

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BARBARA BARNABEE, Township Clerk**

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WHEREAS, Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois (the “Township”), is a duly organized and existing township and unit of local government created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is operating under the provisions of Illinois’ Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/1-1, *et seq.* (the “Code”), and all laws amendatory thereto; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the Illinois Constitution provides that no person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor (the “Supervisor”) and the Township Board (the “Board”) are committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of the Township’s residents and visitors and ensuring that all Township residents are treated fairly and equally; and

WHEREAS, with the foregoing in mind, the Supervisor and the Board have determined that it is advisable and necessary for the Township to adopt the following welcoming and inclusion policy (the “Policy”):

1. It shall be the policy of the Township to welcome and treat all Township residents with the same respect, fairness and dignity, and to continue providing services on an equal basis to all people, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, nation of origin or federal immigration status.
2. Township employees will not collect, store, create or maintain data on Township residents about their ancestry, national origin or religion, unless required by law.
3. The Township will not make citizenship or immigration status a condition of providing services or benefits, unless required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
IN GENERAL**

Section 01. Incorporation Clause.

The statements set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution as if set forth in full.

Section 02. Adoption of Policy; Authorization.

The Board hereby adopts the Policy. The officers, employees, and/or agents of the Township shall take all action necessary or reasonably required, as directed by the Supervisor, to carry out, give effect to and consummate the intent of this Resolution and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith. The Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements and expend any Township funds necessary to give effect to and consummate the intent of this Resolution. All prior actions of the Township's officials, employees and agents with respect to the subject matter of this Resolution are hereby expressly ratified.

Section 03. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be effective and in full force immediately upon passage and approval.

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Attached to this Certificate is a true, correct and complete copy of Township Resolution No. _____, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A WELCOMING AND INCLUSION POLICY FOR
VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

This Resolution was duly passed and approved by the Township Board at a duly noticed meeting held on the 14th day of February, 2018. I do further certify that a quorum of said Township Board was present at said meeting, and that the Township Board complied with all the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act in connection with said meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal at Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Barbara Barnabee
Township Clerk

(SEAL)

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LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NO. ____

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WHEREAS, Section 65-20(a) of the Township Code provides that compensation of township officers shall be set by the township board at least 180 days before the beginning of the terms of officers; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2016, the previous township board adopted a salary schedule that included automatic, taxpayer-funded annual salary increases for each Township elected official; and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor (the "Supervisor") and the Township Board (the "Board") are committed to ensuring that Township residents have the confidence that taxpayer funds are being managed responsibly and that elected officials are committed to serving the interests of the public, not only the interests of themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, with the foregoing in mind, the Supervisor and the Board have determined that it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to donate their automatic, taxpayer-funded annual salary increase for the year 2018 to the Township's food pantry, and to urge all Township elected officials to do the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
IN GENERAL**

Section 01. Incorporation Clause.

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Section 02. Donation to Food Pantry.

The Supervisor and Board hereby donate their automatic, taxpayer-funded annual salary increase for the year 2018 to the Township's food pantry. The Supervisor and the Board further urge the Township Clerk, Township Assessor and Highway Commissioner to donate their automatic, taxpayer-funded annual salary increase for the year 2018 to the Township's food pantry to illustrate to the residents of the Township that their elected officials are committed to serving the interests of the public, not only the interests of themselves and their families.

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(SEAL)