

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VERNON TOWNSHIP HELD
ON FEBRUARY 12, 2026, AT 7:00 PM, AT VERNON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
3050 NORTH MAIN STREET, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 7:00 p.m. by
Supervisor Kobler.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Kobler led everyone in the saying of the Pledge of
Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Supervisor Kobler, Clerk Vasquez,
Trustees Hirsh, Sebor, and Sender. Absent: Trustee Magati.

For the record, also present were Township Manager Gedville, Deputy
Township Manager Monie, Assessor Piepenbrink, and Attorney
Williams.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Board
of Trustees, January 8, 2026, and the Special Meeting of The
Board of Trustees, January 23, 2026

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sender and seconded by Trustee Sebor
to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Board of
Trustees, January 8, 2026, and the Special Meeting of The
Board of Trustees, January 23, 2026.

Discussion: None.

Voice Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

6. REPORTS

- a. TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Kobler, Clerk Vasquez and the staff attended the
Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Annual
Conference. This was a great opportunity for continuing
education and to bring back best practices. The classes
consisted of topics, such as natural planting, labor, open
meetings act, boardmanship essentials, ethics, and ethics.

- b. CLERK:

Clerk Vasquez - The Township and Rep. Daniel Didech's office
are cosponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday,

February 26 from 9AM-2PM at the Community Services Building.
We appreciate anyone that can make a blood donation.

-Early Voting takes place at Peterson Park from March 2-14.
Hours are Mon-Fri: 9am to 5pm; Sat: 9am to 2pm; Sun: Closed.
-The General Primary Election will also be held at Peterson Park on Tuesday, March 17, from 6am to 7pm.

c. ASSESSOR:

Assessor Piepenbrink is settling in at the office and getting to know the staff and the daily routine.

In 2025 appeals were down 11.2% and the Township grew by 7.3% (new construction). The office is very busy with exemptions.

d. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Hirsh - No report.

Trustee Magati - Absent.

Trustee Sebor spoke with Sedgebrook residents about our senior services. They were not familiar with our taxi program. She encouraged the meeting attendees to visit our website to see what we offer seniors and to learn about our food pantry.

Seven years ago today, Trustee Sebor was sworn in as trustee. She shared that it has been a pleasure and honor to work alongside some amazing people on the Board and staff.

Trustees Sender - No report.

e. STAFF:

Township Manager Gedville - There was some damage to the park grounds and Field 3 due to an individual driving an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV). We received a quote in the amount of \$5,200 for aeration and overseeding the damaged area. We reported the damage to the police.

-A grant that included in the state budget for capital improvements was released, and we have started the paperwork for this. We expect payments in the next fiscal year.

-The Community Shredding Event dates are April 13, July 22, and Sept 14.

Deputy Township Manager Monie - Registration for Summer Camp has begun; 120 kids have registered. The 8-year-old camp group is almost full.

-Clerk Vasquez Lauren and Alex will be attending a Frontline Staff Training in Zion on February 19.

-The Vernon Township Social Agency Grants applications are open. They are due on March 24th.

-We are working with our designer on getting work carts to be used for food pantry donations (our branding will appear on the sides of the carts).

-Regarding the anonymous donation we received last month, Lauren has created a spreadsheet and is tracking how many dollars we have spent and how much we have left.

f. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Williams will be working with Deputy Township Manager Monie and State Rep. Daniel Didech to address some patterns that park districts, school districts and municipal governments are seeing regarding people using the FOIA Act as a business venture. They are making money and exploiting the act for their own personal gain.

Deputy Township Manager Monie mentioned that this was a huge topic of discussion at the Illinois Park District Annual Training Conference.

g. Mental Health Board:

Trustee Hirsh mentioned that Emily Crutchfield was sworn in during the January meeting. Also, Al Dorfman was recognized for his service to the Mental Health Board. The Mental Health Board gave out most of their remaining budget.

Deputy Township Manager Monie mentioned that seventeen agencies were granted funding during this cycle. He also shared a hard copy of the FY25 Annual Mental Health Board Report with the Board; it will also be mailed to legislators.

h. FOIA:

We received five Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests:

- Two identical requests requesting our gunshot tracking software contracts (likely AI),
- A request for our purchase records (likely AI),
- A request for the Assessor's Office appeal records, and
- A request for the Township's legal bills from 2024 and half of 2025.

7. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES 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
- h. Vernon Township Mental Health Board Fund

MOTION: Made by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Sender to approve those expenditures in their aggregate of a grand total of \$615,775.11.

DISCUSSION: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Hirsh, Sebor, and Sender, and Supervisor Kobler. NAYS: None. Absent: Trustee Magati.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

8. PRIOR BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Approval of an HVAC Maintenance Service Agreement for all township HVAC units and Boilers

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Sender to approve an HVAC Maintenance Service Agreement for all township HVAC units and Boilers.

DISCUSSION: Township Manager Gedville reported that this annual contract will cover the maintenance for all HVAC, heating systems, and boilers on the premises. The contract will cost \$10,992.00 per year. Our staff will still be on top of regular maintenance. Repairs are not part of the quote. Additionally, we will receive preferred customer status for scheduling any future emergencies.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Hirsh, Sebor, and Sender, and Supervisor Kobler. NAYS: None. Absent: Trustee Magati.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

b. Discussion And Approval to Amend the Electronic Attendance Policy

MOTION: Made by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve to Amend the Electronic Attendance Policy.

DISCUSSION:
Supervisor Kobler mentioned that this will bring us into compliance with the change in state statute and is effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Hirsh, Sebor, and Sender, and Supervisor Kobler. NAYS: None. Absent: Trustee Magati.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Sender to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Discussion: None

Voice Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED