

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VERNON TOWNSHIP HELD
ON MAY 14, 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, Magati, Sebor, and Sender. Absent: None.

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

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, April 9, 2026

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee
Hirsh to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The
Board of Trustees, April 9, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

b. Approval of the Minutes of the Minutes of the Budget Hearing
on April 9, 2026

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee
Magati to approve the Minutes of the Budget Hearing on April
9, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Abstain: Trustee Sender.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a. TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR:

- Supervisor Kobler and Trustee Hirsh attended the Healthy Kids Running Series Buffalo Grove event. They chose our Food Pantry as their Hero of the Week. Supervisor Kobler thanked them for their generous food and online donations.
- He participated in a panel discussion at Half Day School's State Fair event, providing fourth-grade students with a valuable opportunity to interact and pose questions to government officials.
- He attended the Hanul Family Alliance Benefit dinner honoring Holly Kim.
- He and Township Manager Gedville met with the Village of Buffalo Grove (VBG) about the ongoing water main question.
- Supervisor Kobler encourages everyone to attend the Third Annual VTPalooza on June 11 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- There will also be a Board Meeting on June 11, followed by the Annual Ethics Training.

b. CLERK:

- Clerk Vasquez mentioned that the Township and the Office of State Rep. Daniel Didech are cosponsoring a blood drive on July 9, from 9am-2pm at the Community Service Building. We appreciate anyone that can make a blood donation.
- She thanked everyone for submitting their Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) forms.

c. ASSESSOR:

- Assessor Piepenbrink's office acquired Nearmaps Satellite Software for \$10,000, a tool that enables the computer-based measurement of parcels using aerial imagery. He plans to coordinate with IT for the software setup and expects it to be operational soon.

d. TRUSTEES:

- Trustee Hirsh - No report.
- Trustee Magati - No report.
- Trustee Sebor - No report.
- Trustees Sender - No report.

e. STAFF:

- Township Manager Gedville reported that landscaping will begin this month.
- Building Update: The new skylight bumper will be installed on May 23rd.
- There was an issue with Port Clinton Road. This repair work will go out to bid. In the next meeting we will be approving a small project to replace the storm sewer and fix the issue.
- Next week is our audit.
- We upgraded our weather monitoring and alerting system to Perry Weather. We will have access to alerts for severe

weather conditions, such as lightning and storms, ensuring safety for players on the field, swimmers and lifeguards in our pool, and the public. Additionally, we will have access to a snowfall forecast to be used by our Highway Department and heat index information for our summer camp.

-Pool Update: The main pool's skimmers are installed, and we are waiting for the concrete to cure before starting the tiling and plaster work. The kiddie pool is ready for use, having completed the sandblasting and painting process.

-Deputy Township Manager Monie reported that they are getting ready for the pool opening and camp.

-The pool staff starts this weekend, and training begins on Saturday mornings.

-He is processing the remaining Township Social Agency grants that were approved last month.

-The Mental Health Board grant applications are open through the end of the month.

-Chris will be on a Board for the Illinois Camp Association.

-Township Deputy Manager Monie and Nancy completed a client deescalation training through the Metropolitan Township Association (MTA).

-We are in the process of setting up a Farmers Market date.

-The Township plans to have a donation box set up at the Farmers Market, Community Garage Sale, and VTPalooza.

f. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No report.

g. MENTAL HEALTH BOARD:

Trustee Hirsh mentioned that the Grant Applications are open.

h. FOIA:

We received two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests this month:

- one request for the Assessor's office seeking records for a strip mall in Vernon Hills.
- On one ongoing request, we do not have responsive documents for this request.

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 Sender and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve those expenditures in their aggregate of a grand total of \$429,944.10.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

8. PRIOR BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The appointment of Mr. Terry Steczo to an unexpired term of the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District

MOTION: Made by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Sebor to appoint Mr. Terry Steczo to an unexpired term of the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Kobler mentioned that we are extremely fortunate and appreciative that Mr. Steczo volunteered for this position. He served 18 years in the General Assembly, served as Deputy Assessor for Taxpayer Services in Cook County; and served on various school boards, foundations, and nonprofit boards. This appointment is effective immediately.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

- b. The reappointment of Ms. Julia Hamilton to the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sender and seconded by Trustee Sebor to reappoint Ms. Julia Hamilton to the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Kobler mentioned that Ms. Hamilton has an extensive background in labor and public service. She has been doing an outstanding job.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

- c. Discussion and Approval of a Conflict of Interest Policy

MOTION: Made by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Sender to Approve a Conflict of Interest Policy.

DISCUSSION: All employees and Board Members are required to sign the new Conflict of Interest Policy. Attorney Williams emphasized that the new policy prohibits any personal benefit derived from grant funds allocated to a specific entity. The new Conflict of Interest Policy was created using recommended guidelines from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for grant eligibility, and it complements our existing Ethics Policy.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

d. Discussion and Approval of Grants

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Magati to Approve Grants.

DISCUSSION: Citing a conflict of interest, Trustee Sender recused himself from participating in related discussions and votes.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

e. Discussion and Approval Amendment No. 5 to the Commuter Station Development Agreement (with Metra)

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sender and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to Approve Amendment No. 5 to the Commuter Station Development Agreement (with Metra).

DISCUSSION: The Township entered an agreement with Metra in 1995, covering areas such as parking and station use. The agreement is formally updated every ten years; these updates are routine and include no substantive changes to the terms. Attorney Williams has reviewed the former agreements and the current Amendment.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

f. Discussion and approval to dispose of or sell the following Township property at public auction:

- i. 2002 Bonnell 11 Foot Snow Plow
- ii. Unused Snow Plow Blade – No Identifying Markings Available

NOTE: All items shall be sold on an “as is” basis, without any warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, express or implied and prospective purchasers have the ability to inspect said items at 3050 Main St., Buffalo Grove, IL prior to the sale and purchase. Prospective buy

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Magati to approve to dispose of or sell the following Township property at public auction:

- i. 2002 Bonnell 11 Foot Snow Plow
- ii. Unused Snow Plow Blade – No Identifying Markings Available

DISCUSSION: Since the Bonnell snow plow is incompatible with our current trucks and the other snow plow is outdated, it was recommended to dispose of both as scrap metal to recover the value of the steel.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sender and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED