

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VERNON TOWNSHIP HELD
ON AUGUST 13, 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 Clerk Vasquez.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Vasquez led everyone in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Clerk Vasquez, Trustees Hirsh, Magati, and Sebor. Trustee Sender entered the meeting at 7:03pm. Absent: Supervisor Kobler.

For the record, also present were Township Manager Gedville, and Deputy Township Manager Monie. Attorney Williams entered the meeting at 7:02pm. Absent: Assessor Piepenbrink.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

4. Approval to Authorize Trustee Hirsh to Chair the Board Meeting due to Supervisor Kobler's Absence.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Magati to authorize Trustee Hirsh to chair the meeting.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Yaeger noted that the trees along Aptakisic Road have cleared to accommodate Long Grove's replacement fire station.

*Trustee Sender entered the meeting at 7:03pm.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Board of Trustees, for June 11, 2026, and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Board of Trustees, for July 9, 2026

MOTION: Made by Trustee Magati and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Board of Trustees, for June 11, 2026, and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Board of Trustees, for July 9, 2026.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

7. REPORTS

a. TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR:

None.

b. CLERK:

Clerk Vasquez mentioned that the Township and the Office of State Rep. Daniel Didech are cosponsoring a blood drive on September 10, from 9am-2pm at the Community Service Building. We appreciate anyone that can make a blood donation. The American Red Cross declared an emergency blood shortage. Blood donors are urgently needed to help ensure patients receive lifesaving medical care without delay.

c. ASSESSOR:

None.

d. TRUSTEES:

Trustees Sender - No report.

Trustee Sebor - No report.

Trustee Magati - No report.

Trustee Hirsh - We had a table at the Buffalo Grove Farmers Market and collected money donations. JL Produce, one of the vendors, donated a 25-gallon container of fresh vegetables.

e. STAFF:

-Township Manager Gedville mentioned that our last shedding event of the year will be on September 14, from 11:30am to 2:00pm. Our last Shredding event was successful.

-Landscaping Update: The landscaping installation is complete. Currently, our rain garden is a bit flooded, but it will eventually absorb the water completely. The landscaping is under warranty, and dead plants will be replaced in the fall.

-Building Projects in progress include painting the exterior of the building, interior skylight work, ceiling repair work, and the painting of the upstairs bathrooms.

-IT Department Update: Ransomware attacks have been happening all over the country. As a result, IT has taken our firewall offline to ensure we are protected.

-Trustee Magati had further questions related to our security. Township Manager Gedville asked Trustee Magati to write down her questions and will forward them to our IT Department.

-Deputy Township Manager Monie presented an informational video detailing the Food Pantry process, which will be available on our website and social media channels.

-Camp Updates:

- Summer Camp is over for the year.
- We experienced weather related events this summer that affected our camp, such as severe storms and wildfire smoke.
- The wildfire smoke forced our summer camp to move activities indoors to protect children from hazardous air quality. In partnership with the Mental Health Board, Homegrown Therapy Dogs visited to provide an indoor play session for the children.
- Due to rain, Movie Night has been rescheduled to September 4th, starting at sunset.

-Deputy Supervisor Monie and Nancy will be attending two General Assistance/Emergency Assistance (GA/EA) training courses; one offered by the Metropolitan Township Association, and another by the Illinois Association of Caseworkers.

-Four grant agencies will be presenting at the next Mental Health Board meeting on August 20th at 6:30pm.

f. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

-Last month we passed a soil boring agreement and ordinance to allow Pulte to go on to the Metra Train Station parking lot property to test the soil. This work has not started yet.

-The next phase of the process was to provide a utility easement agreement between the Township, the Village of Buffalo Grove (VBG) and Pulte. We have been negotiating this for a while.

-The insurance requirements have been strengthened to ensure the Township is protected during the construction phase. Additionally, the VBG will be responsible for any maintenance, repairs, and emergencies that arise after the project is completed.

-In addition to the surety bond and letter of credit provided to the Village, Pulte has agreed to secure equivalent guarantees for the Township.

-Attorney Williams also reminded everyone that we will hold our Ethics Training next month.

g. MENTAL HEALTH BOARD:

-Trustee Hirsh reiterated that the Mental Health Board will be meeting at 6:30pm on August 20th and encourages everyone to attend.

h. FOIA:

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

-One from a property tax attorney,

- One asking for payment records. The requester was directed to our website, and
- One from an organization in Pennsylvania looking for our pool contract and any vendors paid over \$50K in the last two years.

8. UPDATE FROM NOELLE MOORE, THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD PRESIDENT:

President Moore thanked the Board for adding her to the agenda this evening.

- The Mental Health Board (MHB) has distributed \$1.2 Million to twenty-eight organizations in their first round of funding. Remaining budgeted funds may support a second round of funding.
- President Moore received an invitation from Rep. Didech's Office to speak about the MHB to their legislative summer interns.
- She mentioned that Supervisor Kobler extended an invitation to the MHB members to attend next month's Ethics Training.
- Every three years the MHB conducts a community needs assessment. At their next MHB meeting, they will be reviewing a request for proposals that they will then get out to organizations that provide these kinds of assessments.
- Annika, hired in January, currently allocates 25% of her time to the MHB. This arrangement is working out well.

Trustee Magati wanted to know the definition and purpose of a needs assessment.

Trustee Hirsh noted that the MHB has organized networking events to help the agencies interconnect and has also produced an informational video.

Trustee Hirsh thanked President Moore for her leadership and noted that she was recently reappointed and reelected as MHB President.

9. 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 Sebor to approve those expenditures in their aggregate of a grand total of \$1,975,290.27.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

10. PRIOR BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sender and seconded by Trustee Magati
to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED