

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VERNON TOWNSHIP HELD ON MARCH 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 7:01 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, and Sebor. Trustee Sender attended remotely. Absent: None.

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, February 12, 2026

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Board of Trustees, February 12, 2026.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a. TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Kobler reminded the Board to file their Statement of Economic Interests with the Lake County Clerk's Office before the deadline of May 1st.

We heard back from the Village of Buffalo Grove regarding their water main request; there will be further meetings to discuss the issue, Supervisor Kobler will keep everyone up to date.

b. CLERK:

Clerk Vasquez thanked everyone who participated in the Red Cross blood drive on February 26th. 30 Units of Blood were collected. It was noted that 30 units could potentially save or treat up to 30 patients, as one unit can be broken down into red cells, plasma, and platelets.

-The Township and the Office of State Rep. Daniel Didech are cosponsoring another blood drive on May 14, from 9am-2pm at the Community Service Building. We appreciate anyone that can make a blood donation.

-Clerk Vasquez thanked Lake County Clerk Anthony Vega and his team for approving and installing a lockbox at Peterson Park during the election.

-There is still an opportunity to Early Vote at Peterson Park on Friday, March 12, from 9am to 5pm; and Saturday, March 13 from 9am to 2pm.

-The General Primary Election at Peterson Park is on Tuesday, March 17, voting hours are 6am to 7pm.

c. ASSESSOR:

Assessor Piepenbrink is getting to know the operations of the office and staff. He is familiarizing himself with the way the Assessor's office and the Township work together.

d. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Hirsh - No report.

Trustee Magati - Thanks everyone for allowing her to travel last month. And for their support.

Trustee Sebor - No report.

Trustees Sender - No report.

e. STAFF:

Township Manager Gedville reported that the pool plastering is in progress, and the skimmers have been removed. There is a lot of work underway.

-We are moving forward with new redesigned banners for the train station incorporating prairie grass and the train. Everyone involved with this project did a great job.

-The building work is close to being completed. The skylights are in, but they might be adjusted.

-Later today, the Board will be voting on the landscape project which will be completed by the end of summer.

-He is working with Supervisor Kobler on several items necessary to comply with the State of Illinois' grant audit requirements, such as tracking staff hours working with the food pantry. The grant requires that every employee sign a conflict-of-interest document.

- We did get our \$600K grant released from the state; this grant initially started in 2019. It was dropped out of the budget but then was added by Rep. Didech.
- It was noted that the \$500K grant and the \$600K grant are both for the Township.
- It noted that the Sen. Johnson's grant has not yet been released, it will be released in 1-2 years.

Deputy Township Manager Monie reported that we have 125 registered campers, typically 1-2 registrations will keep coming in weekly until camp begins.

- The Camp and Pool are hiring employees and currently conducting interviews. Both departments have received significantly more applicants than positions.
- The new food pantry freezers were installed. During the installation it was discovered that the floor in the food pantry was uneven; this was addressed to make the freezers sit evenly and the work was covered under warranty.
- Trustee Sender thanked Deputy Manager Monie, Supervisor Kobler, and Chris for giving a group of 7th graders a tour of the food pantry.

f. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Williams noted that a few changes have been made to the electronic attendance policy in the statute since we last drafted our policy. One of the changes is regarding service members being able to be absent. Attorney Williams will clarify some of the changes in our policy and recommends that we take a vote to allow Trustee Sender to participate remotely.

g. Mental Health Board:

Trustee Hirsh mentioned that the Mental Health Board will conduct another needs assessment. Future discussions will focus on determining the scope of work.

h. FOIA:

- We received seven Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests this month:
- Five requests, from the same person, asking the Assessor's office for records about the Fiore Property.
 - Two requests related to the landscape bid.

7. APPROVAL TO ALLOW TRUSTEE SENDER TO FULLY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, HAVING GIVEN PROPER NOTICE AND PROPER REASON

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Magati to allow Trustee Sender to fully participate remotely, having given proper notice and proper reason.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

8. 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 Sebor to approve those expenditures in their aggregate of a grand total of \$298,733.98.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

9. PRIOR BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and approval to dispose of or sell the following Township property at public auction:
 - i. 2000 New Holland Snow Blower – Model 716B Serial Number FOP 0008
 - ii. 1998 Tilt Tech Adaptor for Skid Steer – Serial Number 400189
 - iii. Green Lee Fairmont Hydraulic Signpost Driver – Model H4825
 - iv. Heavy Duty Dual Hose Reel – Model 206-941 Series B
 - v. Aeroquip Field Crimp Machine – Part # FT-1330-2, Model A, Series 87-403

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

- i. 2000 New Holland Snow Blower – Model 716B Serial Number FOP 0008
- ii. 1998 Tilt Tech Adaptor for Skid Steer – Serial Number 400189

- iii. Green Lee Fairmont Hydraulic Signpost Driver - Model H4825
- iv. Heavy Duty Dual Hose Reel - Model 206-941 Series B
- v. Aeroquip Field Crimp Machine - Part # FT-1330-2, Model A, Series 87-403.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

- b. Discussion and approval of a bid to install landscaping at the Vernon Township Administration Building

MOTION: Made by Trustee Magati and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve a bid to install landscaping at the Vernon Township Administration Building.

DISCUSSION:

Township Manager Gedville passed out the landscape design renderings that highlighted a prairie landscape with a rain garden.

Township Manager Gedville recommends we go with Atwell's bid of \$67,018.75. Their company pays the prevailing wage and has experience working with park districts. The contract includes one year of plant maintenance.

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 bid for the Horatio Gardens Paving Project

MOTION: Made by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Magati to approve a bid for the Horatio Gardens Paving Project.

DISCUSSION: We did pave a small portion of Horatio Gardens that cost approximately \$400K. This will complete the rest of the subdivision. \$532,112.00 is the winning bid and Township Manager Gedville recommends voting in favor of this.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

- d. Approval of an Annual Town Meeting Notice and Agenda for the 2026 Annual Town Meeting

MOTION: Made by Trustee Magati and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve an Annual Town Meeting Notice and Agenda for the 2026 Annual Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

e. Approval of the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Made by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Sender to approve the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

11. PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

Township Manager Gedville reviewed the Town, General Assistance, Cemetery, Park Maintenance, Road, Permanent Road, Metra, and Mental Health Board preliminary budgets for Fiscal Year 2027. The Board had brief discussions to ensure that the goals and objectives of the Township would be met. A copy is available for public inspection at the Township or online.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED