

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD April 6, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA
LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on April 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m at the Vernon Township Hall. Members present were Ben Browning (Supervisor), Loren Cole (Clerk), Stephanie Allen (Treasurer), Lee Cole (Trustee), and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members Absent: none. Amend 5.4.26 J.Denton was absent.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by B. Browning with the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. Lee Cole made the motion to approve the Minutes from last month and the agenda for this month. Motion seconded by S. Allen. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: none.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
1. Property Tax: March BOR completed.
 2. Township Assets:
 - a. Township Hall; Hall repairs: Looking into siding options.
 3. Fire Dept.: CFD meeting 4.7.2026; INE meeting 4.14.2026.
 4. Solid Waste: The GFL and township audit continues
 5. Other: B. Browning attended a meeting with ITC.
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: See reports.
 2. Elections in August and November. Vernon will be doing a day of Early 9 Day Voting in October.
- G. Treasurer's Report
1. Financial Report as of March 2026.

a. General Fund Checking.....	\$ 437,435.33
b. Waste/Garbage.....	\$ 244,326.96
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 2,061.28
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 12,088.66
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery	\$ 61,056.72
f. Super High Yield Acc.	\$ 11,464.00
g. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 269,048.87
 2. Funds Received for the month of March 2026

a. February interest.....	\$ 260.87
b. Charter communication.....	\$ 219.64
c. MML Dividend.....	\$ 552.60
d. Vernon Tax Account ..Admin.....	\$ 513.92
e. General.....	\$ 19,942.88

f. Roads.....	\$ 39,887.65
g. GFL.....	\$ 58,218.11
h. VCHL.....	\$ 272.67

3. Review and pay bills. S. Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$19,616.40. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

I. Trustees' Report:

1. Jeff Denton: As reported to B. Browning. Viewed the MTA webinar on ADA website requirements. With the new updated website, we are about 85% compliant and will continue to improve the website.

2. Lee Cole: No. report.

J. Old Business:

1. No old Business.

K. New Business:

1. Consideration of estimates for Grant Funding contracts with the Isabella County Road Commission for the 2026 Road Construction Season and authorization for the Supervisor and Clerk to Execute said contracts. Motion by S. Allen to focus on 1 mile for drainage and 2-3 miles of gravel. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. Consideration of a 2026 application for fireworks Other Than Consumer or Low Impact permit by Denton Farms and the Michigan Pyrotechnic Arts Guild, for display of fireworks in relation to its activities on May 16th, 2026. Per State law, the local municipality is the agency authorized to approve such permits. Motion by B. Browning to approve the application for the permit for the firework display on May 16th, 2026. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed.

- L. . Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. Lee Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. on April 6, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk