

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD March 2, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA
LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on March 2, 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), Jeff Denton (Trustee) and Julie Cole (Deputy Clerk). Members Absent: none.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by B. Browning with the Pledge to the Flag.
- C. S. Allen made the motion to approve the Minutes from last month and the agenda for this month. Motion seconded by Loren Cole. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present: 12 residents and The Drain Commissioner were here to talk about the recent Stevenson Lake Level Hearing. Craig and Karen Russon and Judy Farnum expressed their concerns.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
1. Roads and Drains: Lake Level of Stevenson Lake public meeting and hearing was held February 26..
 2. Property Tax:
 - a. March BOR will consist of public meetings being held on Wednesday March 11th from 9-noon and 1-4 p.m. and Thursday March 12th from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m.
 3. Township Assets:
 - a. Township Hall; Hall repairs: Looking into siding options.
 4. Fire Dept.: Budget increases.
 5. Budget Hearing: the 2026-2027 Budget Hearing will be here at the hall at 6:30 p.m on March 23rd.
 6. Solid Waste: GFL and the township are doing an address audit.
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: See reports.
- G. Treasurer's Report
1. Financial Report as of February 2026.
 - a. General Fund Checking..... \$ 399,875.26
 - b. Waste/Garbage..... \$ 196,969.95
 - c. Vernon City Highway Lighting..... \$ 1,908.61
 - d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings..... \$ 12,056.05
 - e. Vernon Twp Cemetery \$ 61,056.72
 - f. Super High Yield Acc. \$ 11,455.12
 - g. Vernon Roadway Fund..... \$ 229,161.22

2. Funds Received for the month of December 2025 and January 2026

a. February interest.....	\$ 260.87
b. Charter communication.....	\$ 219.64
c. MML Dividend.....	\$ 552.60
d. Vernon Tax Account ..Admin.....	\$ 27.71
e. General.....	\$ 21,192.60
f. Roads.....	\$ 42,386.30
i. GFL.....	\$ 27,250.00
j. VCHL.....	\$ 195.75

3. Review and pay bills. Lee Coe made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$17,680.83. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed

4. Budget and Account transfers: Loren Cole made the motion to increase the Garbage Budget to \$124, 169.01. Motion seconded by J. Denton. Motion passed.

I. Trustees' Report:

1. Jeff Denton: Jeff attended the hearings for the Stevenson Lake lake levels. Also informed those in attendance of the new updated website.
2. Lee Cole: No. report.

J. Old Business:

1. No old Business.

K. New Business:

1. Discussion on 2025 Road Projects. ICRC informational meeting was held February 10, 2026.
Loren Cole made the motion to do the two applications
Of Road Brine at the ICRC recommended application rate. J. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. Consider a resolution to establish Election Worker Rates: S. Allen made the motion for the rate increase and J. Denton seconded. Roll Call Vote. 5 yays and 0 nays. Resolution 001-2026 was approved.
3. Consider a resolution to establish BOR members and rates. B. Browning made the motion for the members / rate increase and Loren Cole seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 5 yays and 0 nays.
Resolution 002-2026 was approved.

L. . Adjournment: S. Allen made the motion to adjourn. J. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on March 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk

