

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING HELD May 5, 2025

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF ISABELLA

LOREN COLE, CLERK

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Township Board was held on May 5, 2025 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 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. Loren Cole made the motion to approve the minutes from last month and the agenda for this month. Motion seconded by J. Denton. Motion passed.
- D. Visitors present:
- a. Ryan Baldwin (resident): Concerned about the Ditch near his place on Whiteville Road washing out. Also, expressed concern about the mud/dirt/manure on the roads.
  - b. Brent Duffett (resident): No concerns expressed.
  - c. Mike Wentworth (resident): Concerned about his recycling not being picked up at his place on Battle Road. B. Browning to look into this.
- E. Supervisor's Report:
1. Fire Dept.: INE meeting is April 8, 2025.
  2. Roads and Drains: Still waiting on word from the Tribe regarding funding for Coleman Road.
  3. Township Assets: Concern regarding the Siding on the Hall.
- F. Clerk's Report:
1. Budget: See reports.
  2. Election Issues: May election with Clare-Gladwin RESD and Mt. Pleasant school is tomorrow.
- G. Treasurer's Report
1. Financial Report as of April 30th, 2025.

a. General/ Fund Checking.....	\$ 340,753.36
b. Waste/Garbage.....	\$ 207,319.78
c. Vernon City Highway Lighting.....	\$ 2,670.99
d. Vernon Twp Perpetual Care Savings.....	\$ 11,612.88
e. Vernon Twp Cemetery .....	\$ 57,669.10
f. Super High Yield Acc. ....	\$ 11,367.97
g. Vernon Roadway Fund.....	\$ 215,891.37
  2. Funds Received for the month of April 2025.

a. Checking interest .....	\$ 322.67
b. Isabella Co.Trea: Dog licenses & PRE interest	\$ 30.82
  3. Review and pay bills. B. Browning made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$28,709.76. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- I. Trustees' Report:
1. Jeff Denton: See Old Business.
  2. Lee Cole: No report.

J. Old Business:

- a. Review UCA draft from Fahey and Schultz. Continues to be tabled.
- b. Discussion on Email/Website Improvements: J. Denton presented a trial new website. Discussion.

K. New Business:

- a. Consideration of a 2025 Application for fireworks Other Than Consumer or Low Impact Permit by Denton Farms and the Michigan Pyrotechnics Arts Guild, for display of fireworks in relation to its activities on May 17, 2025. Per State Law, the local municipality is the agency authorized to approve such permits.

L. . Adjournment: J. Denton made the motion to adjourn. S. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed. This meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on May 5, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Cole, Deputy Clerk