

Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (7:00 PM)
April 13, 2023

Regular Meeting: The Town of Vernon Council meeting at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282, was called to order by Wayne Zamora at 7:00 PM.

Town Officials and employees present:

I. Call to Order – All Members Present

Wayne Zamora – Mayor

John Post – Council Ward 1

Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2

Amber Fields – Council Ward 3

Mary Jo Bender – Clerk Treasurer

Ron Hendershot – Maintenance/Works Manager

Britt Burgmeier – Town Marshall

Aaron Poole – VVFD Fire Chief

II. Approval of March 9, 2023, minutes

Wayne asked if there were any comments or corrections to the March 9, 2023, Council minutes and recommended approval.

Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the March 9, 2023, minutes. Amber Fields made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

III. Petitions or comments by the members of the public present:

Wayne asked anyone from the public wishing to make a comment to sign in and let the Council know what they wished to comment on

Roger Taylor

Roger is asking about the junk/immovable car parked in the street right of way and if we cannot do something about it as it has been in the way for many months.

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers

1. Town Mayor – Wayne Zamora

Wayne presented ideas for going forward, talks with USDA and other entities regarding funding for our needs. He mentioned a Cummins summer project at Rat Row.

2. Ward 1 Council – John Post

- a. John reiterated the need to watch the video concerning internal controls from SBOA and sign off as viewed.

3. Ward 2 Council – Jeff Walker**a. 2023 Spring Tonic 5K Run**

Jeff mentioned that all was in place for the Spring Tonic and hoping for a good turn-out.

4. Ward 3 Council – Amber Fields

- a. Amber asked to reserve space in Vernon for the Solar Eclipse of 2024 and that she feels it is important for Vernon to use their own facilities.
- b. Amber reported on the exit interview with the SBOA auditors and to have video concerning internal controls viewed.

5. Clerk Treasurer – Mary Jo Bender

- a. Also gave information from the exit interview with auditors. Recognized the need going forward to implement some or all of their suggestions and recommendations.

6. Town Legal Counsel – Brad Kage

- a. Brad presented revised Fire Protection Agreement.

7. Town Marshall – Britt Burgmeier – Britt discussed the parking issue again, also issued his report for the month of March.**8. VVFD Fire Chief – Aaron Poole – Aaron was present and signed new Fire Protection Agreement. Another quote from S&G Electric for generator will be requested.****9. Town Public Works Manager – Ron Hendershot**

- a. Ron discussed the issue with the Ripley Street Lift Station, the problems and eventual failure of said station. O'Mara has placed a temporary bypass pump for the time being. The entire lift station needs replaced.
- b. Much discussion ensued about other areas and especially Indian Hills and grinder pump problems. Have had to replace 2 grinder pumps recently. Proposal to give all pumps in Indian Hills back to the owners was mentioned.
- c. Discussion about a 5 Year Plan and priorities was decidedly too much for the council at this time so a special meeting was scheduled for 420/2023 @ 7:30 pm.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Next Level Trails Grant update was presented by Brad Bender. He informed the Council that he still did some contract work with FPBH, Inc. but was not employed nor had any financial interest in the Company. Council was OK with his arrangement. Reported the County Council was still in agreement to fund their portion and will be attending the next Park Board meeting to gain their approval.
- b. Jeff Walker motioned to accept design services agreement from FPBH, John Post seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- c. Amber made the motion to adopt the resolution for a Waiver Evaluation, Jeff seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- d. Council discussed the meter issue and decided to accept Neptune's agreement with some modifications, including no belt clip transceiver, 2 high volume meters and the remaining 233 regular meters. Amber motioned to accept the contract with Neptune, Jeff Walker seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- e. Ron's position concerning being a Town employee or staying on as an independent contractor was discussed and decided the status quo as a contractor to the town was preferred, especially since he is already employed full time by Dupont Water.

VI. New Business

- a. The quote from Craig Lee for exterior gym lights is \$1,600.00. Amber made the motion to accept this quote and John Post seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- b. Mayor Zamora asked for approval to hire a summer intern whereas half the salary is paid for by the state and half by the town. It can also extend beyond the summer. John Post made the motion to hire an intern at the pay rate of \$15.00 per hour. Jeff Walker seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

VII. Claims

a. Claims

Amber Fields made a motion to approve the **March 2023 claims**. John Post made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

b. The Clerk Treasurer provided a **Fund Report** for the month of March 2023.

VIII. Miscellaneous Business

a. **Day of Caring**

Wayne will have his volunteers on Sunday. Projects are lined up for Saturday and Sunday including testing the visual intersection displays.

IX. Jeff Walker made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:41 PM. Amber Fields made the second.


3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, May, 11, 2023, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

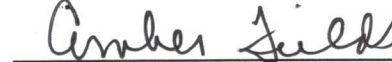
Vernon Town Council



John Post, 1st Ward

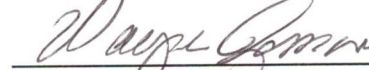


Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward



Amber Fields, 3rd Ward

Town of Vernon



Wayne Zamora, Mayor



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk Treasurer