

**Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (7:00 PM)
December 2, 2021**

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

Town Officials and employees present:

I. Call to Order – All Members Present

Amber Fields – Clerk/Treasurer
Eric Genda – Council Ward 1
Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2
Shelly Davers – Council Ward 3
Dan Wright – Mayor
Ron Hendershot – Maintenance/Works Manager
Britt Burgmeier – Town Marshall

II. Approval of November 4, 2021, minutes

Dan asked if there were any comments or corrections to the November 4, 2021, Council minutes and recommended approval.

Shelly Davers made a motion to approve the November 4, 2021, minutes. Eric Genda made the second.

Three Yes votes, 0 No votes.

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

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

No comment from the Public

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers

1. Town Mayor – Dan Wright

a. Water System Financing

Dan said that he is still working with Rural Water, IFA and the Indiana Bond Bank for financing. Because Vernon is an Historic District, it is taking more time. It also takes more time to coordinate between IDEM and the Trail System.

2. Ward 1 Council – Eric Genda

- a. Eric was glad to see that the Mexican Restaurant was coming back in January.

3. Ward 2 Council – Jeff Walker

- a. Jeff made a comment on the McDonald property and said that the sidewalks had still not been cleared. Eric thought it had not made it to the APC yet. Shelly thought it had been taken to the APC. John Post said the order wasn't specific. They have cleared all the items listed but since there weren't a lot of specific items listed, they have not removed them all. For example, the camper was moved, but not the wood.
- b. Jeff would like to be involved in cleaning up Ordinances and getting them posted online after talking to the Mayor of Westport. Amber said that the Ordinances were online. Jeff wanted to know who from the community was interested in being involved in the process of cleaning up the Ordinances. Dan thought that each Council Member would be best to look at the Ordinances individually and bring them back to the Council for review or changes.
- c. Jeff recommended the Town of Vernon prepare a **Comprehensive Planning Document** outlining the progress and use of the Town property. He thought maybe Ball State or Purdue University might be able to help. Jeff thought the Town would be better served to have a Comprehensive Planning Document when applying for grants.
- d. Shelly asked Jeff if he was having trouble getting into the computer for oversight.

4. Ward 3 Council – Shelly Davers

- a. Shelly asked if there were any oversight reports from Eric on the Gym and Finance from Jeff. Amber said that the Bank Reconciliation Summary document that Jeff and Dan both review and sign, is sufficient for the State Board of Accounts regarding oversight of the Clerk/Treasurer's position. Shelly disagreed.
- b. Shelly thought that the Ordinance provided (Number 176) was not the Ordinance voted on at the last meeting. The Council decided to wait to sign the Ordinance until item 12, emergency spending was clarified.
- c. Shelly proposed two new Ordinances for Council review: Electronic Meetings, and the 2022 Salary Ordinance. After some discussion, Dan recommended that the Council meet in Executive session to discuss the Salary Ordinance. It was decided the Council would meet for Executive Session at the Vernon gym on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 6:00 PM. Amber said that she would post the Notice for the Executive Session for Brad.
- d. Shelly asked for a copy of all the expenditures for the 2021 calendar year for review.

5. Clerk Treasurer – Amber Fields

- a. Amber asked each Council member to review the W-2 information sheet in their folders for accuracy.
- b. Amber passed around an email on the current road work in town.

6. Town Legal Counsel – Brad Kage

- a. Not present

7. Town Marshall – Britt Burgmeier

- a. The vehicles broken into over the summer took place all over southern Indiana and were gang related.

8. VVFD Fire Chief – Eric Kirkham

- a. Not present

9. Town Public Works Manager – Ron Hendershot

- a. **Local Boy Scout Troop** – Is currently out hanging Christmas decorations.
- b. **Vernon Gym Heating System** - Ron had Hall Heating come to check out the HVAC system at the Vernon Gym. Several units were deemed beyond repair. All other units were working fine. Trish & Ron are adjusting the heat when the gym is not in use to save on heating bills.
- c. Ron asked the Council if he might contact **Shaw's Monuments** about parking their truck a little further off the road to avoid accidents on Washington Street. The Council agreed.
- d. Ron reminded the Council that the Town no longer had an **Historic Building Preservation code** and that one should be considered.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. **Sale of Boat and Trailer** Dan informed the Council that the Boat and Trailer stored at the Town Hall was sold through "Sealed Bid" on November 30, 2021. There was only one bid for both the boat and trailer; Eric Genda \$150.

VI. New Business

- a. No new business at the time

VII. Claims**A. Claims**

Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the claims. Eric Genda made the second.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

B. The Clerk Treasurer provided a **Fund Report** for the month of November 2021.

VIII. **Miscellaneous Business**

A. **Donations & Other**


1. Dan mentioned the Free Little Library installed at the Vernon Commons, built and donated by Vernon resident Bill Fields.
2. Shelly asked for signed documents to be sent to the Council.

IX. Jeff Walker made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Eric Genda made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, January 6, 2022, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Vernon Town Council


Eric Genda, 1st Ward


Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward


Shelly Davers, 3rd Ward

Town of Vernon


Dan Wright, Mayor


Amber Fields, Clerk Treasurer