

**Town of Vernon  
Vernon Gym  
Regular Meeting (7:00 PM)  
February 10, 2022**

**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**

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

**II. Approval of January 6, 2022, minutes**

Dan asked if there were any comments or corrections to the January 6, 2022, Council minutes and recommended approval.  
Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the January 6, 2022, 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 comments at this time.**

**IV. Reports from Committees and Officers**

**1. Town Mayor – Dan Wright**

**a. CCMG Paving Project**

Dan said the bids for the project are due the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, and will need to have a Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM, to review and award the project to the lowest and most responsive bidder and return to INDOT by March 3, 2022.



It is a very tight timeframe. At this meeting, the Fire Protection Agreement can be addressed.

Shelly Davers made a motion to hold a Council meeting on February 17, 2022, at 4:30 PM. Jeff Walker made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

**a. Water System Financing**

Dan will meet next week with the IBB to discuss the financing for the Water System up-grade.

**b. Trails Grant**

Dan met with the next level Trails Administrator. The program is now getting lined up to do property acquisition. The acquisitions must go through the Federal acquisition process. Unfortunately, one of the property owners has passed away, so the program will have to deal with that person's estate.

**c. Sassafras Festival**

Dan said the Sassafras Festival is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. This will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Festival. Haggerman Trip's Great-Great Grandson will be at the Festival this year.

**2. Ward 1 Council – Eric Genda**

**a. Gym Over-sight**

Eric is still working on the Gym Over-sight. He met with Trish and Amber over the past month. He had a few discrepancies on Gym usage and deposits of \$66. Eric is going to meet with Amber on Tuesday to clear up.

**3. Ward 2 Council – Jeff Walker**

**a. Spring Tonic 5K Race**

Jeff gave an update on the Spring Tonic 5K Race to be held April 30, 2022, at 8:00 AM. The route will start at the Vernon Gym, go through the Cemetery, back through town and to Tunnel Mill and back to the Gym. The route was selected so that there would be no crossing of the highway. There are two "Title" sponsors for the race so far, Edinburgh Expert Eyecare and the Children's Bureau. He is looking for more sponsors at lower levels. Net proceeds will go toward the Vernon Gym Fund. 80% of net proceeds will go to the Vernon Gym Fund. The Historical Society will be helping with the marketing of the race and volunteers. 20% of net proceeds will go to the Historical Society. Eric asked what level of sponsors Jeff was looking for, he said there were three levels of sponsors: Tier I \$500 each, Tier II \$250, Tier III \$100. Tier I Title Sponsors would have a chance to speak at the event and award ceremony and have their name or logo on the T-Shirt and four free entries, Tier II would be announced at the event and have their name or logo on the T-shirts and two free entries, Tier III

would have their name or logo on the T-shirts and one free entry. Sponsorships are due within a couple of weeks. Jeff reports he has been talking with Amber under the hood with the finances. For anyone that wants to contribute through a non-profit the Friends of Historic Vernon will be the fiscal partner for event. The run sign-up registration fees will all go into that account. That's where donations from sponsors or sponsorship money will go as well.

**b. Financial Over-Sight**

Jeff is still working with Gateway to gain access to the system. He didn't notice anything out of the ordinary with the finances.

**c. Town Ordinances**

Jeff reminded the Council that he would like to review the Town Ordinances, specifically; Ordinance numbers 59, 61, and 74 which are specific to the years in which they were created.

**4. Ward 3 Council – Shelly Davers**

**a. Online Minutes Mistake**

Shelly noted that there was a mistake on the minutes on the Town website. September 2019 minutes were in the place of the September 2021 minutes.

**b. Shelly reminded the Council that she requested a copy of all signed documents to be sent out for 2021 electronically back in November 2021. She has not received those yet and would like to know when she would be receiving those documents. She would like to get those soon. Amber said she would send those by the next meeting.**

**5. Clerk Treasurer – Amber Fields**

**a. Amber asked the Council to decide on the Water CD that matures in April 2022. The interest rate is .4%. Dan recommended that the Council cash in the CD and deposit into the Water Fund. Jeff Walker made a motion to cash in the Water CD when it matures in April and deposit into the Water Fund. Eric Genda made the second.**

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

**6. Town Legal Counsel – Brad Kage**

**a. Brad said that he would send the Fire Protection Agreement to Amber at the beginning of the week for review by the Council at the next meeting.**

**7. Town Marshall – Britt Burgmeier**

**a. Nothing to report**

**8. VVFD Fire Chief – Aaron Poole**



- a. Aaron informed the Council that the VVFD will have a Chili Supper on February 26, 2022 from 4 to 7 PM (Donations only). He also reported that there were 35 Fire calls last month, 5 in town.
- b. **VVFD Proposal for Town Assistance**  
 Aaron explained the request he sent to the Council for assistance to the Fire Department. He also explained that the Gear prices have increased in price. The current Gear used by the Firemen is expired. Amber said there was \$15,452.71 currently in the Fund. Dan said that the money in the fund must be spent on Public Safety. Dan also talked about the Hydrant usage and about Ron being notified when the Water Tower would be affected. Aaron said that it would be useful if Ron had a pager to notify him when a fire was going to affect the Tower. It was agreed upon that Ron would receive a pager at the Town's expense. Dan recommended that the Town help the VVFD financially. Dan was asked by a Fire Fighter if the Town was still working on the ramp at the Commons. Dan said that DNR thought it would be too close to the Green Bridge and hoped to include it on the Trails Project. Shelly Davers made a motion to fund \$12,000 toward the request for items needed. Eric Genda made the second.  
 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

#### 9. Town Public Works Manager – Ron Hendershot

- a. **Ron** sent quotes on the prices for the gutters on the Gym. There were 3 quotes: American Seamless Guttering (Gym-\$8,500, Storage \$1,232), Clint Norton (Gym-\$7,254, Storage \$923), and J Owens Construction (Gym \$4,650, Storage \$925, Remove Boards \$375, Lift Rental \$600). J Owens construction was the lowest quote. Dan asked about the Gym Fund balance, but there was not enough in the fund to cover the expense. Amber said that the CEDIT Fund would be best to pay for the work, and Dan agreed. Damon Davers suggested that gutter guards be considered for the areas under the trees. Dan asked that Ron also get quotes for gutter guards and proceed with J Owens Construction quotes to do the work if the gutter guard quote kept his price lowest. Eric Genda made a motion to accept the J Owens Construction quote for Gym gutters and pay for the project out of the CEDIT Fund. Shelly Davers made the second.  
 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.
- b. **ServeLine Insurance Program** - Ron sent out information for the ServeLine Insurance program for Water/Sewer Customers. Ron recommended the salesman come and give a presentation on the program. Dan asked that the presentation be only 10 to 15 minutes long.  
 Shelly reviewed the info:
  1. Appears the service line (ServeLine) will answer calls from the Town consumers reducing Ron's workload.

2. The program is an “Opt-Out” program that will require the Consumers to request and go through the process to “Opt-Out”. That doesn’t seem fair to the Town consumers.

#### V. Unfinished Business

- B. Dan asked for a motion to approve the **second reading of the 2022 Salary Ordinance # 177 by Title only**. Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the **second reading of the 2022 Salary Ordinance #177 by Title only**. Eric Genda made the second.  
Two Yes votes, 1 No vote (Davens)
- C. Dan asked the Council to approve the **2022 Salary Ordinance #177**. Jeff Walker Made a motion to approve the 2022 Salary Ordinance #177 on second reading. Eric Genda made the second.  
Two Yes votes, 1 No vote (Davens)
- D. Brad said the **Electronic Meetings Resolution #168** mirrored the County Resolution drafted by the County Attorney and approved by the JC Commissioners. Dan made a recommendation to approve the Resolution on Electronic meetings #168 by Title only. Eric Genda made a motion to read the **Resolution on Electronic Meetings #168** by Title only. Jeff Walker made the second.  
Three Yes votes, 0 No votes.  
Eric Genda made a motion to approve the **Resolution on Electronic Meetings #168**. Jeff Walker made the second.  
Three Yes votes, 0 No votes.

#### VI. New Business

##### a. SIRPC Appointment

Jeff Walker made a motion to re-appoint Dan to the SIRPC Board. Eric Genda made the second.  
Three Yes votes, 0 No votes.

##### b. Gym Rates

Dan recommended to the Council that they consider increasing the Gym rates to cover the expenses of the facility and to discuss the increases at a future meeting.

#### VII. Claims

##### A. Claims

Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the January 2022 claims. Eric Genda made the second.  
Three Yes votes, 0 No votes

- B. The Clerk Treasurer provided a **Fund Report** for the month of January 2022.

#### VIII. Miscellaneous Business

**A. Donations & Other**

a. **Donation by FPBH** for Public Works projects through CCMG of \$3,200. Eric Genda made a motion to accept the donation of \$3,200 for work performed by FPBH. Jeff Walker made the second.

Three Yes votes, 0 No votes

b. **Town Items for Sale**

Shelly Davers asked about getting a list of items discussed in the May 2021 meeting for the Town to sell. Ron said that he would get that list together for publication


IX. Shelly Davers made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. Jeff Walker made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, March 3, 2022, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

There will be a Special Meeting on February 17, 2022, at 4:30 PM to address the CCMG Paving Project to award the project. The bid opening will be at 4:00 PM prior to the Special Meeting. This meeting will be held at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282.

**Vernon Town Council**

  
Eric Genda, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

  
Jeff Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

  
Shelly Davers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

**Town of Vernon**

  
Dan Wright, Mayor

  
Amber Fields, Clerk Treasurer