

**Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (6:30 PM)
January 09, 2025**

Regular Meeting: The Town of Vernon Council meeting at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282, was called to order by Wayne at 6:30 PM. Executive held immediately preceding the regular meeting.

Town Officials and employees present:

I. Call to Order: Britt and Pennycuff absent

II. Approval of minutes

Wayne asked if there were any comments or corrections to the December 12, 2024 Council minutes and recommended approval.

Amber Fields made a motion to approve the December 12, 2024, minutes. Jeff Walker seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

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

Anna Walker questioned the ability to get to the Post Office, should we call Vic Davis since it is his property to have him get it cleared more properly.

Other discussion ensued as to what to do in a snow emergency, decided to go on an as needed basis.

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers

A. Mayor Wayne Zamora - Pushing on bathroom to be finished, crew has been working and has promised to be done by the 8-week timeframe. Internet to building should also be accessible very soon. Most of the work is done, will order computers and discussed which rooms where they would be kept. Also, a discussion about an updated security system since we will have more traffic and things here to watch. He also discussed more about the application he is working on with SIRPC and Building Socially Connected Communities. Can start asking for funds when we reach the \$50K spending amount, very close.

B. John Post – Council Ward 1 -

C. Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2 - Safe Streets information plan discussed, will share when it kicks into gear.

D. Amber Fields – Council Ward 3 -

E. Mary Jo Bender – Clerk Treasurer -

F. Brad Kage - Attorney - successful in small claim against Krista Huff Anderson, Brad will pursue

on collections. Presented ordinance on parking that was passed last month for signatures.

- G. Britt Burgmeier – Town Marshall - absent
- H. Brian Clark– Contract Maintenance - absent
- I. Jeff Pennycuff - Fire Chief - absent

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Next Level Trails Grant - Pay Apps, Approval for O'Mara Pay App #3 to be approved, Brad Bender Pay App #3 also. Amber motioned to approve both pay apps for O'Mara #3 and Brad Bender's #3. Jeff Walker seconded. 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes. Discussion about the Scouts involvement and possibly the MUTC program that has dedicated volunteer hours.
- b. OCRA Updates - Advertising, Pre-Bid, Bid Openings and Award dates are already set.
- c. Park Board - Did not meet, no updates
- d. Fire Protection Agreement Updated Brad Kage updated according to the changes approved in December, signed by Wayne and Mary Jo,

VI. New Business

- a. 2025 Election, Advertising 10 days before, discussed whether there is a need for one if no contested races are filed.
- b. G-Works Invoice, AIM, ILMCT, Alliance of Indiana Water-Discussed the importance of paying for things that aren't actually being used and also the need to build a contract for Brian to iron out exactly what his duties should be. Jeff motioned to pay G works, John motioned to pay all others except for ILMCT, Amber seconded on both. 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- c. Appointments for 2025... SIRPC-(Amber Fields), APC-(John Post), BZA-(Brad Bender) Amber Fields motioned to keep all appointments the same, John seconded. 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- d. Park Board appointment needs to be made since Stacey Burns is leaving the board. Next meeting is Feb 10, 2025.

VII. Claims

a. Amber made a motion to approve the claims, Jeff seconded the motion. Wayne pointed out that general fund and LOIT fund had decreased and wondered why, Amber pointed out that we bought the speed limit signs and also paid for outfitting the fire truck this year.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

VIII. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Railroad Grant-Wayne wrote a letter, answered some questions and found out the Madison RR got a 5 million grant to replace the RR bridge at the commons. Wayne suggested asking for a pedestrian bridge with it but was not encouraged to pursue that line of questioning. Council wants to make sure they don't use the Commons as a staging area, nor do they disturb our

property in any way.


- b. Snowplowing, Storm Conditions - previously discussed.
- c. Yearly Advertisement of Meetings- Brad Kage will take care of this. He will also do the Park Board meetings.

IX. Adjournment - John motioned to adjourn @7:43 pm, Jeff seconded.

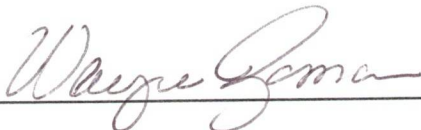
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

a. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, February 13, 2025, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

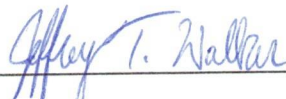
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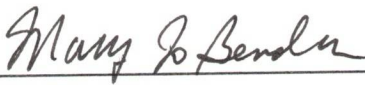
John Post, 1st Ward



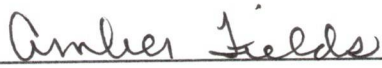
Wayne Zamora, Mayor



Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk



Amber Fields, 3rd Ward