

**Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (6:30 PM)
July 09, 2026**

Regular Meeting: The Town of Vernon Council meeting at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282, was called to order by Mayor Brad Bender at 6:30 PM.

Town Officials and employees present:

I. Call to Order Pledge and roll call: All present excepting Steven Pennycuff, Fire Chief.

II. Approval of minutes

Mayor Bender asked if there were any comments or corrections to the June 11, 2026 Council minutes and recommended approval.

John Post made a motion to table the approval of the June 2026 minutes, Amber Fields seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

III. Petitions or comments by the members of the public present: No one present.

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers

A. Brad Bender – Busy around town, weed eating, clearing, preparing for painting, striping and concrete repair.

B. John Post - County had previously paid for curb and gutter work but was before Covid, there has not been an APC meeting for July so nothing to report. Said the fire hydrant that was damaged is working fine at this time but will keep the information for future.

C. Jeff Walker – INDOT scoping study for Vernon to North Vernon sidewalk is different from what he was told and there would be a cost and match money required, Vernon would be responsible and we would not be able to afford it. He also asked if we need to reevaluate the entire water/sewer system and Brad Bender stated this is part of the bond we are pursuing.

D. Amber Fields –

E. Mary Jo Bender –

F. Brad Kage - Attorney - No Comments

G. Britt Burgmeier – Marshall - resigned October 2025

I. Steven Pennycuff - Fire Chief - absent

J. Ron Hendershot - Spoke at length about work being required and done around town as far as the water tower and pumps at the Commons and grinder pumps in Indian Hills that need repairs.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Next Level Trails grant – Finished, still waiting on final check.
- b. SS4A – Toole Group – Jeff explained more about the SS4A and Toole Groups involvement and purpose. They will be her for 3 days in August, the 17-19th, and will be actively working to determine the towns needs. He emphasized the fact that any and all attendance at these meetings will help the town and our attendance will be counted toward our match.
- c. Marshal truck – Sold, still have equipment that was in it.

VI. New Business

- a. Vision Zero Resolution – Jeff motioned to adopt this resolution contingent on edits to apply to Vernon, Amber seconded. All in favor.
- b. Grinder Pump Ordinance Letter – Discussed sending letter again with the stipulation that the area around the grinder pumps must be kept clear of debris and vegetation so as to facilitate the accessibility for required maintenance.

VII. Claims

- a. John made a motion to approve the claims, Jeff seconded the motion.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

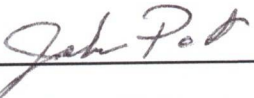
VIII. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Water Tower Offline for maintenance from 7/10/26 for approximately 2 weeks.
- b. Car Show – August 8, 2026.
- c. **M IX. Adjournment** - Amber motioned to adjourn @ 7:23 pm, Jeff seconded.

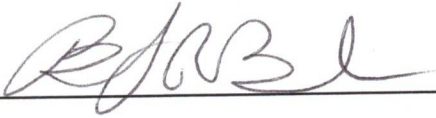
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

X. Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

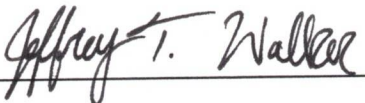
Vernon Town Council



John Post, 1st Ward



Bradley Bender, Mayor



Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk



Amber Fields, 3rd Ward