

**Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (6:30 PM)
June 13 , 2024**

Regular Meeting: The Town of Vernon Council meeting at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282, was called to order by Mayor Wayne Zamora at 6:30 PM. The special meeting to approve the special appropriation was held at 6:20 pm. Amber Fields motioned to adopt the additional appropriation for the MVH and Cumulative Capital Funds of \$16,000 and \$6,000 respectively. John Post seconded the motion. 2 Yes votes, 0 No votes. Immediately following this, a meeting to approve the application for the CDBG grant was held and Amber motioned to approve Resolution #2024-1 to apply for these funds, Jeff seconded. 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

I. Call to Order - All members present

II. Approval of May 09, 2024 minutes

Wayne asked if there were any comments or corrections to the May 9, 2024 Council minutes and recommended approval.

John made a motion to approve the May 9, 2024, minutes. Amber seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

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

No Public Comments

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers

A. Wayne Zamora - Introduced Layne again as a summer intern and he reported on his usual schedule, Wednesday-mowing, weed-eating, cleaning and maintenance work from week to week, he is working on art mural. Meeting with contractors to get quotes for library room flooring and repairing the door and other maintenance needs that need to be done.

B. John Post – Council Ward 1 - Valve broken in Indian Hills, man said he was mowing and ran over the lid, causing the valve to break. O'Mara was called to fix the problem. Asked about the WEX card for Layne, he needs a pin number.

C. Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2 - Updates with final figures for Spring Tonic, the net profit was \$2,738.48. Asked Stacey to report on newly organized Park Board. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10 am in the Town Council room

D. Amber Fields – Council Ward 3 - Spoke on changing the ward positions to all at large positions and the consensus was the charter would have to be changed. A suggestion to make every ward encompass the entire town and then an individual could choose which ward to run for. Kage said the charter could be changed but would risk the loss of Town status. Redistricting question was tabled.

Stop signs look very short but others thought they were OK. Amber also reported \$10,000 in the

Friends of Vernon account, could we use it to pursue grant money for gym bathrooms.

Amber voiced her opinion that the rooms used by the renter are high priority to be repaired in windows and heating and such. She wants to give him notice to vacate one room so we can work on repairs.

Wants to have a work session to address policies and ordinances on Jul 25, 2024@ 4 PM

E. Mary Jo Bender – Clerk Treasurer - Meter issues, addresses were discussed.

F. Brad Kage - Attorney -Simple lease for the Probation department needs signed.

Mediation has been indicated for the dispute between the Town and Maschino, Brad wants an executive session to discuss his authority to discuss settlement. Executive session will be held before the July 25th work session.

G. Britt Burgmeier – Town Marshall - Calls were placed in folders.

H. Ron Hendershot – Contract Maintenance - Resigned, no reports.

I. Jeff Pennycuff - Fire Chief -Absent, nothing to report.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Brad Bender was out of town but left a letter outlining the progress and information to date, construction has been delayed but is supposed to start in earnest after the July 4th holiday.
- b. CBDG resolution was approved at beginning of meeting.
- c. Water Meters are 90% installed and program is working as it should with just a few blips.
- d. Community Foundation grant was not approved, unfortunately.
- e. Stacie Burns covered the newly formed Park Board and as previously reported, meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month. The Town is excited for this newly formed board!
- f. The fact that G-Works and Pubworks have not been utilized for the Town was addressed and discussed having Brian Clark take this over and make sure we are using these services for the benefit of the Town.

VI. New Business

- a. Addressed the resignation of Ron Hendershot. John Post made a motion to accept the resignation of Ron Hendershot, Jeff Walker seconded the motion. 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes. Since timely notice was not given, only 2 days advance notice was given and put the Town in a bind, the suggestion was made to treat this as cause for a No Rehire policy in the future.
- b. Brian Clark has agreed to a temporary position as Utilities Manager for the Town as contractual services for \$1,600 per month through the end of August. Locates, Water Tower, Lift Stations, Water testing, emergency calls, etc., will all be part of his duties and possibly more as agreed upon by both parties. John asked about locates, as of now they are being sent to Mary Jo, she is printing each one and saving to an e-mail folder. John asked about setting up an e-mail account just for locates? Will look into this. Amber motioned to retain Clark's Plumbing for our Utility services, Jeff seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- c. Layne Suhre updated the board on his various projects, lots of mowing, weed-eating and clean-up around the town. He is going to work on a Safe Streets grant due in August and will be meeting with contractors to get quotes on repairing and refinishing floors in the rooms in the gym.
- d. Wayne spoke of grants available for public Wi-Fi and wants to possibly pursue this for the gym

and possibly the alleyway in the town square.

VII. Claims

a. Claims for the month of May, 2024 and a fund report for May, 2024 were presented to the board by the Clerk Treasurer. Amber motioned to accept the Claims, Post seconded. 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

VIII. Miscellaneous Business

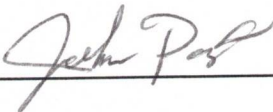
a. Jeff suggested that Park Board minutes should be added to the regular committee reports in future meeting.

IX. Adjournment: Amber made a motion to adjourn and Jeff seconded.

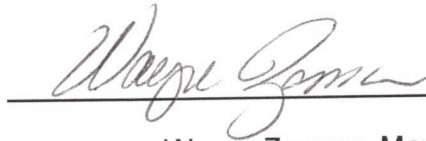
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

a. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, July 11, 2024, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

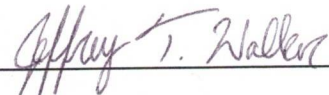
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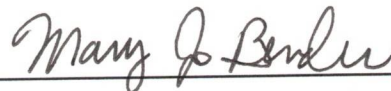
John Post, 1st Ward



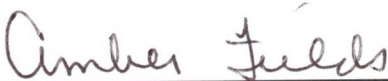
Wayne Zamora, Mayor



Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk



Amber Fields, 3rd Ward