

**Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (6:30 PM)
June 11, 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:

II. Approval of minutes

Mayor Bender asked if there were any comments or corrections to the May 14, 2026 Council minutes and recommended approval.

John Post made a motion to table the approval of the May 2026 minutes, Jeff Walker seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

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

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers

A. Brad Bender -

B. John Post - APC complaints are moving forward. Also, in the APC ordinance there was a statute about making general contractors licensed but is not legally required so it will be stricken from the ordinance. We also have a right of way ordinance but have not had to use it yet.

C. Jeff Walker - One piece from SS4A, we need to tailor our wording to mention our goal is to not have any fatalities. Also, he gave the final tally from the Spring Tonic. He is assuming the grant for the kitchen has not materialized since he hasn't heard anything.

D. Amber Fields - Council Ward 3 - Note on BSCC grant, we got our final payment, the other \$800 has already been spent. She pointed out the extra money from the grinder pumps is being deposited.

E. Mary Jo Bender - Clerk Treasurer - Brought to the attention of the Council about a resident complaining about dogs not being cleaned up after, it was suggested that we put another clean-up station down by the trailhead.

F. Brad Kage - Attorney - No Comments

G. Britt Burgmeier - Marshall - resigned October 2025

I. Steven Pennycuff - Fire Chief - absent

- J. Ron Hendershot - stopped by before meeting to verify the CCR would go out on time.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Next Level Trails grant - Still waiting on finalization
- b. OCRA Sewer Project - Closed out but still in transit
- c. SS4A - Meeting today, several projects were discussed and there will be monthly meetings with project management. By the end of August 24-26 will have consultants from Toole on hand to discuss an action plan, they need ideas of persons who would be interested in being on the planning committee. Maximum of 3 meetings and participation would be allowable as in-kind contributions. Does not have to be a town resident to participate.
- d. Park Board - Met Monday and Jeff made a motion to approve Joe Robb as the newest member, John seconded. 3-0 Looking at getting more sponsorships and looking into grant opportunities. Will be working under facility improvements.
- e. Elania introduced and was in attendance.
- f. Marshal truck, fire district submitted a bid this afternoon for \$15,000 for a fire district, another marshal from a larger small town is interested in other surplus equipment that we would be interested in releasing. Has been appraised already, Amber motioned to accept the bid from Monroe township fire district, John seconded. All in favor.

VI. New Business

- a. Restroom Quotes - Let the contractors know we would requote in the Fall per getting funding from a bonding issue.
- b. We will qualify for a \$400,000 bond. The company that has been working on this so far will work hourly and then take their fee out of the bond. The town will set up a holding corporation in order to qualify for a lease revenue bond. Amber made a motion to accept the engagement letter from Kleinpeter for moving forward with the bonding issue. Jeff was wondering about a timeline and if there would be extra meetings and time involved in getting it set up. Kleinpeter specializes in small towns and normally charges much less than bigger firms. Amber made the motion, John seconded. 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- c. Animal Chaining Ordinance 2026-197 - Amber motioned to accept the revised ordinance, Jeff seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

VII. Claims

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

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

VIII. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Ron has the CCR ready to be sent out, he also mentioned about the rag caught in the Ripley Street grinder pump and was suggested sending out information to residents regarding keeping unwanted items out of the system.
- b. Mayor Bender talked about various projects that will be worked on this summer while we have

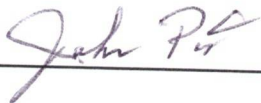
the intern Elaina helping out.

IX. Adjournment - Jeff motioned to adjourn @ 7:18 pm, Amber seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

X. Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, July 9, 2026, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

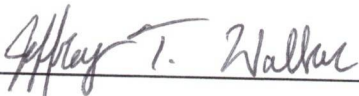
Vernon Town Council



John Post, 1st Ward



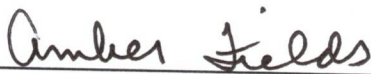
Bradley Bender, Mayor



Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk



Amber Fields, 3rd Ward