

Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (7:00 PM)
March 9, 2023

Regular Meeting: The Town of Vernon Council meeting at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282, was called to order by Wayne Zamora at 7:00 PM.

Town Officials and employees present:

I. Call to Order – All Members Present

Wayne Zamora – Mayor
John Post – Council Ward 1
Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2
Amber Fields – Council Ward 3
Mary Jo Bender – Clerk Treasurer
Ron Hendershot – Maintenance/Works Manager
Britt Burgmeier – Town Marshall
Aaron Poole – VVFD Fire Chief

II. Approval of February 9, 2023, minutes

Wayne asked if there were any comments or corrections to the February 9, 2023, Council minutes and recommended approval.

Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the February 9, 2023, minutes. Amber Fields made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

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

Wayne asked anyone from the public wishing to make a comment to sign in and let the Council know what they wished to comment on

Brad Morris with Muscatatuck United Soccer Club brought a prototype of the fencing to demonstrate to Council what they intend to install around the new soccer field and asked for approval. Amber Fields made a motion to approve. John Post seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

Jess Bailey with Shepherd Insurance was there to answer questions about the Workman's Comp policy. It is new since employees were contract employees previously. The total is \$1,528 for the year and includes volunteers.

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers

1. Town Mayor – Wayne Zamora

Newly elected Mayor Zamora has been talking and getting information and advice from various sources and learning as much as possible to go forward.

2. Ward 1 Council – John Post - Nothing to Report as Newly elected.

3. Ward 2 Council – Jeff Walker

a. 2023 Spring Tonic 5K Run

Jeff reiterated to the Council and community about the Spring Tonic 5K Run that will happen on Saturday, April 22, 2023. He also mentioned the spaghetti dinner hosted by the VVFD on the Friday night preceding and passed out flyers with information concerning both. Spaghetti Dinner is 5 pm – 9 pm.

b. Jeff mentioned having a conversation with Area Plan about the old drugstore building.

4. Ward 3 Council – Amber Fields

a. Amber presented a quote for a new generator as the one we have now cannot be moved. The quote was from Gilpin Electric for \$3000 and she is going to request quotes from other firms before proceeding with any action. She noted that she thought Public Safety money could be used for funding.

5. Clerk Treasurer – Mary Jo Bender – Nothing to Report as Newly elected.

6. Town Legal Counsel – Brad Kage

a. Brad noted the Council needs an Area Plan appointment. Jeff Walker motioned to appoint John Post. Amber Fields seconded.

2 Yes Votes, 1 Abstain-John Post

7. Town Marshall – Britt Burgmeier – Britt discussed a parking issue about parking in a right of way but being in the neighbor's yard. Discussed a future street ordinance.

8. VVFD Fire Chief – Aaron Poole – Aaron discussed power outages and steps taken to address issues in the future. He also discussed drainage issues around fire station for easier mowing. Detention pond cannot be filled in. Will explore other options

9. Town Public Works Manager – Ron Hendershot

a. Ron asked for questions regarding the water meters. Mayor Zamora questioned the possibility of doing all of Vernon first and Indian Hills later.

b. Ron gave the Council the number for the INDOT contact.

- c. Ron said there was a back up at the Perry Street lift station, which went into high alarm as pump is failing. He is getting quotes for repairs.
- d. Ron also discussed lift station pumps needing repaired or replaced in Indian Hills.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. 2023 VVFD fire protection agreement approval needs addressed. Will be brought to the next meeting as it may have gone to the old e-mail.
- b. Duke Energy will replace town street lights with LED lights. Amber Fields made a motion to accept the Duke contract to replace with the LED lighting. Jeff Walker seconded. Motion carries with all in favor.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

VI. New Business

Next Level Trails Grant – Brad Bender, aka Bender Projects LLC, submitted a proposal to advance this project whereas he will volunteer the hours needed to meet some of the deadlines. Jeff Walker motioned to approve Bender Projects to advance the Next Level Trails in order to keep the grant funded. Amber seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

Brad wishes to submit an extension letter to the State. Amber motioned to allow him to proceed and Jeff seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

Brad also asked for permission to submit RFQ proposal letters. Jeff Walker motioned to approve letters, Amber Fields seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

Discussion ensued concerning new target dates and trail project.

Badger Meters

Matt Kingery with Midwest Meters was there to discuss and explain options and differences with the Badgers Meters. Discussion ensued concerning the mobile drive-by and cellular meters and the different options. Amber questioned about other cities and towns who are using these same meters. Mayor Zamora questioned availability, number needed and availability and how data is currently stored.

Pollinator Field

Pollinator field needs burned; Andy Ertel will explore the possibility of having trees removed. Amber Fields motioned to have pollinator field burned, Jeff Walker seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

VII. Claims**a. Claims**

Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the **February 2023 claims**. John Post made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

b. The Clerk Treasurer provided a **Fund Report for the month of February 2023.****VIII. Miscellaneous Business****a. Day of Caring**

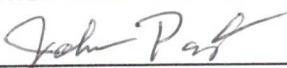
Mayor Zamora will have 40-50 volunteers on Sunday, as he is out of town on the actual day the town has proposed for the day of caring. He wants projects and ideas lined up for the volunteers.

b. Steve Harding volunteered to put roof on the current playground. Council will approve at the next meeting.**c. 60-yard dumpster has been ordered and will be placed in gym parking lot.****d. Council needs quotes for window repair and replacement in gym building.****IX. Jeff Walker made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. Amber Fields made the second.**

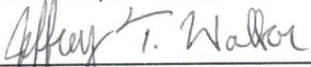
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.


Vernon Town Council



John Post, 1st Ward

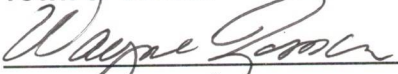


Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward



Amber Fields, 3rd Ward

Town of Vernon



Wayne Zamora, Mayor



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk Treasurer