

**Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (7:00 PM)
November 4, 2021**

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

Town Officials and employees present:

I. Call to Order – All Members

Present Amber Fields –

Clerk/Treasurer

Eric Genda – Council Ward 1

Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2

Shelly Davers – Council Ward 3

Dan Wright – Mayor

Ron Hendershot – Maintenance/Works Manager

II. Approval of October 7, 2021 minutes

Dan asked if there were any comments or corrections to the October 7, 2021, Council minutes and recommended approval.

Shelly Davers made a motion to approve the October 7, 2021, minutes with the corrections in the final version. Jeff Walker made the second.

Three Yes votes, 0 No votes.

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

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

Steve Harding asked about the mowing of the school yard. Dan thought the Muscatatuck Soccer Club had a rotation with volunteers. Dan said that in the lease, the mowing needs to be maintained. Susan Harding asked if there was a monetary fine for not mowing. Dan said there were no monetary penalties. Eric asked if there would be any work done this year, Dan said probably not. It was too late. Ron said that he has continued to mow the playground area.

Susan Harding said that our meetings were still being advertised as being at the Government Center. Dan asked Amber to have that corrected.

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers 1. Town Mayor – Dan Wright a. Water System Financing

Dan said that the financing groups were trying to verify that the TOV was able to pay back any loans taken out. The rate study and Ordinance 175 must be approved before any financing could happen.

b. AIM Round Table

Dan and Jeff attended the AIM Roundtable discussion and said that the main topic was rates on water and sewer. Dan mentioned that he thought every Council member should join AIM because they provide such good information.

2. Ward 1 Council – Eric Genda

- a. Eric was also concerned about the mowing of the school yard.

3. Ward 2 Council – Jeff Walker

- a. Jeff said that the Legislature will be giving an update on December 16, 2021, for 2022, which he plans to watch.

4. Ward 3 Council – Shelly Davers

- a. Shelly Davers made a motion to pay off the Marshall Truck. Eric Genda made the second.
Yes votes, 0 No votes
- b. Shelly said that the town Website states that Ordinances would be “Coming soon”, and was there a timeline on that. We have electronic copies available. Dan said the Ordinances that had been replaced do not have to be posted. Ordinances will be posted by next meeting (December 2nd, 2021).
- c. Shelly stated that Marietta Jean Rockey’s name is still on the Lowe’s billing. Shelly asked the Clerk to contact Lowe’s to remove Jean’s name.
- d. Shelly asked if Brit had sent the update on break-ins from earlier in the year. Brit recently informed Shelly that the break-ins were associated with a gang out of Louisville area that had been targeting small towns. Regina had reported seeing out of state vehicles casing the town. Shelly and Damon also reported to law enforcement a woman wandering through back yards taking pictures of neighboring properties.

5. Clerk Treasurer – Amber Fields

- a. Amber sent a copy of the GovCard payment program contract to the Council. She said that Brad would need to review the legal contract. Brad said it was a “boiler plate” contract and ok to vote on.
- b. Amber said there were two Water/Sewer Deposit Policies, one for \$150, and one for \$200. Dan said that the \$200 Deposit policy would be best.

6. Town Legal Counsel – Brad Kage

- a. Brad let the Council know he had posted the proposed sale of the Boat and Trailer for November 30, 2021. Amber said that she applied for the trailer title that pulls the generator parked at the Town Hall Office. Brad said that he would advertise the sale.
- b. Brad asked Amber again if a check had been received from Mr. Gupta for the sewer bill at 215 E Apache Trail. Amber said “No”, that a check had not been received. Brad said that he would pursue Mr. Gupta in small claims court.
- c. Brad asked for the sewer account email from Nick Templeton’s properties. He also needs the addresses.

7. Town Marshall – Brit Burgmeier

- a. Not present

8. VVFD Fire Chief – Eric Kirkham

- a. Dan asked Eric if Don Lamon had called to request assistance for a “Controlled Burn” of the Fire Department. Eric said that Crosley Wildlife Area did not call the VVFD anymore as they have trained personnel.

9. Town Public Works Manager – Ron Hendershot

- a. **Local Water Industry** – Ron said that the local water companies try to work together. It is now required by IFA to meet regularly. (SEA 4) Ron said that he has been asked to work with the other local groups to form a regional group for meetings and updates. Jeff asked who was in the group. Ron said there were approximately 12 other water companies locally. Ron also asked if everyone had seen the article he sent out regarding water rates increasing.
- b. **Volleyball Standards** Ron said the volleyball standards should be delivered and installed soon.
- c. Ron reminded the Council that the **Muscatatuck Soccer Club** would be having an Open House and Ribbon Cutting on November 12, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

V. Unfinished Business

A. **Second reading of the Water Rate Ordinance 175** Dan asked for a motion for a second reading by "Title Only" on the Water Rate Ordinance 175. Eric Genda made a Motion on a second reading of the Water Rate Ordinance 175 by "Title Only". Jeff Walker made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

Dan asked the Council to entertain a motion to approve Ordinance 175. Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the Water Rate Ordinance 175. Eric Genda made the second.

2 Yes votes, 1 No vote (Shelly Davers).

VI. New Business

B. Dan asked the Council to entertain a motion to do a first reading of **Ordinance 176** (Payment of Claims) by "Title Only". Eric Genda made a motion to do a first reading by "Title Only" on Ordinance 176. Jeff Walker made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Dan asked the Council to entertain a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 176. Shelly Davers made a motion to approve the first reading as long as Line 12 included additional wording "as defined by Town of Vernon Emergency Repair Spending Limit Policy and Procedure (Control #2020.3)". Eric Genda made the second. SD

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Dan asked the Council if they would like to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance 176 (Payment of Claims) and approve a second reading. Jeff Walker made a motion to suspend the rules and do a second reading on Ordinance 176. Eric Genda made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Dan asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 176 by "Title Only" with corrections included. Shelly Davers made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 176. Jeff Walker made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Dan asked the Council for a motion to approve the Water/Sewer Deposit of \$200. Eric Genda made a motion to approve the Water/Sewer Deposit Policy 2021.04 as written. Jeff Walker made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Dan asked the Council if they wanted to approve the GovCard Program. Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the GovCard Program. Eric Genda made the second. 2 Yes votes, 1 Abstention (Shelly Davers).

VII. Claims A. Claims

Shelly asked if the -\$30.00 in the Revenue MTD column for the Gift Fund was a typo. Amber stated it was a correction. Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the claims. Shelly Davers made the second.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

B. The Clerk Treasurer provided a **Fund Report** for the month of October 2021.

VIII. Miscellaneous Business

A. Donations & Other

1. Dan mentioned the **CCMG grant** of \$51,000, and the short timeframe of getting the project under contract within 4 months. This grant will repair Ripley Street from the Highway to the Tunnel.
2. Damon Davers asked about the Trail Project. Dan said it was in the same place as it was last month. Waiting for IDEM approval.

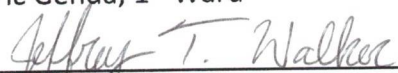
IX. Shelly Davers made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. Jeff Walker made the second.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, December 2, 2021, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

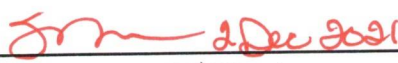
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Eric Genda, 1st Ward



Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward

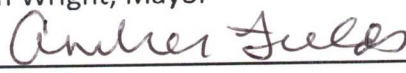


Shelly Davers, 3rd Ward

Town of Vernon



Dan Wright, Mayor



Amber Fields, Clerk Treasurer