



VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

JANUARY 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. STATEMENT: Adequate Notice of this Reorganization Meeting was provided to the public and the press on January 19, 2025 and was posted at the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-7.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. ROLL CALL

5. SWEARING IN COUNCIL MEMBER PATRICK RIZZUTO

6. SWEARING IN COUNCIL MEMBER SANDRA OOMS

7. SWEARING IN COUNCIL MEMBER CARL CONTINO

8. SWEARING IN FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS AND DEPUTIES

Township Fire Commissioner -John Cosh
Deputy Commissioner - Jeff Anderson

Vernon Fire Department
Chief- Kevin Cooke
Deputy Chief- Tim Davis

Mcafee Fire Department
Chief- Mike Passaro
Deputy Chief- Dan Gros

Highland Lakes Fire Department
Chief- Scott Semchesyn
Deputy Chief - Karen Thomas

Pochuck Valley Fire Department
Chief- John Cosh
Deputy Chief- Brian Enering

*******SHORT RECESS*******

9. MAYOR COMMENTS

10. OUTGOING COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

11. COUNCIL PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS & SELECTION

12. COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS & SELECTION

13. INCOMING COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

14. INCOMING COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS (For Current Agenda Items Only, Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person)

16. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 8, 2025 – Executive Session
December 8, 2025 – Regular Meeting
December 29, 2025 – Special Meeting

17. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #26-01: Designating of Official Newspaper for 2026

Resolution #26-02: Reauthorizing Petty Cash Funds for Calendar Year 2026

Resolution #26-03: Authorizing a Contract with Munidex to Maintain the Township's Vital Statistic Software for 2026

Resolution #26-04: Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey Appointing Deputy Custodians of Records

Resolution #26-05: Authorizing the Award of a Contract for 2026 Between A & E Clothing and the Township of Vernon to Locate Clothing Donation Bins at the Municipal Recycling Center

Resolution #26-06: Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with Signature Information Solutions for "Inquiry Only" Access to Certain Tax Collectors Tax and/or Utility Records via Edmunds and Associates

Resolution #26-07: Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with Accurate Abstracts for “Inquiry Only” Access to Certain Tax Collectors Tax and/or Utility Records via Edmunds and Associates

Resolution #26-08: Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with Valtech Research for “Inquiry Only” Access to Certain Tax Collectors Tax and/or Utility Records via Edmunds and Associates

Resolution #26-09: Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with Action Title Research for “Inquiry Only” Access to Certain Tax Collectors Tax and/or Utility Records via Edmunds and Associates

Resolution #26-10: Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with Priority Search Services, LLC for “Inquiry Only” Access to Certain Tax Collectors Tax and/or Utility Records via Edmunds and Associates

Resolution #26-11: Authorizing the Municipal Tax Assessor and the Special Municipal Attorney to Defend the Township Before the Sussex County Board of Taxation for Tax Appeals

Resolution #26-12: Resolution of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Granting Authority for Approval of Certain Purchases in Excess of the Bid Threshold Through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives for 2026

Resolution #26-13: Granting Authority for Approval of Certain Purchases Through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives for 2026

Resolution #26-14: Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2027 – June 2031

Resolution #26-15: Authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to Sign an Agreement with the County of Sussex for Nutrition Site Premises for Senior Citizens

Resolution #26-16: Appointing ADA Coordinator

Resolution #26-17: Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer

Resolution #26-18: Establishing Interest Rates for Delinquent Property Taxes and Assessments

Resolution #26-19: Continuation of the Beautification Committee

Resolution #26-20: Continuation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee

Resolution #26-21: Approving a Solicitor’s Permit – Archtop Fiber

Resolution #26-22: Approving a Solicitor's Permit – Archtop Fiber

Resolution #26-23: Approving a Solicitor's Permit – Archtop Fiber

Resolution #26-24: Designating Meeting Dates of the Township Council for the 2026 Calendar Year

Resolution #26-25: Authorizing the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract with "Special Data Logic" for Permitting / Licensing Software

Resolution #26-26: Resolution to Adopt a Cash Management Plan-2026

Resolution #26-27: Authorizing the Continuation of Award of Contract for Professional Services

Resolution #26-28: Resolution Adopting Temporary Budget for the Township of Vernon Temporary Budget Appropriation for Year 2026

Resolution #26-29: Resolution Authorizing Vernon Township to Execute a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Vernon and the Vernon Township Municipal Utilities Authority for the Provisions of Financial Clerical Support Services

Resolution #26-30: Resolution Authorizing the Township of Vernon to Execute a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Vernon and the Vernon Township Municipal Utilities Authority for the Provision of DPW Services

Resolution #26-31: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Vernon for the Provision of Snowplowing Services on an as Needed Basis

Resolution #26-32: Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16

Resolution #26-33: Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract with "Lawsoft Inc. for Police Records Management System Fire Cad Software"

Resolution #26-34: Resolution to Appoint a Council Member Liaison for Development Matters in Vernon Township

Resolution #26-35: Resolution Appointments to the Vernon Township Municipal Utility Authority

Resolution #26-36: Resolution of the Township of Vernon Appointing a Municipal Prosecutor

Resolution #26-37: Resolution of the Township of Vernon Appointing an Alternate

Municipal Prosecutor

Resolution #26-38: Resolution of the Township of Vernon Appointing a Municipal Public Defender

Resolution #26-39: Authorizing the Vernon Township Council to Approve a Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1922-33-001-004

Resolution #26-40: Appointment to the Land Use Board

Resolution #26-41: Resolution Authorizing Appointment of a Chief Financial Officer for Vernon Township

Resolution #26-42: Authorizing the Award of Contract for Professional Services

Service:	Account #:	Amount:
Twp Attorney	6-01-20-100-91	75,000.00
Twp. Planner	6-01-20-100-91	10,000.00
Twp. Engineer	6-01-20-165-41	40,000.00
Qualified Purchasing Agent	6-01-20-100-95	10,500.00
Financial Advisors	6-01-20-130-20	7,500.00
Twp. Auditor	6-01-20-135-91	60,000.00
Twp. Atty - In Rem Frclsr/Rdvlpmnt	6-01-20-155-44	50,000.00
Bond Counsel	6-01-20-155-45	15,000.00
Twp. Atty. – Tax Appeals	6-01-20-155-52	60,000.00
Twp. Atty. – Labor	6-01-20-155-53	50,000.00
Litigation (all attorneys)	6-01-20-155-54	70,000.00
Alt Municipal Prosecutor	6-01-20-155-57	3,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor	6-01-25-275-92	36,000.00
Public Defender	6-01-20-155-51	4,000.00
Public Defender	T-14-56-825-00	6,200.00
Health Benefits Consultant	6-01-23-220-57	70,000.00
Appraisal Services	6-01-20-150-37	10,000.00

18. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance #26-01: Calendar Year 2026 Model Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Ordinance #26-02: Ordinance of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Releasing, Extinguishing and Vacating the Rights of the Public in a Portion of Block 436, Lot 22, Burgher Road.

Ordinance #26-03: Ordinance Extending Lease Agreement Between the Vernon Township Board of Education and the Township of Vernon, and Sub-Lease Agreement Between the Township of Vernon and the Dog Owners Gathering Society of Vernon Township Inc., For

Certain Unimproved Real Estate Identified on the Official Tax Maps of the Township of Vernon as Block 308 Lot 2 (Old Block 133, Lot 2.05)

Ordinance #26-04: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 250, Entitled “Fees and Escrows” of the Code of the Township of Vernon, Sussex County, New Jersey

19. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Beautification Committee
Board of Recreation
Economic Development Advisory Committee
Environmental Commission
Land Use Board
Senior Citizen Committee

20. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 5 Minutes On Any Topic)

21. COUNCIL COMMENTS

22. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

23. ADJOURNMENT