

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON
REGULAR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

October 24, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 7:35pm on Monday, October 24, 2011 in the Vernon Township Municipal Building, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey, with Council President Brian Lynch presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public and the press on July 8, 2011, and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present were Council Members Eddie Dunn, Daniel Kadish, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, and Council President Brian Lynch. Also present were Mayor Vic Marotta, Business Administrator Jerry Giaimis, and Township Attorney Kevin Kelly.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council President Lynch led the assemblage in the salute to the flag.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Marotta reported on the following items:

- o At the Board of Education meeting, they voted 5-4 to table the lease agreement with the Historical Society.
- o There is a question and answer handout available on the issues raised at the Work Session held on October 19 about the MUA issue and Bond Ordinances. Copies were available for the public. A letter will go out to each resident. He noted that the last 2 pages of the handout are spreadsheets on the Township's debt as of September 30, 2011, including the bond anticipation notes and assessment trust funds. He advised about the notice, paid by Mt. Creek for sewer utility. The sheets show breakdowns of the costs involved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Lynch opened the meeting to public comments at this time.

Tom McClachrie – he asked about Resolution #11-208 – where is the cancelled money going. Mayor Marotta advised that the money would be applied as a down payment on the bond. Mr. McClachrie was concerned with what was spent in interest on this cancelled bond, and felt that all bond ordinances should be very specific on what they can be spent on. He felt the Township shouldn't bond for more than necessary.

Phyllis MacPeck – was concerned with more bonds being sought in this economy, when some residents are struggling. She wondered how many of the people living all year round at Tall Timbers do so because they have nowhere else to go.

Gary Martinsen – was glad that the bond ordinances were not on the agenda for this meeting. He was appreciative of the temporary sign ordinance being considered, and would like to see the regular sign ordinance moved forward. He hoped the businesses would have some input with the sign ordinance. He asked about the resolution on the agenda relative to cabling. Mayor Marotta advised that all municipal courts must improve security measures, and this was part of the overall corrective plan. Mr. Martinsen thanked all residents for attending the Kiwanis event this past weekend, noting that about 100 coats were given out.

Robert Oliver – thanked Mayor Marotta for the analysis on the Township's debt. He asked about the number of emergency contracts to cover expenses after the fact. The Mayor advised that once the Governor declared a state of emergency, it allowed for purchases to be done immediately, and that Council had adopted an ordinance to allow this work to be done. Mr. Oliver asked the Mayor for clarification of #11 on the question and answer handout. Mr. Marotta reviewed the item with Mr. Oliver. Mr. Oliver also

had a question on special assessments, i.e. how it impacts the residents. The Mayor noted that, as noted in the ordinance, only users would pay.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one else wished to speak at this time, and Council President Lynch asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

MOVED: Patrick Rizzuto

SECOND: Eddie Dunn

All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Council Member Dunn asked to table these minutes until the 5th paragraph could be edited.

MOVED: Eddie Dunn

SECOND: Patrick Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Eddie Dunn, Daniel Kadish, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch

NAYS: None

Minutes were tabled.

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MOVED: Daniel Kadish

SECOND: Patrick Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Eddie Dunn, Daniel Kadish, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch

NAYS: None

Minutes were approved.

RESOLUTIONS #11-196 - #11-209

Council President Lynch gave a brief description of each Resolution for the Council members.

Motion to approve Resolutions #11-196 through #11-209:

MOVED: Patrick Rizzuto

SECOND: Dick Wetzel

Council Member Rizzuto asked about Resolution #11-206 – Video Arraignment System for Municipal Court. He wondered if it would be able to record and transmit from the Courtroom to the Police Department. He was advised that it could, but that it could also be turned off. In either case, the contact would be downstairs in Headquarters. Mr. Rizzuto asked if it could be assured that the cameras could be turned off and shielded during meetings. Mayor Marotta advised that it could be, and that it would be connected by the panic button. If the button was pushed by Council, shades would open and the meeting would be monitored by the Police Department.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Eddie Dunn, Daniel Kadish, Patrick Rizzuto*, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch

NAYS: None

Resolutions #11-196 through 11-209 were adopted. *Mr. Rizzuto’s affirmative vote was based on the stipulation that the video arraignment system in Resolution #11-206 would be connected to the panic button but that cameras would be shielded as long as the button was not activated.

RESOLUTION # 11-196

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED that the following bills listed are hereby approved:

Disbursement Journal	Fund	Amount	Major Vendor
#1	Current	\$ 650.26	
#2	Current	\$ 200.40	

#3	Current	\$ 890,436.81	BOE
#4	Capital	\$ 112,089.97	Firefighter One
#5	Grant	\$ 1,743.21	
#6	Recreation	\$ 1,600.00	
#7	Other Trust	\$ 878.00	
	Payroll	\$ 309,944.29	1 st Pay in Oct
	Total	\$1,317,542.94	

RESOLUTION #11-197

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OWNED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, property acquired by the United States of America to become tax exempt, and,

WHEREAS, the United States of America has acquired Block 170 Lot 3, L & N E R R, on February 11, 2010 and,

WHEREAS, the United States of America is claiming effective for the 2011 taxes, tax exempt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the 2011 taxes in the amount of \$1,923.90 as deemed necessary.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #11-198

CANCELLATION OF DUPLICATE TAXES

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has combined the following Block and Lot for the year 2011;

WHEREAS, this has resulted in creating a duplication for the 2011 taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED By the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to cancel the 2011 duplicate taxes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

<u>Block</u> <u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
268.18 70	Meneses, Michael & Angelea M		\$318.91

RESOLUTION #11-199

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY CO-OP TO PURCHASE ROCK SALT FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need to purchase rock salt for the safety of its streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to use the Sussex County Cooperative which has publicly received bids for rock salt and awarded a contract during September of 2011 to International Salt Co., Inc., by the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends the Township Council award the contract for rock salt using the vendor, International Salt Co., Inc., 655 Northern Boulevard, Clark Summit, PA 18411 until May 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the total price to purchase the rock salt is \$54.48 per ton and the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Vernon, has certified these funds are available in account #10576571.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the vendor, International Rock Salt Co., Inc., be utilized to purchase rock salt, in accordance with the attached quote in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #11-200

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RECLAMATION, LLC TO DEMONSTRATE A COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLED PAVING TECHNIQUE ON A SECTION ON CANISTEAR ROAD.

WHEREAS, there is a need to repave Township Roads and utilize new processes that may be cost effective and efficient; and

WHEREAS, the Township had received a proposal to demonstrate a new process for paving roads using a "Cold in-Place Recycling" technique that involves digging up existing asphalt on a road and immediately recycling it using a foam asphalt binder and then re-paving the same road with the recently recycled asphalt; and

WHEREAS, Reclamation, LLC offered to repave a 1,500' x 25' section of Canistear Road using this process for \$11,500; and

WHEREAS, according to the Township Engineer, the work performed to repave this section of Canistear Road using a "Cold-in-Place" recycling technique would typically cost \$23,960; and

WHEREAS, the QPA recommends awarding a contract to the Reclamation, LLC, PO Box 292, West Hurley, New York 12491 to repave a section of Canistear Road, according to the attached proposal and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #3094204.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vernon Township Mayor and Council, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey to award a contract to Reclamation, LLC in the amount of \$11,500, to repave a section of Canistear Road.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

RESOLUTION #11-201

AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH BEAVER RUN FARMS FOR SUPPLYING STONE PRODUCTS NEEDED TO REPAIR TOWNSHIP ROADS AND PROPERTY THAT WERE DAMAGED BY HURRICANE IRENE.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms had seriously damaged several roads, intersections and property in the Township; and

WHEREAS, according to NJSA 40A:11-6 an emergency contract may be awarded when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of a good or service; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms had damaged sections of various Township roads, intersections and property which needed immediate repair and the Township's Public Works Director has certified that such an emergency existed with respect to these repairs and the use of Beaver Run Farms; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends that the Township Council award an emergency contract to supply stone products to Beaver Run Farms, 300 Beaver Run Road, Lafayette, New Jersey 07848; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for this contract is \$9,501.61 and the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Vernon has certified these funds are available in accounts #101427; and.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the vendor, Beaver Run Farms, be awarded an emergency contract, in accordance with the attached purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$9,501.61; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #11-202

AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH FICOR, LLC FOR REPAIRING BEAM GUIDE RAILS AT BREAKNECK ROAD THAT WERE DAMAGED BY HURRICANE IRENE.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms had seriously damaged several roads in the township; and

WHEREAS, according to NJSA 40A:11-6 an emergency contract may be awarded when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of a good or service; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms had damaged portions of Breakneck Road which needed immediate repairs and the Township's Public Works Director has certified that such an emergency existed with respect to these repairs and the use of FICOR, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends that the Township Council award an emergency contract to repair and replace certain beam guide rails along Breakneck Road to FICOR, LLC PO Box 65 Ogdensburg, New Jersey 07439; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for this contract is \$5,937.50 and the Chief Financial Officer, of the Township of Vernon, has certified these funds are available in accounts #101427; and.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the vendor, FICOR, LLC, be awarded an emergency contract, in accordance with the attached bill in the amount not to exceed \$5,937.50; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #11-203

AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH MONTAGUE TOOL AND SUPPLY COMPANY TO SUPPLY SAFETY CONES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO HURRICANE IRENE.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms had seriously damaged several roads, intersections and property in the Township; and

WHEREAS, according to NJSA 40A:11-6 an emergency contract may be awarded when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of a good or service; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms had damaged or flooded sections of various Township roads, intersections and property which needed immediate repair. Safety cones and miscellaneous items such as chain saw chains were needed for roads that were under repair or flooded and the Township's Public Works Director has certified that such an emergency existed with respect to these repairs and the use of Montague Tool and Supply Company; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends that the Township Council award an emergency contract to supply safety cones and miscellaneous items to Montague Tool and Supply Company, 42 Broad Street, Branchville, NJ 07826; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for this contract is \$1,824.18 and the Chief Financial Officer, of the Township of Vernon, has certified these funds are available in accounts #101427; and.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the vendor, Montague Tool and Supply Company, be awarded an emergency contract, in accordance with the attached bill(s) in the amount not to exceed \$1,824.18; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #11-204

AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH RUTT'S MACHINE INC. TO REPAIR A NEW HOLLAND BACK HOE (#81) RELATING TO HURRICANE IRENE.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms had seriously damaged several roads, intersections and property in the Township; and

WHEREAS, according to NJSA 40A:11-6 an emergency contract may be awarded when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of a good or service; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms had damaged or flooded sections of various Township roads, intersections and property which needed immediate repair. While the back hoe was being utilized to clear and repair the storms' damage, its brake system failed and the Township's Public Works Director has certified that such an emergency existed with respect to these repairs and the use of Rutt's Machine, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends that the Township Council award an emergency contract to repair a back hoe to Rutt's Machine Inc., 300 Jonlyn Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for this contract is \$5,425.00 and the Chief Financial Officer, of the Township of Vernon, has certified these funds are available in accounts #101427; and.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the vendor, Rutt's Machine Inc., be awarded an emergency contract, in accordance with the attached quote in the amount not to exceed \$5,425.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #11-205

AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH SETON SUPPLY COMPANY TO SUPPLY AND DELIVER NINE (9) FOOT ASPHALT SPEED BUMPS RELATING TO HURRICANE IRENE.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms had seriously damaged several roads, intersections and property in the Township; and

WHEREAS, according to NJSA 40A:11-6 an emergency contract may be awarded when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of a good or service; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms had damaged sections of various Township roads, intersections and property which needed immediate repair. Speed bumps were needed to slow traffic on damaged roads that were under repair or flooded and the Township's Public Works Director has certified that such an emergency existed with respect to these repairs and the use of Seton Supply Company; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends that the Township Council award an emergency contract to supply and deliver asphalt speed bumps to Seton Supply Company, 20 Thompson Road, Branford, Connecticut 06405; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for this contract is \$6,408.34 and the Chief Financial Officer, of the Township of Vernon, has certified these funds are available in accounts #101427; and.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the vendor, Seton Supply Company, be awarded an emergency contract, in accordance with the attached bill in the amount not to exceed \$6,408.34; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #11-206

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE STATE CONTRACT #50954 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT SYSTEM FOR MUNICIPAL COURT.

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to purchase a video arraignment system for its Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, this video arraignment system will provide budgetary savings for the township; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to use the State Cooperative which has publicly received bids for a video arraignment system through Contract #50954; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends the Township Council award a contract to provide and install this equipment to Tele-Measurements, Inc., 145 Main Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07014; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the equipment (including installation and annual maintenance) will be \$13,823.10 which includes \$11,323.10 for the equipment and an on-site maintenance agreement as well as an estimated \$2,500 in installation costs and the Chief Financial Officer, of the Township of Vernon, has certified these funds are available in Accounts #3094201 and 10572640.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the vendor, Tele-Measurements, Inc., be utilized to purchase and install a video arraignment system through the State Cooperative per the attached proposal in the amount not to exceed \$13,823.10; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #11-207

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BALDWIN SAND AND GRAVEL TO SUPPLY THE TOWNSHIP WITH ROAD GRITS

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need to purchase road grits for the safety of its streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to use Baldwin Sand and Gravel, Inc., 458 Route 94, Vernon New Jersey whose proposal provides the most cost effective way to procure grits for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township could have secured grits via the Sussex County Cooperative who received responses to a competitive sealed bid for road grits to be picked up by Township employees at a low bid price of \$7.87 per ton; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin Sand and Gravel has provided the Township with a quote to deliver grits to the Township for \$10 per ton; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin's delivered cost per ton is less the Sussex County Cooperative's cost per ton plus additional costs the Township would have incurred by using its fleet and employees to pick up the grits (analysis attached).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the vendor, Baldwin Sand and Gravel, be utilized to purchase road grits, in accordance with the attached quote in the amount not to exceed \$26,000 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified this amount in account #10576561; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #11-208

RESOLUTION –AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF SEWER CAPITAL APPROPRIATION BALANCE

WHEREAS, certain Sewer Capital Improvement appropriation balance remains dedicated to the sewer project now completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balance so that the unexpended balance may be returned to Sewer Capital Improvement Fund or credited to the Sewer Capital Surplus, and unused debt authorization may be canceled:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, that the following unexpended and dedicated balance of the Sewer Capital Appropriation be cancelled:

ORD NO.	DATE ADOP.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT FUNDED
00-33	12/11/00	Improvement of the Sanitary Sewerage System	\$449,930.82

RESOLUTION #11-209

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has determined that surplus property as stated on the attached inventory list, including various surveying equipment, is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon through this resolution gives notice of the intention to the public, pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9, that the sale will be by means of an on-line auction at the following approved provider at a date to be determined:

www.usgovbid.com

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon in the County of Sussex, authorization is hereby given to sell the surplus property, inventory list affixed hereto, on an online auction to be determined at a later date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, that formal public notification will be provided by the publication of a Legal Notice in the official newspaper, the New Jersey Herald, not less than 7 or more than 14 days prior to the scheduled auction.

This Resolution will take effect immediately according to law.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Ordinance #11-24 on 1st Reading by Title Only

ORDINANCE ALLOWING CERTAIN TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE TO BE DISPLAYED BY BUSINESSES LOCATED IN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15, 2011, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2012

Motion to approve Ord. #11-24 on 1st reading by title only:

MOTION: Brian Lynch

SECOND: Patrick Rizzuto

Council Member Kadish felt the dates should be changed to less time. Mayor Marotta noted that this was proposed by the Zoning Officer and patterned on previous ordinances, but those had used November 1 as a start date. As Council wouldn't meet again until November 14, the start date needed to be adjusted for a possible 2nd reading. Council Member Dunn asked if the businesses would receive a letter advising of this information. The Mayor asked the press to assist in getting the word out.

Gary Martinsen pointed out that college students are usually still home through January.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Eddie Dunn, Daniel Kadish, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch

NAYS:

Ordinance #11-24 was approved on 1st reading.

ORDINANCE #11-24

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING CERTAIN TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE TO BE DISPLAYED BY BUSINESSES LOCATED IN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15, 2011 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2012

WHEREAS, the national and local economy persists in a state of recession; and

WHEREAS, local merchants are experiencing the effects of the recessed economy and have reported the lowest sales figures in the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, local merchants are projecting the same or a weaker sales outlook for the upcoming holiday season; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to promote the local economy, the Township Council desires to temporarily allow local business located in commercial zoning districts to display additional commercial sign advertising, subject to certain restrictions, during the

Thanksgiving to New Year's Day holiday shopping season, running from November 15, 2011 through January 21, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council for the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. This ordinance shall be in effect only during the time period running November 15, 2011, through January 31, 2012 (the "Effective Period").

Section 2. The provisions of Township Code Section 330-18(G) notwithstanding, during the Effective Period, businesses located in Vernon Township in C-1, C-2, C-3, CR and TC (and the five TC sub-districts) zoning districts shall be allowed to display one (1) item of temporary commercial signage, subject to the following restrictions:

- A. Allowable temporary signage items shall be limited to a sandwich sign, single post podium sign or a banner, as further defined in this Ordinance.
- B. An allowable sandwich is defined as an "A" frame style board of no greater area dimensions than twenty-eight inches wide by thirty-six inches high (28" W x 36" H) and shall have interchangeable lettering or be professionally printed and shall be securely anchored.
- C. A single post podium sign is defined as sign of no greater area dimensions than twenty-eight inches wide by thirty-six inches high (28" W x 36" H) attached to a single center support post and shall have interchangeable lettering or be professionally printed and shall be securely anchored.
- D. An allowable banner is defined as a banner of no greater area dimensions of three feet wide by six feet in length (3' W x 6' L). All such banners shall be professionally printed and shall be securely attached to the face of the business premises.
- E. Allowable temporary signage may be double sided to allow for viewing from two directions.
- F. Allowable temporary signage may be displayed only during such times as the business displaying such signage is open to the public and, further, shall be removed from view and use during non-business hours.
- G. Allowable temporary signage shall not be placed in a manner that may or does obstruct vision so as to present a safety hazard.
- H. Allowable temporary signage shall not be illuminated.
- I. A no-fee permit shall be required for each allowable temporary sign under this Ordinance. Such permits shall be obtained by application to the Township Zoning Officer. A rendition of the sign shall be submitted at the time of permit application.
- J. Temporary Signage deemed inappropriate and/or inconsistent with this Ordinance by the Township Zoning Officer or Township Land Use Board may be subject to modification and/or removal by the Township.
- K. All temporary allowable signage shall comply in all aspects with all other Township ordinance provisions related to commercial signage to the extent that such other Township ordinance provisions are not inconsistent with this Ordinance.

Section 3. All Township ordinances or parts or ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance shall not be enforced with regard to allowable signage used during the Effective Period.

Section 4. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason declared to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon notice, publication and adoption as required by law.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Lynch advised that he had a few items of note:

- ♦ Thanked the Council for over 100 days of hard work – they are working well together.
- ♦ Thanked Kevin Kelly and Vic Marotta for their leadership.
- ♦ The sign ordinance will be of paramount importance and will get moving with a work session – will notice everyone.
- ♦ He advised that he would be forwarding a letter for softball registration – they want permission for temporary signage.

A softball parent advised that there was a time crunch on approval for this request, as they had hoped to run the registration on October 29 and November 5. He promised to remove the signs when registration was complete.

The request was as follows: to obtain a permit to display 3 signs (measuring 2' x 3') on major roads such as Route 515 in front of the Guthrie Corner Building and on Sammis Road near the schools. The signs are to notify Vernon Township residents about the opportunities being offered to the young girls in our area with regards to playing the sport of softball. The signs are for Spring Softball Registration and Spring Travel Softball Tryouts.

Motion to approve temporary signage for Softball registrations as noted above:

MOVED: Brian Lynch

SECOND: Dick Wetzel

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Eddie Dunn, Daniel Kadish, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch

NAYS:

Motion was approved.

Council President Lynch added an additional note to his report by advising that he felt that the Township Administrator, Gerald Giannis was doing well. He asked the Mayor to advise the Zoning Officer of the approval for both signage requests.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council Member Dunn asked the Mayor about the construction signs on Canistear Road. He noted inconsistencies on erecting and removing of these signs. Mayor Marotta advised that it would be addressed.

Council Member Kadish had the following items to discuss:

- Canistear Road – he noted that about 200-300 feet south of the pipeline there appeared to be a cavitation. The Mayor advised that he would have Mr. Stoner take a look at the area.
- Mr. Kadish advised that he felt the sign ordinance should be ready to go at this time. Mr. Kelly noted that he had spoken to the Zoning Officer, and there were items he wanted to add.
- There were 3 personnel terminations lately that Council had not been notified of within 20 days as noted in the administrative code. The Mayor advised that part-time employees did not require 20-day notice, and that only 2 had been part-time employees. Mr. Kadish asked if one out-of-town person had been hired. The Mayor advised that they had.

Council Member Rizzuto asked what the savings was to the town. The Mayor advised that the department had cost \$107,000 for part-time people, and the new employee was to receive \$58,000 for full-time work.

Council Member Wetzel also thought the sign ordinance should be ready. The Council President asked that it be finalized quickly.

Mr. Lynch advised everyone that daylight savings time was coming – November 5 – and that they should all change their smoke detector batteries. He further advised that electrical smoke detectors needed to be changed every 10 years as the sensors go bad.

Council President Lynch recognized Gary Martinsen, who advised that the last meeting held with the former EDAC, the Chamber of Commerce, members of the business community, and residents on the sign ordinance produced a re-drafted ordinance that should be ready to proceed. A proposed final draft had been presented at that time, with some people questioning apparent omissions, which then required the ordinance to be redrafted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to be conducted at the Regular Meeting, a motion for Adjournment was made by Council Member Dunn. Motion seconded by Council Member Rizzuto, with all members voting in favor.

The Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Nelson, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved: November 14, 2011