

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2026 5:30 PM**

This Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 5:30 p.m. on December 29, 2025, in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Rizzuto presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: STATEMENT: Adequate Notice of this Special Meeting was posted on the Vernon Township website and was posted at the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-7. The purpose of this Special Meeting is to vote on resolution #26-148 - Emergency Temporary Appropriation

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

ROLL CALL

Present were Council Members, Carl Contino, Sandra Ooms, Patrick Rizzuto, Bradley Sparta and Council President William Higgins. Also present were Mayor Anthony Rossi, Business Administrator Tina Kraus, CFO Patricia Reiche, Township Attorney Peter King and Municipal Clerk Marcy Gianattasio.

RESOLUTION

Resolution #26-148: Emergency Temporary Appropriation

Council Member Higgins asked for a motion to approved resolution #26-148.

MOVED: Contino

SECOND: Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Contino, Ooms, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to approved resolution #26-148.

RESOLUTION #26-148

Emergency Temporary Appropriations

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen in that the Township is expected to enter in contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2026 budget and no

adequate provision has been made in the 2026 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for said purpose, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary appropriation resolutions adopted in the year 2026 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including resolution 26-83 and this resolution total \$3,090,403.89,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$3,090,403.89 as follows:

CURRENT FUND:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - S&W	18,500.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - O/E	15,745.00
MAYOR & COUNCIL - S&W	4,500.00
MAYOR & COUNCIL - O/E	615.00
CLERK - S&W	20,200.00
CLERK - O/E	4,420.00
FINANCE - S&W	26,750.00
FINANCE - O/E	3,375.00
TECHNOLOGY - O/E	3,800.00
COLLECTION OF TAXES - S&W	31,100.00
COLLECTION OF TAXES - O/E	2,510.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES - S&W	18,550.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES - O/E	37,092.50
LEGAL SERVICES - O/E	30,250.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES - O/E	3,000.00
LAND USE BOARD - S & W	3,500.00
LAND USE BOARD - O/E	5,150.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT - S&W	52,000.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT - O/E	2,275.00
WORKERS COMP. INSURANCE - O/E	75,000.00
GROUP INSURANCE - O/E	299,850.00
GROUP INSURANCE - HEALTH	16,500.00

WAIVERS

POLICE DEPARTMENT - S&W	859,681.05
POLICE DEPARTMENT - O/E	36,111.49
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS - S&W	87,303.85
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS - O/E	1,250.00

911 COMM - S&W SHARED SRVC	750.00
OEM DEPARTMENT - S&W	2,952.50
OEM DEPARTMENT - O/E	500.00
VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES	40,250.00
FIRE PREVENTION - S&W	21,600.00
TWP. PROSECUTOR - O&E	3,400.00
ROAD REPAIRS & MAINT. - S&W	324,400.00
ROAD REPAIRS & MAINT. - O/E	34,250.00
RECYCLING - O/E	1,000.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - S&W	5,700.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - O/E	18,025.00
FLEET MANAGEMENT - S&W	53,750.00
FLEET MANAGEMENT - O/E	33,750.00
ANIMAL CONTROL - S&W	2,665.00
ANIMAL CONTROL - O/E	1,955.00
SEN CITIZENS - S&W	9,000.00
SEN. CITIZENS - ACTIVITIES -O/E	5,762.50
RECREATION - S&W	9,200.00
RECREATION - O/E	7,915.00
MAINTENANCE OF PARKS - S&W	71,650.00
MAINTENANCE OF PARKS - O/E	4,500.00
MUNICIPAL COURT - S&W	38,100.00
MUNICIPAL COURT - O/E	760.00
UTILITIES O/E	109,000.00
SEWER UTILITY-SCMUA	480,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY - O/E	136,500.00
DCRP	3,000.00
SHARED SERVICE - ANIMAL CONTROL	5,000.00
SHARED SERVICE - FINANCIAL ADMIN	2,965.00
SHARED SERVICES - SENIOR CITIZENS	3,075.00

- 2. Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2026 budget.
- 3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 5 Minutes Per Person)

President Higgins asked for a motion to open the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: Rizzuto
 SECOND: Sparta

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to open the meeting to the public.

Seeing no members from the public wishing to come forward, President Higgins asked for a motion to close the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Contino

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to close the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:47 pm Council Member Sparta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Rizzuto.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

William Higgins
Council President

Minutes approved: April 20, 2026