

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 22, 2026 7:00 PM**

This Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 7:00 p.m. on June 22, 2026 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Higgins presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press on January 22, 2026, and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7.

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.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Rossi commented that we have our car show this Sunday and it keeps growing. This is a fund raiser for our emergency services. Also, we had Vernon Day and celebrated the 250th celebration. Mayor Rossi thanked all of the people that helped with this. Mayor Rossi explained that the request for pickleball courts has been granted and money from ordinance #21-12 for the pump track is being used for this area. The cost will be about \$250,000 to put in four courts. A lot of people will enjoy this amenity.

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

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

MOVED: Rizzuto

SECOND: Contino

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to open the meeting to the public.

Christa Gerry – commented on the concerns of Data Centers.

Doreen Edwards – questioned items on the bills list and ordinance #26-14.

Carole – commented on the concerns of Data Centers.

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

MOVED: Ooms

SECOND: Contino

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to close the meeting to the public.

REVIEW OF BILLS LIST

The Council reviewed the bills list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 8, 2026 – Executive Session

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to approve the June 8, 2026 executive session minutes.

MOVED: Ooms
SECOND: Sparta

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Ooms, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion carries to approved the June 8, 2026 executive session minutes.

June 8, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to approve the June 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Contino

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Ooms, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion carries to approved the June 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #26-211: Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2026 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$5,669.89

Resolution #26-212: Refund for Carry Permit Municipal Fee, Snure

Resolution #26-213: Refund for Carry Permit Municipal Fee, Brown

Resolution #26-214: Refund for Carry Permit Municipal Fee, O'Hara

Resolution #26-215: Renewal of Liquor License in the Township of Vernon for the 2026-2027 Licensing Term

Resolution #26-216: Approving Active Volunteer Firefighter for Membership in the New Jersey State Fireman's Association (Medina)

Resolution #26-217: Refund for Carry Permit Municipal Fee, Incarnato

Resolution #26-218: Refund for Carry Permit Municipal Fee, Calcagno

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda,

MOVED: Contino
SECOND: Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Ooms, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins

NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion carries to approved the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION #26-211

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF
REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET
AS A REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$5,669.89**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has been awarded a \$5,669.89 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant; and wishes to amend its 2026 budget for the difference of the awarded amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2026 in the sum of \$5,669.89 which is now available as a revenue,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,669.89 is hereby appropriated under the caption Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant.

RESOLUTION #26-212

REFUND FOR CARRY PERMIT MUNICIPAL FEE, SNURE.

WHEREAS, mayor and township council of the township of Vernon have adopted ordinance 26-04 dated 2/9/2026 allowing the refund of the municipal fee portion of the conceal carry application;

WHEREAS, to ease the financial burden, the Township of Vernon will offer a refund of \$150 for the municipal fee to Gregory Snure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Township of Vernon Finance Department to refund the municipal portion of the conceal carry application fee in the amount of \$150 to Gregory Snure.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Finance Department.

RESOLUTION #26-213

REFUND FOR CARRY PERMIT MUNICIPAL FEE, BROWN

WHEREAS, mayor and township council of the township of Vernon have adopted ordinance 26-04 dated 2/9/2026 allowing the refund of the municipal fee portion of the conceal carry application;

WHEREAS, to ease the financial burden, the Township of Vernon will offer a refund of \$150 for the municipal fee to Brett Brown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Township of Vernon Finance Department to refund the municipal portion of the conceal carry application fee in the amount of \$150 to Brett Brown.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Finance Department.

RESOLUTION #26-214

REFUND FOR CARRY PERMIT MUNICIPAL FEE, O’HARA

WHEREAS, mayor and township council of the township of Vernon have adopted ordinance 26-04 dated 2/9/2026 allowing the refund of the municipal fee portion of the conceal carry application;

WHEREAS, to ease the financial burden, the Township of Vernon will offer a refund of \$150 for the municipal fee to Vincent James O’Hara.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Township of Vernon Finance Department to refund the municipal portion of the conceal carry application fee in the amount of \$150 to Vincent James O’Hara.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Finance Department.

RESOLUTION #26-215

**RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON
FOR THE 2026-2027 LICENSING TERM**

WHEREAS, all licenses to dispense alcoholic beverages must be renewed and reissued annually no later than June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-1 et. seq., the Vernon Township Police Department has made the necessary inspections and reported same to the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, all of the licensees have complied with all of the regulations as set forth by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the following licenses shall be reissued for the 2026-2027 licensing period effective as of July 1, 2026.

CLUB LICENSE

Wallkill Valley Memorial Post 8441

1922-31-010-002

RESOLUTION #26-216

**APPROVING ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION (Medina)**

WHEREAS, the Township Council recognizes the extraordinary contributions made by volunteer firefighters to our community and seeks to encourage their full participation in professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Steven D. Medina, an active firefighter and member of the Highland Lakes Fire Department, is requesting approval to submit an application for membership to the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, Sussex County, New Jersey hereby approves Steven D. Medina for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

RESOLUTION #26-217

REFUND FOR CARRY PERMIT MUNICIPAL FEE, INCARNATO

WHEREAS, mayor and township council of the township of Vernon have adopted ordinance 26-04 dated 2/9/2026 allowing the refund of the municipal fee portion of the conceal carry application;

WHEREAS, to ease the financial burden, the Township of Vernon will offer a refund of \$150 for the municipal fee to Frank A. Incarnato.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Township of Vernon Finance Department to refund the municipal portion of the conceal carry application fee in the amount of \$150 to Frank A. Incarnato.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Finance Department.

RESOLUTION #26-218

REFUND FOR CARRY PERMIT MUNICIPAL FEE, CALCAGNO.

WHEREAS, mayor and township council of the township of Vernon have adopted ordinance 26-04 dated 2/9/2026 allowing the refund of the municipal fee portion of the conceal carry application;

WHEREAS, to ease the financial burden, the Township of Vernon will offer a refund of \$150 for the municipal fee to Gerald L. Calcagno.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Township of Vernon Finance Department to refund the municipal portion of the conceal carry application fee in the amount of \$150 to Gerald L. Calcagno.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Finance Department.

ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE

Ordinance #26-12: Ordinance Establishing the Salaries for Certain Officers and Employees of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to introduce ordinance #26-12.

MOVED: Pat
SECOND: Sparta

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Ooms, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion carries to introduce ordinance #26-12.

A motion was made by Council Member Contino to reconsider the vote for ordinance #26-12. Seconded by Council Member Ooms.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins
NAYES: Ooms
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion carries to reconsider the vote for ordinance #26-12.

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to reintroduce ordinance #26-12.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins

NAYES: Contino, Ooms

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to reintroduce ordinance #26-12.

Ordinance #26-14: Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$5,700,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,303,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township, For Various Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to introduce ordinance #26-14.

MOVED: Sparta

SECOND: Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Ooms, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to introduce ordinance #26-14.

Ordinance #26-15: Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements or Purposes to be Undertaken by the Township of Vernon, In the County of Sussex, New Jersey, and Appropriating \$281,280 Therefor from Various Funds of the Township

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to introduce ordinance #26-15.

MOVED: Sparta

SECOND: Contino

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Ooms, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to introduce ordinance #26-15.

Ordinance #26-16: An Ordinance Amending the Vernon Township Administrative Code Chapter 250, Fees and Escrows Section 250-16, Zoning and Land Use

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to introduce ordinance #26-16.

MOVED: Ooms

SECOND: Contino

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Ooms, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to introduce ordinance #26-16.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance #26-11: Ordinance Amending Chapter 330 of the Township Code of the Township of Vernon to Define and Prohibit “Data Centers”

President Higgins asked for a motion to open the floor for public hearing on ordinance #26-11.

MOVED: Contino
SECOND: Ooms

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to open the floor to the public for public hearing of ordinance #26-11.

Seeing no members of the public wishing to come forward, President Higgins asked for a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #26-11.

MOVED: Contino
SECOND: Ooms

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to close the floor to the public for public hearing of ordinance #26-11.

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to adopt ordinance #26-11.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Ooms

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Ooms, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion carries to adopt ordinance #26-11.

ORDINANCE #26-11

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 330 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON TO DEFINE AND PROHIBIT “DATA CENTERS.”

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon (“Township”) is a municipal entity organized and existing under the laws of State of New Jersey and located in Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, a municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce ordinances not contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey that Chapter 330 entitled “Land Development” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 330-5 entitled “Definitions” shall be amended to include the following:

DATA CENTER

A facility, building, or use primarily engaged in the storage, management, processing, or hosting of digital data, applications, cloud computing services, cryptocurrency mining, or artificial intelligence processing, through the use of servers, networking equipment, and related infrastructure. Such use shall include associated cooling systems, backup generators, substations, utility infrastructure, and security facilities.

The term shall not include customary accessory information technology or server equipment incidental to a permitted principal use, including but not limited to schools, hospitals, government buildings, financial institutions, or ordinary business operations.

The term shall not include telecommunications facilities, public utility infrastructure, cellular facilities, fiber optic networks, central offices, switching stations, or similar communications infrastructure primarily engaged in providing telephone, cable, wireless, broadband, or internet access services.

SECTION 2:

Chapter 330-156 entitled “Uses prohibited in all districts” shall be amended to include the following:

Data centers, as defined in § 330-5, are not permitted uses in any zoning district within the Township of Vernon.

SECTION 3:

Except as set forth in Section 1 above, the balance and remainder of the Code of the Township of Vernon shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4:

All Ordinances, Plans, Plan Amendments or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5:

If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6:

This Ordinance shall be referred to the Township Land Use Board for review, which shall be based on whether the proposal is substantially consistent with the Master Plan. The Land Use Board has a period of thirty-five (35) days after referral to report on the proposed Ordinance.

SECTION 7.

Upon adoption of this Ordinance after public hearing thereon, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage thereof and to file a copy of this Ordinance with the County Planning Board and other agencies as required by law.

SECTION 8:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Ordinance #26-13: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Land in Vernon Township to be Sold at Public Auction in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 (a)

President Higgins asked for a motion to open the floor for public hearing on ordinance #26-13.

MOVED: Ooms

SECOND: Contino

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to open the floor to the public for public hearing of ordinance #26-13.

Seeing no members of the public wishing to come forward, President Higgins asked for a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #26-13.

MOVED: Ooms

SECOND: Sparta

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to close the floor to the public for public hearing of ordinance #26-13.

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to adopt ordinance #26-13.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Ooms

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Ooms, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion carries to adopt ordinance #26-13.

ORDINANCE #26-13

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND IN
VERNON TOWNSHIP TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION
IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 (a)**

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Council has determined that certain municipally owned land located in Vernon Township (hereinafter “Township”), as listed in Schedule A attached hereto (hereinafter the “Subject Properties or the “Properties”), are no longer necessary for municipal purposes as such shall be sold at private sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 (a) and

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Building Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., authorizes the sale by municipalities of any real property, capital improvement, or personal property no longer needed for public use; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Vernon Township Council that the Subject Properties shall be sold by public auction. The Subject Properties are being sold by Vernon Township “as is”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Vernon Township Council hereby authorizes, after the retention of an Auctioneer, that the Auctioneer offer for sale to the highest bidder by open public sale at auction, the Subject Properties.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the following terms and conditions shall apply:

1. The public sale shall be conducted on _____ via on-line auction or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard and public announced, provided the sale is not canceled.
2. The public sale, if not canceled, shall take place by open public sale at auction to the highest bidder.
3. The Township shall have the right to remove any Property from the auction for any reason whatsoever until the time of the auction. Notice of such removal will be posted prior to the commencement of the auction.
4. The Subject Properties shall be sold subject to 2026 taxes, pro-rated from the date of sale.
5. The Township may at its discretion, reject a bid by or on behalf of or disqualify a successful bidder who:
 - a. Owns or has more than a 10% ownership stake in any property located within the Township upon which there exists a tax arrearage of more than 2 quarters; or
 - b. Owned or had more than a 10% ownership stake in any property located within the Township that was previously foreclosed upon; or
 - c. Owns property located within the Township upon which there exists outstanding citations for zoning or building code violations.
6. Potential Bidders are advised: (1) to conduct all necessary title searches prior to the date of the sale; (2) that the description of the Subject Properties is intended as a general guide only and may not be accurate; (3) no representations of any kind are made by the Township as to the condition of the Subject Properties which are being sold in their present conditions “as is”; (4) that the sale is made

subject to all applicable laws, statutes, regulations, and ordinances of the United States, State of New Jersey, and the Vernon Township.

- 7. At the conclusion of the auction, the successful bidder shall provide a deposit of 10% of the bid by certified check or money order and shall execute an Agreement of Sale. Said Agreement of Sale shall be binding upon the high bidder until such time that the municipal council either: (1) does not accept the bid in which case bidders deposit will be returned; or (2) accepts the bid whereupon the municipality shall execute the Agreement of Sale and both parties shall be held bound by the terms and conditions contained therein. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid at closing which shall occur not later than 60 days following the acceptance of the bid by the Township. The purchaser shall be entitled to possession immediately following closing of title.
- 8. At closing of title, purchaser shall also pay a buyer’s premium in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid amount to Auctioneer to conduct the sale.
- 9. In the event the Township is unable to convey clear and marketable title, insurable at regular rates by a title insurance company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, the Township will forthwith return to the purchaser any and all deposit moneys previously submitted by the purchaser, and neither party shall have any further rights against the other. The acceptance of a deed by the purchaser from the Township shall extinguish any claims that said purchaser may have against the Township in connection with the quality of title conveyed.
- 10. The property herein sold is subject to existing encumbrances, liens, easements, zoning ordinances, other restrictions of record, such facts as an accurate survey would reveal and any present or future assessments for the construction of improvements benefiting said property. Neither the Township nor the Auctioneer make representations as to the presence or absence of wetlands or any other environmental conditions on the property and the purchaser assumes the risk of any such condition, all property being sold “as is.”
- 11. All conveyances by the Township shall be made by Quit Claim Deed.
- 12. Acceptable bids shall be confirmed by resolution of the Municipal Council no later than the first regular meeting of the Municipal Council following the date of such sale.
- 13. This Ordinance shall constitute and serve as the public notice to be published on the Vernon Township website and in a newspaper circulating in the Township at least once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, the last publication being not earlier than seven (7) days prior to the date set forth for the public sale.
- 14. In the event the successful bidder fails to close on the property, the bidder shall forfeit the ten percent (10%) deposit.
- 15. The Township Council reserve the right to withdraw this offer to sell, or upon completion of the bidding to accept or reject any or all bids for said property or to waive any informality in relation thereto.

INCONSISTENCY: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances and conflicts that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

SCHEDULE A

BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS	OWNER	ZONE	ACREAGE	Assessed Value
82	7	3 Beech Tree Drive	TOV	PLC	0.56	\$30,100.00
82	8	12 Acorn Drive	TOV	PLC	0.23	\$19,700.00
114	2	16 Amisa Ct	TOV	PLC	0.25	\$19,200.00
117	3	6 Lisa Dr	TOV	PLC	0.23	\$19,700.00

117	4	8 Lisa Dr	TOV	PLC	0.26	\$19,800.00
118	4	19 Karen Rd	TOV	PLC	0.23	\$19,700.00
118	5	17 Karen Rd	TOV	PLC	0.23	\$19,700.00
128	2	24 Lee Dr	TOV	PLC	0.26	\$19,800.00
128	15	17 Elm Tree Rd	TOV	PLC	0.55	\$30,100.00
134	4	12 Marion Dr	TOV	PLC	0.84	\$30,500.00
155	5	38 Panorama Dr	TOV	PLC	0.44	\$28,400.00
160	77	13 Foulton Terrace	TOV	PLC	0.48	\$28,500.00
160	78	15 Foulton Terrace	TOV	PLC	0.47	\$28,500.00
164	6	72 Appleseed Rd	TOV	PLC	0.23	\$28,100.00
267	21	6 Brook Lane	TOV	PLC	0.23	\$23,600.00
350	4	74 Edsall Dr	TOV	R-2	4.25	\$77,000.00
364	5	116 Drew Road	TOV	R-2	2.18	\$81,700.00
445	34	47 Paddock	TOV	PLC	0.11	\$17,100.00
459	4	226 Wawayanda Rd	TOV	PLC	0.13	\$29,500.00
459	5	228 Wawayanda Rd	TOV	PLC	0.18	\$29,500.00
469	94	111 Glen Rd	TOV	PLC	0.335	\$29,800.00
477	3	44 Paddock	TOV	PLC	0.31	\$26,000.00
477	4	46 Paddock Ave	TOV	PLC	0.12	\$25,700.00
477	5	48 Paddock Ave	TOV	PLC	0.11	\$25,700.00
508	14	113 Alturas	TOV	PLC	0.23	\$29,600.00
514	6	5 LK Wallkill Rd	TOV	C-1	0.91	\$133,700.00
577	4	24 Woodland Tr S	TOV	PLC	0.21	\$28,100.00
577	5	26 Woodland Trl S	TOV	PLC	0.215	\$28,100.00
582	9	62 Greenhill Road	TOV	PLC	.50	\$28,500.00
583	15	10 Forest Tr	TOV	PLC	3.99	\$44,000.00
586	20	1A West Shore Dr	TOV	PLC	0.203	\$27,300.00
599	106	26 Pleasant Valley Dr	TOV	PLC	0.18	\$26,500.00
599	107	28 Pleasant Valley Dr	TOV	PLC	0.18	\$26,500.00

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 5 Minutes Per Person)

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

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Ooms

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to open the meeting to the public.

Al Reni – encouraged the Council to build the pickleball courts.

Jean – encouraged the Council to build the pickleball courts.

Doreen Edwards – questioned ordinances on the agenda and the bills list. Ms. Edwards expressed concern with her internet and cable. Ms. Edwards questioned if the fee was paid by the developers of Theta Drive. She asked if there was an update of Legends. Ms. Edwards reminded everyone when they vote in November to remember State mandates.

Christa Gerry – questioned the gas lines on Sammis Road. Ms. Gerry commented on signing the petition to change Vernon’s form of government.

Kajan – questioned the ban on Data Centers in Vernon. He also questioned the properties that are being actioned.

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

MOVED: Rizzuto
SECOND: Contino

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to close the meeting to the public.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Contino is happy to see that the Data Center ban passed.

Council Member Rizzuto reminded the Council that the former Council felt that only money raised through donations should be used for recreational activity. Council Member Rizzuto is concerned about hyper space data facilities. Council Member Rizzuto asked everyone to be safe on the road with the kids out of school. Council Member Ooms had no comment.

Council Member Sparta wished his parents a happy 63rd anniversary.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Council President Higgins commented about the change of the form of government and feels that it should be a partisan government and this is why he is withdrawing his support. Council President Higgins congratulated all of the 2026 Vernon graduates. Council Member Higgins reminded everyone that the money for the pickleball courts is not grant money and the \$408,000 can be used for other things besides pickleball. Council President Higgins noticed that there was another incident with a truck on Breakneck Road and whatever the police can do to make Breakneck Road and Route 515 safer he is all for it.

The Council cancelled the July 27, 2026 and the August 24, 2026 meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 pm Council Member Rizzuto made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Contino.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

William Higgins
Council President

Minutes approved: July 13, 2026