VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2026 7:00 PM

This Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 7:00 p.m. on August 10, 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 Business Administrator Tina Kraus, Township Attorney Peter King and Municipal Clerk Marcy Gianattasio.

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: 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.

REVIEW OF BILLS LIST

The Council reviewed the bills list.

CONSENT AGENDA
Resolution #26-233: CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET AS A REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION OF $18,787.56

Resolution #26-234: AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS OVER SIX MONTHS OLD TO MUNICIPAL CASH BALANCES

Resolution #26-235: AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS OVER SIX MONTHS OLD TO MUNICIPAL CASH BALANCES

Resolution #26-236: APPROVAL OF THE FY2026 TRAILS GRANT FOR THE REVITALIZING THE MAPLE GRANGE LOOP: TRAIL RESTORATION, HAZARD MITIGATION AND FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Resolution #26-237: REFUND FOR CARRY PERMIT MUNICIPAL FEE, BENANTI

Resolution #26-238: REFUND FOR CARRY PERMIT MUNICIPAL FEE, GRIFFIN

Resolution #26-239: AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH GRANICUS FOR COMPLIANCE SOFTWARE

Resolution #26-240: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF STATE CONTRACT #187962 & 26-COMG-120971 WITH KONICA MINOLTA FOR LEASE OF MULTIFUNCTIONAL COPIER SYSTEMS

Resolution #26-241: AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

Resolution #26-242: RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR BID #26-07 ENERGY SAVINGS LIGHTING FIXTURE BID TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

Resolution #26-243: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH "LAWSOFT INC. FOR POLICE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND CAD SOFTWARE"

Resolution #26-244: REFUND OVERPAYMENT (Block 526 Lot 324 – Sitinas)

Resolution #26-245: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVE MACIAG AS ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR HHS

Resolution #26-247: APPROVING A CHARITABLE SOLICITOR'S PERMIT: Vernon Emergency Medical Services Inc.

Resolution #26-248: APPROVING A SOLICITOR PERMIT – Green Star Exteriors

Resolution #26-249: AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF ZONING PERMIT FEES REQUIRED BY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE FOR AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Resolution #26-250: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CONTRACT THROUGH
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY PRICING SYSTEM (ESCNJ 24/25-06) TO MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING LLC

Resolution #26-251: AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO CANISTEAR ROAD PHASE II

Resolution #26-252: AUTHORIZING NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT T2507
MICROSURFACE & SLURRY, SEAL PAVEMENT SYSTEMS

Resolution #26-253: AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

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

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Ooms

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carries to approved the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION #26-233

CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET AS A REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION OF $18,787.56

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 three checks ($5,461.50, $2,996.12 and $10,329.94) totaling $18,787.56 National Opioid Settlement; 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 $18,787.56 which is now available as a revenue,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of $18,787.56 is hereby appropriated under the caption National Opioid Settlement.

RESOLUTION #26-234

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS OVER SIX MONTHS OLD TO MUNICIPAL CASH BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the following Township checks have been outstanding for a period in excess of six months:

Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates:

2399	**11/18/24**	**Sussex County Clerk**	**$20.00**
2415	**12/19/24**	**PAK Recovery**	**$89.46**
2417	**1/17/25**	**Sussex County Clerk**	**$20.00**
2463	**4/14/25**	**Mark & IvonReynoso**	**$20.00**
2494	**7/10/25**	**Judith Sandoual**	**$20.00**
2537	**12/15/25**	**Derik Gallant**	**$20.00**
2560	**1/7/26**	**James Cavallo**	**$20.00**
TOTAL			**$209.46**

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the above outstanding checks be restored to the Township cash balances.

RESOLUTION #26-235

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS OVER SIX MONTHS OLD TO MUNICIPAL CASH BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the following Township checks have been outstanding for a period in excess of six months:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Check Number	Date Written	To Whom	Amount
2774	8/12/2024	Marcello Boscarino	$1.00

2784	10/07/2024	Hagassah Kaplan	$150.00
2809	3/12/2025	Eileen Craparo	$25.00
Total:			$176.00

BAIL ACCOUNT

Check Number	Date Written	To Whom	Amount
3165	12/10/2024	Luisa Gomez-Valdez	$160.00
3173	01/23/2025	Ranler Hilario	$60.00
3196	10/22/2025	Thomas Russo	$75.00
Total:			$295.00

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the above outstanding checks be restored to the Township cash balances.

RESOLUTION #26-236

APPROVAL OF THE FY2026 TRAILS GRANT FOR THE REVITALIZING THE MAPLE GRANGE LOOP: TRAIL RESTORATION, HAZARD MITIGATION AND FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2021, Sussex County Board of County Commissioners ("Sussex County Board") established the Sussex County Trails Grant Program ("Trail Grant"), adopted Rules and Regulations developed by the Sussex County Open Space Committee ("Committee") in support thereof, and authorized monies from the Sussex County Farmland Preservation, Recreation, and Open Space Trust Fund for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Trail Grant will award grants for the construction, rehabilitation, restoration, and maintenance of publicly owned, shared use trails on permanently preserved public land held by a public entity or a permanent easement dedicated to a public entity enabling public recreational trail use; and

WHEREAS, the Trail Grant was available to all 24 municipalities in Sussex County, individually or in partnership with another, the County, and charitable conservancies as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.1 working in coordination with a local municipality for qualifying uses; and

WHEREAS, grant eligibility and awards are determined in accordance with the Trail Grant application requirements and Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, under the Trail Grant, the maximum grant amount was $25,000 for individual municipal applications and $50,000 for joint applications submitted by two or more municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid applications were forwarded to the Committee whose duties include reviewing and prioritizing grant request, and making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners to award grants for qualifying projects submitted by eligible applicants; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2026, at its regularly scheduled public meeting, the Committee review and discussed the application submitted by Vernon Township for the Revitalizing of Maple Grange Loop: Trail Restoration, Hazardous Mitigation and Forest Stewardship Project and grant request of $25,000; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2026, the Committee approved individual motions recommending that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Revitalizing of Maple Grange Loop: Trail Restoration, Hazardous Mitigation and Forest Stewardship Project and grant request subject to continued compliance with the Trails Grant Rules and Regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and submit the Sussex County Farmland Preservation, Recreation, and Open Space Trust Fund Trails Grant Agreement to the Sussex County Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTION #26-237

REFUND FOR CARRY PERMIT MUNICIPAL FEE, BENANTI

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 Mathew Benanti.

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 Mathew Benanti.

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

RESOLUTION #26-238

REFUND FOR CARRY PERMIT MUNICIPAL FEE, GRIFFIN

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 Michael Griffin.

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 Michael Griffin.

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

RESOLUTION #26-239

AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH GRANICUS FOR COMPLIANCE SOFTWARE

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for contractor for its long- and short-term rental operations in service of the residents of the Township, through Granicus LLC, as a required disclosure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and,

WHEREAS, Sean Canning, Q.P.A., of the Canning Group, LLC has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed $17,500 and the anticipated term of this contract is for the year of *2026-2027;* and

WHEREAS, Granicus LLC, 1152 15th Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC, 20005, in the aggregate is expected to provide more than the pay to play threshold of $17,500.00**;** and

WHEREAS, Granicus LLC, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Personal Contribution Disclosure form which certifies that Granicus has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the *Township of Vernon* in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Granicus from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, subject to the governing bodies approval of future budgets the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds NOT TO EXCEED $35,939.99 are available in Line Items:

2026: 6-01-20-100-20
2027: 7-01-20-100-20 (subject to the 2026 Budget)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon authorize the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Granicus LLC, 1152 15th Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC, 20005, not to exceed $35,939.99 for the 2026-2027 budget year for contractor services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Personal Contribution Disclosure form, Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

RESOLUTION #26-240

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF STATE CONTRACT #187962 & 26-COMG-120971 WITH KONICA MINOLTA FOR LEASE OF MULTIFUNCTIONAL COPIER SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has requested that they be allowed to enter into a contract Konica Minolta Business Solutions d/b/a Konica Minolta Premier Finance. for the rental/lease of a Copier System for the Building Department, which includes toner and maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et. Seq., and

WHEREAS, Konica Minolta Business Solutions has been awarded State Contract # **#187962 & 26-COMG-120971** and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid rental shall be for a period of sixty months at the rate of $115.63 per month which includes toner and maintenance with unlimited pages included.

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

That the rental/lease the Multifunctional Copier System for the Building Department hereby is authorized with Konica Minolta Business Solutions under State Contract # **#187962 & 26-COMG-120971**.

2. That the aforesaid rental shall not exceed a total of $115.63 per month which includes toner and maintenance and unlimited pages for sixty months.

3. That the Mayor is authorized to execute and the clerk to attest to any and all documentation necessary to effectuate the rental.

4 The award of the contract aforesaid shall be conditioned upon the certification of the availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

5 That the Township Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the following:

Business Administrator;

Chief Financial Officer;
Purchasing Agent;
Municipal Clerk;
Konica Minolta Business Solutions d/b/a Konica Minolta Premier Finance.

RESOLUTION #26-241

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Vernon finds and declares that Township financial officials have determined that there could be insufficient cash flow to support operations in late July, 2026 unless third quarter revenue is received on time; and

WHEREAS, the and Council further finds and declares that the Chief Financial Officer, Patricia Reiche, has reviewed and computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 and is recommending authorization to issue property tax bills based upon this estimated tax levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon as follows:

1. That Vernon Township Tax Collector, Lisa A. Kimkowski, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township of Vernon for the third quarter of 2026, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66-2;

2. That the entire estimated tax levy for CY 2026 is hereby set at $90,305,605.20; and

3. That Vernon Township Tax Collector, Lisa A. Kimkowski, is hereby authorized to undertake any and all additional steps deemed necessary and appropriate to immediately implement the substance of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #26-242

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR
BID #26-07 ENERGY SAVINGS LIGHTING FIXTURE BID TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

WHEREAS the Township of Vernon received bids for Bid #26-07 Lighting Fixture Replacement Bid on July 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS the Township received four (4) bids to wit:

LUMP SUM			TOTAL BID
DVM Industries			$62,790.06
Sky Blue Energy			$747.00
Encore Energy Group			$106,000.00
Tri-State Energy			$72,777.00

; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A.40A:11-13.2(a). allows for rejection of bids where the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services; and

WHEREAS, bids submitted by DVM Industries, Encore Energy Group, Tri-State Energy all were significantly higher than estimates; and

WHEREAS Sky Blue Energy contained no documents required for a responsive bid in the State of New Jersey within the Local Public Contracts Law, among them lack of bid bond, consent of surety, acknowledgement of addenda, or identification of sub-contractors, all are fatal at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Bids submitted by DVM Industries, Encore Energy Group, Tri-State Energy all were significantly higher than estimates, are hereby rejected in accord with N.J.S.A.40A:11-13.2(a); and
2. Bid by Sky Blue Energy is rejected in accordance with multiple sections of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2 as fatal due to no, bid bond, consent of surety, acknowledgement of addenda and lacking identification of sub-contractors.

RESOLUTION #26-243

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH "LAWSOFT INC. FOR POLICE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND CAD SOFTWARE"

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for police records management system software, through Lawsoft Incorporated, 15 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, N.J. as a required disclosure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is for the year of 2026, and

WHEREAS, Lawsoft Incorporated, in the aggregate is expected to provide more than the pay to play threshold of $17,500.00**;** and

WHEREAS, Lawsoft Incorporated, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Personal Contribution Disclosure form which certifies that Law Soft Incorporated has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Vernon in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit LawSoft Incorporated from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, subject to the governing body approving future budgets the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds NOT TO EXCEED $36,000.00 are available as follows;

Line Item: 6-01-25-240-20 and 6-01-25-260-20

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Lawsoft Incorporated, not to exceed $36,000.00 for the 2026 budget year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Personal Contribution Disclosure form, Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

RESOLUTION #26-244

REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 526 Lot 324 – Sitinas)

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Sitinas	526	324	$1387.25
		TOTAL:	$1387.25

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to in the amount of $1387.25 representing refund for overpayment for 2nd qtr. 2024 property taxes for Block 526 Lot 324.

RESOLUTION #26-245

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVE MACIAG AS ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR HHS

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon had a need for inspectors in the Building Department and hired Steve Maciag as the Electrical Subcode Official and Inspector

WHEREAS, Mr. Maciag was deemed to have the requisite experience to perform the functions of Electrical Subcode Official

WHEREAS, Mr. Maciag was deemed to have the requisite experience to perform the functions required of an Inspector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, recognizes and authorizes the appointment of Steve Maciag as Electrical Subcode and Inspector HHS

RESOLUTION #26-247

APPROVING A CHARITABLE SOLICITOR'S PERMIT:
Vernon Emergency Medical Services Inc.

WHEREAS, Vernon Emergency Medical Services Inc. has made application for a Charitable Roadside Solicitor's Permit for the purposes of soliciting funds on September 26 and 27, 20206 8:00 am to 6:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 18-12, the Vernon Township Police Department has reviewed the necessary application found that all documentation is in order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that approval be granted for a Charitable Roadside Solicitor's Permit for Vernon Emergency Medical Services Inc., subject to the approval of the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a Charitable Roadside Solicitor's Permit to the aforesaid applicant in accordance with Chapter 428 of the Code of the Township of Vernon upon receipt of the approval from the County of Sussex.

RESOLUTION #26-248

APPROVING A SOLICITOR PERMIT – Green Star Exteriors

WHEREAS, Daniel Szetela has made an application for a Solicitor Permit for the purpose of Exterior Renovations; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the application for a Solicitor Permit, by Daniel Szetela of Green Star Exteriors the Vernon Township Police Department investigated the applicant's moral character and found it to be satisfactory and in good order for the protection of the public good; and the necessary application has been filed and all documentation is in order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that approval be granted for a Solicitor Permit for Daniel Szetela.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a Solicitor's Permit to the aforesaid applicant in accordance with Chapter 428 of the Code of the Township of Vernon.

RESOLUTION #26-249

AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF ZONING PERMIT FEES REQUIRED BY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE FOR AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Tyler Wynne is a Boy Scout with Troop 283 in Vernon.

WHEREAS, Tyler Wynne is preparing to complete an Eagle Scout project of a sign at St. Francis de Sales Church to indicate the "Lower Parking Lot".

WHEREAS, the sign requires a Zoning Permit and a fee of $75.00, Tyler Wynne has asked that the fee be waived for his Eagle Scout project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon, Tyler Wynne is granted a waiver of Zoning permit fees in the amount of $75.00 in relation to a sign at St. Francis de Sales Church to indicate where the "Lower Parking Lot" is located; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Zoning Department for their records.

This Resolution will take effect immediately according to law.

RESOLUTION #26-250

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CONTRACT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY PRICING SYSTEM (ESCNJ 24/25-06) TO MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING LLC

WHEREAS the Township of Vernon may by resolution, and without advertising for bids or obtaining quotations, purchase any goods or services as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11, under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, the Township has the need on a timely basis to purchase lighting for the following locations, through Musco Sports Lighting LLC through ESCNJ Bid 24/25-06 duly authorized under law to extend contract pricing to local units, per N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 et. Seq., to wit:

Veteran's Memorial Park Senior Field; and

WHEREAS the Township has received a quote under ESCNJ 24/25-06 in the total amount of $451,387.00 under the tenets as established in bid by ESCNJ and award through Bid 24/25-06; and

WHEREAS The Chief Financial Officer certifies funding in the amount of $451,387.00 is available through:C-04-21-012-11; C-04-22-010-06; C-04-23-015-05; C-04-24-010-09; C-04-25-009-07.

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

That the Department of Recreation hereby is authorized to procure lighting for the following locations, through Musco Sports Lighting LLC through ESCNJ Bid 24/25-06 duly authorized under law to extend contract pricing to local units, per N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 et. Seq., to wit: Veteran's Memorial Park Senior Field in the amount of $ 451,387.00.

RESOLUTION #26-251

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO CANISTEAR ROAD PHASE II

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for contracting services for Proposed Improvements to Canistear Road Phase II; and

WHEREAS the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11) authorizes Township of Vernon by resolution, and without advertising for bids or obtaining quotations, purchase any goods or services under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCCP); and

WHEREAS, the Township has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, duly authorized under law to extend contract pricing to local units, per N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Engineer recommends the Township Council award contracts for milling & paving and line striping, through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to the following contractors:

1) Milling & Paving: Tilcon New York, Inc. (Contract # 6B) in an amount of $**372,392.50**; and
2) Line Striping: Denville Line Painting, Inc. (Contract #36) in an amount of **$9,982.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer of the Township of Vernon has certified that the funds for these contracts are available in Account #C-04-26-014-01 Road Improvements.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the vendors Tilcon New York, and Denville Line Painting, Inc., be utilized for the Proposed Improvements Canistear Road Phase II through the respective Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contracts at the amounts not to exceed listed herewith.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

RESOLUTION #26-252

"AUTHORIZING NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT T2507 MICROSURFACE & SLURRY, SEAL PAVEMENT SYSTEMS

WHEREAS a need exists for the Microsurfacing, & Slurry Seal Pavement services of various roads within the Township of Vernon in the Storm Estates residential community; and;

WHEREAS the Township of Vernon may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et. Seq., and

WHEREAS, under the state contract award, the following vendor holds New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contract T2507, for Micro surface, & Slurry Seal Pavement services of various roads within the Township of Vernon;

Asphalt Paving Systems Inc
PO Box 530
Hammonton, NJ 08037; and

WHEREAS, Asphalt Paving Systems has proposed service consistent with New Jersey State Contract T2507 in the amount of $102,948.09; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer certifies funds in the amount not to exceed $102,948.09 in the following accounts are available: C-04-26-014-01

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Vernon, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-12 & N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 that it authorizes the use of state contract number T2507, for Micro surface, & Slurry Seal Pavement services of various roads within the Township of Vernon not to exceed $102,948.09.

RESOLUTION #26-253

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for contracting services for Proposed Improvements to Various roads in Lake Panorama and Lake Wanda sections of the Township in 2026; and

WHEREAS the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11) authorizes Township of Vernon by resolution, and without advertising for bids or obtaining quotations, purchase any goods or services under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCCP); and

WHEREAS, the Township has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, duly authorized under law to extend contract pricing to local units, per N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Engineer recommends the Township Council award contracts for milling & paving, and line striping, through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to the following contractors:

1) Milling & Paving: Tilcon New York, Inc. (Contract # 6B) in an amount of $**635,632.50**; and
2) Line Striping: Denville Line Painting, Inc. (Contract #36) in an amount of **$6,026.40**; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer of the Township of Vernon has certified that the funds for these contracts are available in Account #C-04-26-014-01 Road Improvements.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the vendors Tilcon New York, and Denville Line Painting, Inc., be utilized for proposed improvements to various roads through the respective Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contracts at the amounts not to exceed listed herewith.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

RESOLUTION

Resolution #26-246: AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH CYYL INC. FOR PURCHASE OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTUCTURE PLATFORM

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to put resolution #26-246 on the floor for consideration.

MOVED: Contino
SECOND: Ooms

All members were in favor.

Council Member Ooms made a motion to table resolution #26-246. Seconded by Council Member Contino.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carries to table resolution #26-246.

Resolution #26-254: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID #26R-06 AVI PROJECT VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to put resolution #26-254 on the floor for consideration.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Ooms

All members were in favor.

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to approve resolution #26-254.

MOVED: Sparta

SECOND: Ooms

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carries to approve resolution #26-254.

RESOLUTION #26-254

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID #26R-06 AVI PROJECT VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WHEREAS the Township of Vernon publicly advertised and received Bid#26R-06 AVI Project Vernon Township Council Chambers on July 8, 2026, in accord with the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1) and in a Fair and Open Manner (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.,) and

WHEREAS the Township received three (3) bids to wit:

VENDOR	BASE BID	2-year Maintenance	
JCT Solutions	$168,505.50	$13,800.00	$182,305.50
COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTORS INC	$93,855.00	$13,299.00	$107,154.00
Adel Technology LLC	**FATAL**		

;and

WHEREAS, Commercial Technology Contractors Inc., 152 Huron Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, 07013, has provided for the lowest responsible bid in accord with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq., in the amount of base bid installation of $93,855.00 and a 2-year maintenance cost of $13,299.00 for a total bid of $107,154.00; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer certifies funding is available in the amount of $107,154.00, through:

C-04-26-014-11

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bid#26R-06 AVI Project Vernon Township Council Chambers is hereby awarded to commercial Technology Contractors Inc., 152 Huron Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, 07013, in the amount of base bid installation of $93,855.00 and a 2-year maintenance cost of $13,299.00 for a total bid of $107,154.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to effectuate all documents in furtherance of Bid#26R-06 AVI Project Vernon Township Council Chambers

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance #26-17: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §250-9 FEES AND ESCROWS OF THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to amend ordinance #26-17 to read “use of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Pavilion”.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

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

ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion carries to amend ordinance #26-17 to read “use of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Pavilion”.

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to introduce ordinance #26-17 as amended.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carries to introduce ordinance #26-17 as amended.

Ordinance #26-18: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to introduce ordinance #26-18.

MOVED: Contino
SECOND: Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carries to introduce ordinance #26-18.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 5 Minutes Per Person)

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

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Contino

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to open the meeting to the public.

Christy Gerri – expressed concern with taxes and the apartments that are being built. Ms. Gerri feels that the petition for the PILOT was ignored. Ms. Gerri spoke about a petition to change Vernon’s form of government.

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 expressed concern that the Mayor instructed the Township Engineer to start work on the pickle ball courts.

Council Member Rizzuto had no comments.

Council Member Ooms agreed with Council Member Contino. Council Member Ooms feels that at every meeting the Council should take a few minutes to discuss saving money and how to reduce spending.

Township Attorney King recommended the Council form a sub-committee.

Council Member Sparta requested a year to date report on the current budget. He would like to receive this monthly.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Council Member Higgins commented on the petition to change the form of government. He did not sign the petition because he feels that the new form of government should be changed to a partisan form of government. Council Member Higgins commented about rumors regarding development in town. He feels that plans change and nothing has been in front of the Land Use Board. Council Member Higgins feels that there is not enough money to spend on pickle ball courts and the money can be used for other things. Council President Higgins attended a Board of Education meeting and the Board of Education had on the agenda a $75,000,000 bond to be repaid over twenty years. This will be a huge tax increase for the residents of Vernon. He feels that the people of Vernon need to get involved with the Board of Education and put a stop to this.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:09 pm Council Member Contino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Rizzuto.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

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William Higgins
Council President

Minutes approved: September 14, 2026