

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2008, 6:00 PM

The Special Emergency Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 6:09 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2008 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Mayor Austin Carew presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Township Clerk advised that a 48-Hour Notice of this meeting had been provided to the public by faxing to the official newspaper on December 16, 2008 such notice and posting on the Municipal Building bulletin board pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. The Township Clerk further advised the newspaper erroneously published the meeting would begin at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present were Council Members Richard Carson, Gary Grey, Valerie Seufert, and Mayor Austin Carew. Council member Glenn McLaughlin was absent.

Also present were Township Manager Melinda Carlton and Township Attorney Michael Witt.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Mayor led the assemblage in the salute to the flag.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Mayor Austin Carew spoke about the severity of the ice storm last Thursday. Mayor Carew thanked the Road Department and Police Department for their untiring efforts in clearing roads and maintaining public safety over the past week. Mayor Carew also applauded residents, community leaders and township employees for bringing the best out in the community during very difficult times.

ICE STORM DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative

Ms. Carlton introduced Mr. Jim Siglund, Chief Executive Officer, Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative to present a brief report to the Township Council. Mr. Siglund reported Sussex Rural began getting calls regarding power outages around 8:00 Thursday night. By 12:00 midnight all crews were dispatched working through the night in the storm. Sussex Rural began recruiting crews from co-ops in Pennsylvania early Friday morning and six crews from Butler Electric were on the scene by noon Friday. Mr. Siglund reported that Eastern Pennsylvania was hit by the storm as well causing Sussex Rural to recruit additional line crews as far away as Erie, Pennsylvania, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and Central Pennsylvania. Due to travel, these crews arrived Saturday and Sunday. Sussex Rural also dispatched its contracted tree service, Asplundh Tree Service; however, tree crews did not arrive until Friday afternoon.

Mr. Siglund reported once the Barry Lakes sub-station went out, it became difficult to access the full impact of the storm damage. Sussex Rural concentrated on energizing the Barry Lakes sub-station and repairing the main lines. The sub-station was energized on Monday and crews began repairing the main lines to the secondary lines. Mr. Siglund commented that the storm was the most extensive he had seen in 22 years.

The Township Council questioned Mr. Siglund regarding Sussex Rural's methods of response to storm damage situations and how they assess the extent of damage and

prioritize repairs. In his response, Mr. Siglund stated that although Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative services nearly one-half of Sussex County, they have had no previous interaction with the Office of Emergency Management services in Sussex County.

The Township Manager stated her office was pleased with the response and follow through communication by Tom Stone and Chris Reese of Sussex Rural Electric. Ms. Carlton reported the Township will be developing a Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) program and invited participation from Sussex Rural. Mr. Siglund stated that Sussex Rural Electric would be glad to join.

Mayor Carew opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions to be directed to Mr. Siglund.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Mc Clachrie, Vernon Taxpayers Association, questioned how many homes lost electricity during the storm and complimented Sussex Rural crews for their efforts.

Jessi Paladini, Highland Lakes, questioned who is responsible for repairing the hanging wire to the house.

The Township Manager and Township Council thanked Mr. Siglund.

Sussex County Office of Emergency Management

Melinda Carlton recognized Mr. Skip Danielson, Sussex County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Director, and thanked him for coordinating crews from all Sussex County municipalities. All towns throughout Sussex County assisted Vernon Township in some way or another.

Mr. Danielson reported the severe ice storm was categorized as a weather anomaly. Approximately four inches of rain fell in Sussex County. The rain froze and iced all surfaces that were above 1200 feet altitude. Mr. Danielson's office began receiving weather reports Wednesday night. By mid-day Thursday, Mr. Danielson reported he had a conference call with the State Office of Emergency Management and was notified Friday morning that the Vernon School district closed schools due to icy conditions in the higher elevations. As the County OEM Director, Mr. Danielson reported he has direct communication with the Board of Public Utility with respect to power outages in the County.

The first power outage occurred Thursday night when a car accident caused a 500-home power outage in the Drew Mountain Road area. By 5:00 a.m. Friday morning he contacted six "answering centers." All centers reported outages. Reports were given to the Board of Public Utilities, which has authority over utility companies.

At all times, Mr. Danielson reported he was in constant contact with Police Chief Roy Wherry and stated there was not much that could be done until the downed wires were repaired by Sussex Rural. Chief Wherry called the Red Cross to set up a shelter.

Mr. Danielson reported he met with the Vernon Township Council and Township Officials on Saturday afternoon. He arranged several sawyer crews from the Forest Fire Service and Sussex County Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) to begin work on Sunday. Seventeen chipper crews were brought in Tuesday from over 20 municipalities in Sussex County. Mr. Danielson stated the additional crews only made a "dent" in what needed to be cleared and removed.

Mr. Danielson suggested the Township should prepare an article for the New Jersey League of Municipalities magazine, which he would help write. He further stated his office would be preparing a thorough debriefing and an "After Action Report" that will highlight what actions can be improved for future emergency incidents. Mr. Danielson informed the Township Council that the County will be initiating a County-wide Reverse 9-1-1 system, which should be operational in 30-90 days. In times of an emergency, Reverse 9-1-1 has the capability of leaving a message on all hard-wired telephones in

the affected areas to communicate information and warnings. Lastly, Mr. Danielson commended Allison of Highland Lakes Security for going “above and beyond” in assisting residents during the hardest part of the storm.

Mr. Danielson informed the Township Council that FEMA Region II was working with New York and the New England states which were hit hard with the same storm and noted that the state line ultimately may preclude FEMA assistance for Vernon Township property owners.

Mayor Carew opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions to be directed to Mr. Danielson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public wishing to be heard at this time.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Carew asked Mr. Benecke to present the two finance resolutions at this time. Mr. Benecke briefly explained Resolution 08-225 is a budget transfer resolution which provides appropriate funding so the Township can meet the payroll obligation to pay for storm-related over-time. Resolution 08-226 authorizes a Bond Anticipation Note sale for the rollover of \$15.2 million dollars in Township notes. Mr. Benecke informed the Township Council that the Township’s current borrowing interest rate is 4.2% and the Township will decrease its liability by approximately \$450,000.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for questions.

Tom McClachrie, Vernon Taxpayers Association, confirmed that the \$15.2 million rollover will decrease the township’s liability by approximately \$450,000.

RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION

RESOLUTION #08-225

TRANSFER RESOLUTION – 2008 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon Municipal Budget requires certain modifications to cover potential expenses that may occur in excess of the original budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the following Transfer of Appropriations (2008 Municipal Budget) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A 4-58 be and are hereby approved.

From:		To:	
Personnel OE	\$25,000.00	Police Department S & W	\$15,000.00
Executive S & W	\$40,000.00	Dept of Public Works S & W	\$50,000.00
Total	\$65,000.00	Total	\$65,000.00

Council Member Valerie Seufert moved to approve this resolution, seconded by Council Member Richard Carson.

There was no Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken:
 AYES: Richard Carson, Gary Grey, Valerie Seufert, Austin Carew
 NAYES: None

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION #08-226

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$15,220,539.
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON,
IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex (herein called "local unit") entitled: "Bond ordinance providing a supplemental appropriation of \$120,000 for improvements to Woodland Hills Drive in and by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey and directing a special assessment of the cost thereof, and authorizing the issuance of \$114,000 bonds or notes of the Township for financing the same", finally adopted on August 9, 2004 (#04-16), Bond Anticipation Notes of the local unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$98,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any Bond Anticipation Notes heretofore issued therefor.

Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the local unit entitled: "Bond ordinance providing for various capital improvements by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey appropriating the aggregate amount of \$4,528,200 therefor, including \$934,000 expected to be received from the green acres conservation easement and authorizing the issuance of \$3,420,000 bonds or notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof", finally adopted on April 26, 2004 (#04-26), Bond Anticipation Notes of the local unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$2,025,279 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any Bond Anticipation Notes heretofore issued therefor.

Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the local unit entitled: "Bond ordinance providing for various improvements to the town center in and by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, appropriating \$4,750,000 therefor, including a special legislative grant expected to be received in the amount of \$750,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$3,809,000 bonds or notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof", finally adopted on March 28, 2005 (#05-09), Bond Anticipation Notes of the local unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$3,546,310 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any Bond Anticipation Notes heretofore issued therefor.

Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the local unit entitled: "Bond ordinance providing for various improvements by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, appropriating the aggregate amount of \$1,900,000 therefor, including \$148,000 expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and \$40,000 received from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and authorizing the issuance of \$1,666,000 bonds or notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof", finally adopted on May 9, 2005 (#05-14), Bond Anticipation Notes of the local unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,557,750 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any Bond Anticipation Notes heretofore issued therefor.

Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the local unit entitled: "Bond ordinance appropriating \$780,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$742,800 bonds or notes the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, for the provision of affordable housing in the Borough of Ogdensburg and the Borough of Ridgefield pursuant to regional contribution agreements with those municipalities", finally adopted on February 27, 2006 (#6-06), Bond Anticipation Notes of the local unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$675,300 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily

financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any Bond Anticipation Notes heretofore issued therefor.

Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the local unit entitled: "Bond ordinance providing for the acquisition of lands in and by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, appropriating \$450,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$428,500 bonds or notes of the Township for financing such appropriation" (#5-31), finally adopted on January 9, 2006, Bond Anticipation Notes of the local unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$423,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any Bond Anticipation Notes heretofore issued therefor.

Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the local unit entitled: "Bond ordinance appropriating \$4,100,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$3,780,500 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", finally adopted on June 26, 2006 (#6-19), Bond Anticipation Notes of the local unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$3,262,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any Bond Anticipation Notes heretofore issued therefor.

Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the local unit entitled: "Bond ordinance providing for the improvement of Maple Grange Park in and by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, appropriating \$2,100,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 bonds or notes of the Township for financing such appropriation", finally adopted on May 31, 2007 (#7-24), Bond Anticipation Notes of the local unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$2,000,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any Bond Anticipation Notes heretofore issued therefor.

Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the local unit entitled: "Bond ordinance appropriating \$1,864,579, and authorizing the issuance of \$1,632,900 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", finally adopted on August 13, 2007 (#7-36), Bond Anticipation Notes of the local unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,632,900 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any Bond Anticipation Notes heretofore issued therefor.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 40A:2-26 of the Local Bond Law of New Jersey, particularly paragraph (f) thereof and in lieu of the sale of more than one issue of bonds as provided for in said Local Bond Law, the several issues of bonds of this local unit authorized pursuant to bond ordinances of the local unit hereinabove in Sections 1 through 9 described, shall be combined into a single and combined issue of bonds in the principal amount of \$15,220,539.

The following matters in connection with said Bond Anticipation Notes are hereby determined:

All notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer or the interim chief financial officer (the "chief financial officer") of the local unit, provided that no note issued pursuant to Sections 1 through 9, inclusive, hereof shall mature later than (i) one year from the date of the first such note issued pursuant to the respective ordinances referred to in said Sections, and (ii) three years from the date of the first note issued pursuant to each such respective ordinance unless the local unit shall have paid and retired amounts of such notes sufficient to allow it, in accordance with provisions of Section 40A:2-8 of the Local Bond Law, to renew a portion thereof beyond the third anniversary date of the first of such notes;

All notes issued hereunder shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the local unit; and

The notes shall be in the form prescribed by resolution heretofore adopted by the governing body of this local unit determining the form of Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and any such notes may be signed or sealed by officers of the local unit in any manner permitted by Section 40A:2-25 of said Local Bond Law notwithstanding that said form or resolution may otherwise provide.

The chief financial officer of the local unit is hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with said notes not determined by this or a subsequent resolution, and the chief financial officer's signature upon said notes shall be conclusive as to such determinations.

The chief financial officer of the local unit is hereby authorized to sell said Bond Anticipation Notes from time to time at public or private sale in such amounts as the chief financial officer may determine at not less than par and to deliver the same from time to time to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof and payment therefor.

Any instrument issued pursuant to this resolution shall be a general obligation of the local unit, and the local unit's faith and credit are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said obligations and, unless otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

The chief financial officer of the local unit is authorized and directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of notes pursuant to this resolution is made, such report to include the amount, description, interest rate and maturity of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

The chief financial officer of the local unit is hereby authorized and directed to do all other matters necessary, useful, convenient or desirable to accomplish the delivery of said notes to the purchasers thereof as promptly as possible, including (i) the preparation, execution and dissemination of a Preliminary Official Statement and Final Official Statement with respect to said notes, (ii) preparation, distribution and publication, if necessary, of a Notice of Sale with respect to said notes, (iii) execution of a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, with respect to said notes in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and (iv) execution of an arbitrage and use of proceeds certificate certifying that, among other things, the local unit, to the extent it is empowered and allowed under applicable law, will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that interest paid on said notes is not included in gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council Member Richard Carson, moved to approve this resolution, seconded by Council Member Gary Grey.

Council member Valerie Seufert confirmed this is not a new bond, but is rolling over of a note from prior years.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Richard Carson, Gary Grey, Valerie Seufert, Austin Carew

NAYES: None

Motion passed.

CONTINUATION OF THE ICE STORM DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Vernon Township Chief of Police Roy Wherry

Township Manager Melinda Carlton asked Police Chief Roy Wherry to briefly present his report to the Township Council at this time. Chief Roy Wherry reported operations began on Thursday night and as the storm progressed, Chief Wherry started calling in extra help. The County's road crews were called out, however, because of the falling trees and downed wires they were called back. The Township DPW crews cleared roads of fallen trees and followed Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative as they addressed downed power lines.

Chief Wherry reported a Red Cross shelter was set up in the Senior Center in the Municipal building for two nights. One or two people made use of the shelter. By Friday evening no one was trapped in their house. Because the storm damage was isolated, Chief Wherry reported the coordination with fire departments or ambulance squads was not necessary.

Mayor Carew questioned Chief Wherry about what kind of pre-planning emergency operations are in place for the Township. Chief Wherry reported there is a Township Emergency Operating Plan in effect, which is submitted and approved by the State Police Office of Emergency Management every four years. The Township's Emergency Planning Council works with the Emergency Operating Plan. Once an emergency happens, only the Emergency Coordinator and the Deputy Coordinators are called in.

Chief Wherry reported that additional police patrols were called in; however, he did not believe outside police assistance was required. Chief Wherry stated the extensive damage to the power lines and substation necessitated recruiting additional power line crews and commended Sussex Rural for their extraordinary efforts. Chief Wherry concluded that under the situation, the emergency response was handled well.

Mayor Carew questioned what can be done better in responding to future storm events, and referred to the Emergency Incident Command Procedure Guidelines adopted by the Township.

Chief Wherry did not believe State Police patrols were needed nor were all Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators needed to be called in to assist. Chief Wherry stated that additional efforts must be made to get information out to the public, especially in power outages. Chief Wherry reported that the Township responded to this emergency as any other town or county would have, and under the circumstances he said we did the best we could. Chief Wherry informed the Township Council that there will be a debriefing held with operations staff to determine how future events may be improved.

Council Member Richard Carson reported radio station WSUS was not interested in reporting updates to the public. Chief Wherry stated WSUS aired press releases issued from the Police Department; however, the radio station was reluctant to report updates from other official sources.

Mayor Carew thanked Chief Wherry for doing a great job, along with the officers and dispatch personnel.

Council member Gary Grey questioned Chief Wherry if generators at the Highland Lakes Club House, Barry Lakes Club House and Pleasant Valley Club House would have helped. The Chief agreed that local centers close to home would help residents with a place to meet and gather.

Mayor Carew mentioned that Mr. Al Warrington from Legends Hotel offered four generators for the Township's use and also offered a block of hotel rooms to impacted residents at no charge.

Vernon Township Director of Public Works, David Pullis

Mr. David Pullis, Director of Department of Public Works, reported that the DPW crew has been working around the clock from Thursday, December 11th.through Monday, December 15th. He further reported the DPW crews would be working only during daylight hours this coming week. The additional help provided by the volunteers helped greatly. Mr. Pullis informed the Township Council that approximately 35-40% of roads in Barry Lakes; 40% of roads in Lake Wanda; 80% of roads in Lake Conway; and, 30-40% of roads in Lake Panorama have been cleared of fallen trees.

Mr. Pullis further informed the Township Council that brush and debris piles must be chipped back along the road right-of-way and did not have an estimate of time when that could be completed. Mr. Pullis reported the DPW yard is being used as a staging area for crews and equipment. The DPW employees are sleeping on cots in the DPW facility in order to get some rest during the long shifts.

The Township Manager applauded Dave Pullis for his efforts and for being both responsible and responsive to any actions that needed to be taken during the ice storm and aftermath.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack McLaughlin, General Manager for Highland Lakes Community Association, thanked the Township staff, DPW Supervisor, Chief Wherry and Township Manager for all work that was done and stated how much it is appreciated. Mr. McLaughlin suggested that in instances of wide-ranging power outages, perhaps text messaging service can be used to communicate emergency information. This service is routinely used on College campuses in alerting students and faculty to emergency situations.

Bob Gelner, Highland Lakes, disagreed with Chief Wherry about WSUS not broadcasting news because he felt they were not cooperative. He noted that Nextel service was down in Highland Lakes and communication was almost impossible. Mr. Gelner stated that he would have liked the Police Department to close the access roads into Highland Lakes to limit the number of sight-seers that drove through. The additional cars and visitors did not help the situation. Lastly, Mr. Gelner commended the Butler crews for checking every pole and walking the lines to the homes to make sure everything was safe.

Gary Martinsen, Vernon, emphasized the importance of communication and gave suggestions for improvement. Mr. Martinsen commented that without electricity, there is no access to potable water, which should be considered in future emergency situations.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Township Manager Melinda Carlton distributed to the Council a letter from Dave Pullis recommending that an emergency contract be considered by the Township for the chipping and removal of trees and debris within the 5' road right of way. Ms. Carlton also distributed a contract, signed by her, to the Township Council to retain Bartlett Tree Service of Denville, New Jersey for chipping and removal of trees and debris within the 5' road right of way. Ms. Carlton explained several quotes were obtained and Bartlett Tree Service provided the lowest responsible quote. The contract is not to exceed \$200,000 and was awarded under an emergency appropriation.

The Township Manager presented a report of estimated expenses incurred to date for storm clean up operations. The Township has appropriated \$295,558.54 to date for clean up operations.

The Township Council asked the Township Manager to forward letters on behalf of the Township expressing thanks to those towns that offered assistance.

RESOLUTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:48 p.m., Council member Valerie Seufert made a motion to close the meeting to the public and enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Council member Richard Carson, with all members present voting in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the following resolution to go into executive session:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is a Personnel matter concerning appointment of a Municipal Court Judge. There is no anticipated time for release of Executive Session minutes.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:00 p.m. with all members present as before. Council member Glenn McLaughlin was absent.

Mayor Carew requested the Township Attorney to draft and amendment to the Land Use Board Ordinance providing two additional alternate members to the Land Use Board. It was requested that 1st reading be ready for the January 1 Reorganization Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion for Adjournment was made by Council member Valerie Seufert, seconded by Council member Richard Carson, with all members present voting in favor.

The Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin R. Kline

Robin R. Kline, MAS, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved: 01/08/2009