

**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**  
**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**June 11, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2009 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Mayor Austin Carew presiding.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public and the press on December 30, 2008 and notice of this meeting was posted at the Municipal Building and on the Township's Website.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Present were Council Members Richard Carson, Paul Emilius, Valerie Seufert, and Mayor Austin Carew. Also present were Township Manager Melinda Carlton and Township Attorney Michael Witt. Council Member Gary Grey arrived shortly after roll call.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:16 p.m. Council Member Carson made a motion to close the meeting to the public and enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Council Member Seufert with all members voting in favor.

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

**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 matters to be discussed are:
  - a. Real Property matter regarding the Vernon Township Department of Public Works Facility site. No anticipated date of release of Executive Session Minutes.
  - b. Real Property matter regarding the Offer to Acquire the Abrams Property. No anticipated date of release of Executive Session Minutes.
  - c. Personnel matter regarding the Hiring of a Chief Financial Officer. No anticipated date of release of Executive Session Minutes.
  - d. Litigation matter regarding Thompson v. Township of Vernon, et al. No anticipated date of release of Executive Session Minutes.
  - e. Attorney-Client Privilege matter regarding the Open Public Records Act. No anticipated date of release of Executive Session Minutes.
  - f. Real Property matter regarding the Offer of Open Space Lands (S. Rinker). No anticipated date of release of Executive Session Minutes.
3. It is anticipated that the above-stated subject matters will be made available upon final decision.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Township Council entered into Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

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The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:26 p.m. Present were Council Members Richard Carson, Paul Emelius, Gary Grey, Valerie Seufert, and Mayor Austin Carew. 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.

## **OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER PAUL EMILIUS**

The Township Clerk read correspondence received from the Vernon Township Republican County Committee stating that Mr. Paul Emilius has been selected and appointed to temporarily fill the Council seat vacancy. Mayor Austin Carew administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Emilius.

## **MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS**

Mayor Carew corrected certain statements made by the Township's financial consultant at the May 28, 2009 Budget Hearing concerning the passage of the Vernon Township Board of Education 2009-2010 Budget by the voters, as well as, comments made concerning the settlement of the P.B.A. Arbitration. Mayor Carew clarified that the stated comments and opinions expressed by the Township's financial consultant are not necessarily the views of the Council and apologized on the record to the Board of Education and the Township's P.B.A. employees for any misunderstanding.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL ITEMS**

### **Sussex County Health Department Presentation - H1N1 Influenza Virus**

Mr. Herb Yardley, Director, Sussex County Health Department, introduced Ms. Tracy Storms, Health Educator, and Ms. Ellen Phelps, Director of Public Health Nursing, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the H1N1 Influenza virus outbreak, which is also known as the Swine Flu. Ms. Phelps stated that there have been no confirmed cases of Swine Flu in Vernon Township based on the Centers for Disease Control criteria and informed the public of the symptoms associated with the Seasonal Flu, Avian Flu, and the Swine Flu. Healthy habits, preventative care, and emergency preparedness processes were also presented as measures that can be taken to control the flu outbreak. Ms. Storms stated that all school districts are required to report weekly to the County Health Department of any cases of Swine Flu.

Mayor Carew opened the meeting for Public Comment.

*Marika Bezzone*, questioned Mr. Yardley regarding the health risks associated with administering a flu vaccine, and also questioned what is involved in "Phase 6." Ms. Bezzone briefly spoke about concerns linking Alzheimer's Disease with flu vaccinations.

Mayor Carew thanked Mr. Yardley, Ms. Storms and Ms. Phelps for a very informative presentation.

### **Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) Presentation**

Mr. Peter Cerenzio, of Cerenzio Consulting Engineers, gave a brief update on the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) wastewater project located in Vernon Township. The project has a capacity to treat 300,000 gallons per day. Vernon Township's planned Town Center development would require an estimated 99,000 gallons per day ("gpd"): Mountain Creek's planned development would require an estimated 166,000 gpd, totaling a 265,000 gpd collective requirement. Mr. Cerenzio informed the Council that Vernon Township would be obligated for the entire 265,000 GPD under the existing Service Agreement.

The facility's wastewater treatment would produce potable water quality before the treated waters are recharged into the aquifer. Mr. Cerenzio reported the sewer collection system developed in the Township's Town Center would require the construction of Pump Station #1. Mountain Creek would also construct a new Pump Station #2 at its own cost for wastewater collection and flow into the SCMUA treatment facility. The Township must determine ownership of the gravity line from the Town Center Pump Station #1 to Pump Station #2 for Treatment Works Approval permit applications.

Mr. Carenzio answered several questions posed by the Council and emphasized the importance of developing a concise Block/Lot map of the Town Center properties that could connect into the sewer system so that estimated connection fees and user charges can be established. Pump Station #1 for the Town Center collection area is completed and ready for operation. Pump Station #3 is being constructed and paid for by the SCMUA.

Full completion of the project is anticipated by April 2010 with full operation to commence in May 2010. Mr. Cerenzio noted that Vernon Township would be obligated to begin payment of service rates 90 days after SCMUA issues the Notice of Operation.

Mr. Cerenzio noted the project was funded by a \$1.795 capital contribution by Mountain Creek and a series of bonds issued by SCMUA. Mountain Creek financed the construction of the Town Center infrastructure as well. In closing, Mr. Cerenzio stated that a fully operational sewer service area will be an attractive and valuable commodity for Vernon Township's future development.

Mayor Carew opened the meeting for Public Comment.

*Phyllis MacPeek, Vernon*, questioned if the recharge of treated waters would impact the existing radon-laden water in the ground causing contamination problems to surrounding wells.

*Unknown Resident*, questioned the total construction costs of the wastewater treatment plant project and its obligations to Vernon Township taxpayers versus benefits to Township taxpayers. The resident also questioned who would be responsible to pay-off the bonds should Mountain Creek default on its obligations.

*Ira Weiner, Vernon resident and former Township Mayor*, stated that in the event Mountain Creek defaults on its obligations, Vernon Township would become the owner of the sewer system and therefore would also assume collection of all of the flow fees.

*Tom McClachrie, Vernon Taxpayers Association*, questioned if Mountain Creek's line of credit is sufficient to cover its obligations and when the line of credit would expire.

*Gary Martinsen, Vernon resident*, questioned the capacity of the treatment plant to treat trace amounts of certain drugs and chemicals.

The Township Council thanked Mr. Cerenzio for an informative presentation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Sam Asadian, and homeowners of the Scenic Lakes Community Association*, questioned why their community of 285 households was not targeted for gypsy moth spraying this year and stated the infestation of gypsy moths is causing much damage to the trees.

Township Manager Melinda Carlton explained the gypsy moth spraying program is administered by the State of New Jersey and stated her office was not aware of complaints received by Scenic Lakes residents last year or this year, but will inquire with the State as to what can be done at this time to include the Scenic Lakes community in its gypsy moth spraying program.

*Tony Kastronovo, Scenic Lakes*, questioned what portions of Vernon Township have been delineated for Gypsy Moth spraying this year.

*Unknown Resident*, questioned what Sussex County is doing to protect its forests from gypsy moth infestation and urged Vernon Township officials to contact state and county officials for additional assistance in eradicating the gypsy moth before extensive damage is done to the forests throughout Sussex County.

*Tom McClachrie, Vernon Taxpayers Association*, questioned the cost of sending out estimated tax bills and also questioned the status of the collective bargaining unit contracts.

*Gary Martinsen, resident and small business owner*, commented that Mr. Benecke showed disrespect and a lack of courtesy to the residents during the May 28th Budget

Hearing. Mr. Martinsen further commented that even a \$20 a month increase in local property taxes would be too much for property owners who are on very tight budgets.

*Harold MacPeek, Vernon*, questioned why the Township spends money on sidewalk improvements in Highland Lakes. Mr. MacPeek also questioned the number of employees reported in the 2009 Manager's Budget, which he stated does not appear to be accurate.

Seeing no one else from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Austin Carew closed the public portion of the meeting and called for a short recess at 9:50 p.m.

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Mayor Austin Carew reconvened the meeting at 10:11 p.m. with all members present as before.

### **TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Township Manager stated she will be scheduling special meetings with the Council and Department Heads to begin work on the 2009 Implementation Plan, however, the Council recommended that the completion of the sewer system be fast-tracked as a priority at this time and requested a special work session meeting to begin discussions. The Township Manager encouraged the Council to keep on track with the agreed upon 2009 goals because of their importance to both Council and staff.

Ms. Carlton reported 52 resumes were received for the Deputy Township Manager position. A selection team will review resumes shortly to begin the selection process.

The Township Manager reported on the need to hire a Tax Collector.

Ms. Carlton informed the Council that her office is drafting a Salary Ordinance and reported that a job audit was performed on six employee positions by the State Civil Service Commission and the Township is awaiting the findings and determination on the job audits.

The Town Center "To do" list has been updated and will be distributed to the Council.

The forensic audit is on-going.

The Township Manager reported on the status of the grant writer and stated a meeting will be held on June 22 with department heads. Three New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid grant applications will be prepared and submitted next week. Ms. Carlton also reported that Bruno Associates stated they would be willing to discuss grant writing services with the Lake Wanda Community and Great Gorge Condominium Association on a private contracted basis.

The Township Manager asked the Township Attorney to report on the status of the 14 Pine Street property matter. Township Attorney Michael Witt briefed the Council on options available to enforce property maintenance codes on the abandoned property or declare it unfit for habitation and initiate demolition proceedings.

Ms. Carlton reported that Ms. Pat Segar, Director of the Department of Community Affairs, will take the lead on preparing a Citizen Survey for Vernon Township municipal departments. Ms. Segar gave a brief presentation of the process to be undertaken by the International County Management Association (ICMA) regarding the Citizen Survey and distributed information to the Township Council. The Council questioned the cost of preparing and administering the surveys by ICMA and did not approve appropriating monies for the ICMA Citizen Survey at this time.

The Township Manager reported that the Vernon Taxpayers Association filed objections with the state's Local Finance Board and distributed a memo for Council's review regarding this matter. The Manager reported it cost over \$3,000 for Township officials to attend the Local Finance Board hearing in Trenton. The Council requested an accounting of the costs reported by the Manager.

Council Member Valerie Seufert urged that the Township must tighten its belt and watch the budget very closely.

Ms. Carlton reported that the Access Management Grant funding has been rescinded and stated that Louis Kneip will report on this matter at the June 25, 2009 Council meeting.

Mr. Louis Kneip reported that a Request for Proposals ("RFP") is being prepared and will be submitted to the six pre-qualified state vendors for their consideration under the state Energy Audit Grant Program. The Council questioned why the Township is paying the architect to evaluate the Municipal Building's HVAC system if it can be done under the Energy Audit grant. Mr. Kneip stated that the Energy Audit Grant Program provides funding for the review and analysis of energy-efficient windows and insulation. Mayor Carew commented that the architect should not be used to duplicate work being performed under the grant program since the architect's time would not be reimbursed under the grant. The Township Council agreed that the Energy Audit Grant application should be submitted and work completed under the grant should be performed before the Township appropriates any more monies to the architect to review the HVAC system.

Council Member Valerie Seufert asked the Township Manager for a report on the costs spent year-to-date on the Municipal Building renovation.

The Township Manager reported road stripping of Breakneck Road will begin in July and the grass has been mowed on the State Park property near Maple Grange Park.

Ms. Carlton reported the Sign Ordinance Review Committee has requested input from the Council concerning whether or not there should be uniform signage throughout the Township. Discussion was tabled to the June 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Lastly, the Township Manager distributed a detailed report concerning the breakdown of local property tax revenue collection, which was prepared by Acting Tax Collector Ann Izzo and reviewed and approved by Interim CFO Robert Benecke.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Valerie Seufert made a motion to approve the **May 14, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes**, seconded by Council Member Richard Carson.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Richard Carson, Valerie Seufert, Austin Carew

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Paul Emilius, Gary Grey

Council Member Richard Carson made a motion to approve the **May 28, 2009 Executive Session Minutes**, seconded by Council Member Gary Grey.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Richard Carson, Gary Grey, Austin Carew

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Paul Emilius, Valerie Seufert

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **RESOLUTION #09-97**

#### **RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP FOR THE 2009-2010 LICENSING TERM**

**WHEREAS**, all licenses to dispose alcoholic beverages must be renewed and reissued no later than July 1, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.S. 33:1, the Police Chief has made the necessary inspections and reported same to the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the licenses 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 2009-2010 licensing period effective as of July 1, 2009:

**CLUB LICENSE**

Wallkill Valley VFW Memorial Post #8441 1922-31-010-002

**PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION**

Drew's Tavern (The Lamp Post Inn) 1922-33-001-002  
 Great Gorge Country Club Inc. (Golf course) 1922-33-003-006  
 Hidden Valley Inc. (HV Hospitality) 1922-33-004-004  
 Mountain Creek Resort Inc. 1922-33-007-012  
 FLME, Inc. (George Inn) 1922-33-008-003  
 JD Vernon Lodge & Inn 1922-33-009-002

**HOTEL EXCEPTION**

Mountain Creek Resort, Inc. – Appalachian Hotel 1922-36-014-001  
 Stonehill Recreation Corp. 1922-36-011-001

**PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION**

Highland General Store Inc. 1922-44-002-002  
 Mac & Lindy's LLC 1922-44-012-001

**LIMITED RETAIL DISTRIBUTION**

Lake Wanda Store 1922-43-005-001

**RESOLUTION #09-98**

APPROVING ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREMAN  
 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION

**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**, Paul Kowal, an active firefighter and member of the Highland Lakes Volunteer Fire Department Company #3, 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 Paul Kowal for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

**RESOLUTION #09-99**

TAX OVERPAYMENT

**WHEREAS**, DUPLICATE PAYMENTS were made on the Second quarter 2009 taxes

**WHEREAS**, such payments created an OVERPAYMENT

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Township Treasurer to issue check for said overpayment and the Tax Collector refund said overpayment of taxes on the following account:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
103.04	44	Meyers, Steven E	\$1,413.21	2 <sup>nd</sup>	93 Cedar Tree Dr

**RESOLUTION #09-100**

**AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following bills lists are hereby approved:

Current	ck#	31657	to	ck#	31741
Current	ck#	31745	to	ck#	31785
Current	ck#	31787	to	ck#	31807
Capital	ck#	2663	to	ck#	
Capital	ck#	2664	to	ck#	
Capital	ck#	2665	to	ck#	2666
Grant	ck#	31742	to	ck#	31744
Grant	ck#	31786	to	ck#	
Grant	ck#	31808	to	ck#	
Planning & Zoning	ck#	3876	to	ck#	3883
Planning & Zoning	ck#	3884	to	ck#	3891
Planning & Zoning	ck#	3892	to	ck#	
Recreation Trust	ck#	878	to	ck#	
Recreation Trust	ck#	879	to	ck#	
Recreation Trust	ck#	880	to	ck#	
Dog Trust	ck#		to	ck#	
Other Trust	ck#	804	to	ck#	
Senior Citizen Trust	ck#	1028	to	ck#	
Senior Citizen Trust	ck#	1029	to	ck#	1031
Outside Services	ck#		to	ck#	
Unemployment Trust	ck#		to	ck#	
Open Space Trust	ck#		to	ck#	
PVL Dam Rehab Asm	ck#		to	ck#	
PVL Dam Rehab Exp	ck#		to	ck#	
COAH	ck#		to	ck#	
Sewer Operating	ck#		to	ck#	
Sewer Capital	ck#		to	ck#	
Developer's Bonds	ck#		to	ck#	
Road Assessment	ck#		to	ck#	
Payroll Deduction	ck#		to	ck#	
Payroll Checks	ck#	5496	to	ck#5536	(2nd Pay in May)
Payroll Deduction	ck#	3126	to	ck#3133	
Total Payroll		\$304,042.78			

**RESOLUTION #09-102**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION #09-80 RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR WILLIAM VAN ALTHIUS MAJOR SUBDIVISION PB #11-02-22**

**WHEREAS** , the Township Council approved Resolution #09-80, releasing the maintenance bond for Planning Board application file number PB# 11-02-22; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the maintenance bond held by the Township of Vernon is \$52,056.24 pursuant to said application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon is required to release the original amount plus 2/3 interest accrued on bonds held by the Township.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the amount of the maintenance bond to be released by the Governing Body of the Township of Vernon will include the bond amount of \$52,056.24 plus interest to be determined by the Finance Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded by the Clerk of the Township of Vernon to the Treasurer's Office of the Township of Vernon authorizing said Treasurer's Office to release the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$52,056.24 plus interest and that a copy be forwarded to the Land Use Office and the Planning Board.

**RESOLUTION #09-103**

APPOINTMENT OF JEAN MURPHY AND JANET O'NEILL TO THE VERNON  
TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, would like to appoint Jean Murphy and Janet O'Neill, both residents of Vernon Township, to the Vernon Township Economic Development Advisory Committee created by Resolution #08-79 on March 29, 2008, to fill the open seats designated for Members of the Public.

Council Member Valerie Seufert made a motion to remove Resolution #09-103 from the Consent Agenda for further discussion, seconded by Council Member Gary Grey.

A voice vote was taken:

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

NAYES: None

Resolution #09-103 was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

**RESOLUTION #09-104**

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM  
TOWNSHIP OF VERNON PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETINGS

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that minutes from Executive Session of the public Council Meeting of May 28, 2009 are approved for release to the public, subject to redaction where appropriate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the release of any minutes shall not constitute any waiver of confidentiality where such release was made in error.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

**RESOLUTION #09-105**

AUTHORIZING THE RE-RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM  
TOWNSHIP OF VERNON PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETINGS

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that minutes from Executive Sessions of public Township Council Meetings from January 6, 2003 through August 14, 2008, previously released pursuant to Township Resolution #08-223, adopted on December 11, 2008, are approved for re-release to the public, subject to redaction where appropriate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the release of any minutes shall not constitute any waiver of confidentiality where such release was made in error.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

Council Member Richard Carson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Valerie Seufert.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Paul Emilius

Consent Agenda was approved.



**RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION**

**RESOLUTION #09-103**

**APPOINTMENT OF JEAN MURPHY TO THE VERNON TOWNSHIP  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, would like to appoint Jean Murphy, a resident of Vernon Township, to the Vernon Township Economic Development Advisory Committee created by Resolution #08-79 on March 29, 2008, to fill the open seat designated for a Member of the Public.

Council Member Valerie Seufert made a motion to remove Janet O’Neill’s name for appointment and to approve the amended Resolution #09-103.  
Seconded by Council Member Richard Carson.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

NAYES: None

Resolution #09-103 was approved as amended.

**RESOLUTION #09-101**

**AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM TAX COLLECTOR  
TO ISSUE AND MAIL ESTIMATED 3RD QUARTER TAX BILLS,  
PURSUANT TO NJSA 54:4-66.2 et seq.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon anticipates that the Annual Budget will not be adopted in time to mail the 2009 Tax Bill on a timely basis:

**WHEREAS**, the Interim Tax Collector in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Vernon, In the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009 as follows:

1. The Township of Vernon Interim Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township for the third installment of 2009 taxes.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2009 is hereby set at \$68,002,148.44.

**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON  
CALCULATION OF ESTIMATED 2009 TAXES**

**2009 ASSESSED VALUE**

<b>LAND VALUE</b>		\$1,411,455,400.00
<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>		\$1,391,012,300.00
<b>UTILITIES</b>		\$9,650,445.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$2,812,118,145.00</b>

**2008 TAX LEVY**

	<b>RATE</b>	<b>LEVY</b>
<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>	2.516	\$38,582,294.00
<b>COUNTY RATE</b>	0.691	\$10,579,877.19
<b>COUNTY LIBRARY</b>	0.059	\$891,700.15
<b>COUNTY OPEN SPACE</b>	0.054	\$822,047.84
<b>LOCAL TAXES</b>	0.908	\$13,932,057.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4.228</b>	<b>\$64,807,976.18</b>

<b>2009</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>105%</b>
<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>	\$39,707,071.00	\$39,707,071.00
<b>COUNTY RATE</b>	\$10,050,883.33	\$11,108,871.05
<b>COUNTY LIBRARY</b>	\$847,115.14	\$936,285.16

<b>COUNTY OPEN SPACE</b>	\$780,945.45	\$863,150.23
<b>LOCAL TAXES</b>	\$15,386,771.00	\$15,386,771.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$66,772,785.92</b>	<b>\$68,002,148.44</b>

**2009 TAX RATE**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	\$1.4100	\$1.4100
<b>COUNTY</b>	\$0.3600	\$0.3900
<b>LIBRARY</b>	\$0.0300	\$0.0300
<b>OPEN SPACE</b>	\$0.0300	\$0.0300
<b>LOCAL</b>	\$0.5500	\$0.5500
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2.3800</b>	<b>\$2.4100</b>

Prepared and Certified by:

Robert Benecke  
Chief Financial Officer

Antoinette Izzo  
Interim Tax Collector

Council Member Valerie Seufert made a motion to approve Resolution #09-101, seconded by Council Member Gary Grey.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Paul Emilius

Resolution #09-101 was approved.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Council Member Valerie Seufert requested that a Proclamation be prepared by the Township Clerk for Dr. Joseph DeLuca for presentation in the month of July 2009.

Mayor Austin Carew read correspondence received from Brownie Troop #358 regarding drawing posters and painting used garbage cans to encourage recycling. A letter of response will be prepared by the Township Clerk on behalf of the Mayor approving the project.

Council Member Richard Carson suggested a meeting be scheduled with the Chief of Police, Department of Public Works Superintendent, and Township Engineer to discuss Breakneck Road pedestrian and roadway safety improvements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business to be conducted on the Regular Meeting agenda, a motion for Adjournment was made by Council Member Valerie Seufert. Motion seconded by Council Member Gary Grey with all members voting in favor.

The Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robin R. Kline*

Robin R. Kline, MAS, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved: July 9, 2009