



VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2026

This Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 1:00 p.m. on January 21, 2026 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Rizzuto presiding.

STATEMENT:

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 adequate notice of this meeting is requested to be waived because such meeting is required to deal with matters of such urgency and importance that adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest; the meeting is limited to acting with respect to such matters of urgency and importance. Notice of this meeting was provided by delivering same to the NJ Herald/Sunday Herald and Star Ledger on January 21, 2026 and was posted in the municipal building. It is noted the public body could not reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided. The purpose of this meeting is to approve resolution #26-12 “Resolution of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Granting Authority for Approval of Certain Purchases in Excess of the Bid Threshold Through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives for 2026”. Official Action will be taken.

ROLL CALL

Present were Council Members, Carl Contino, Patrick Rizzuto, Bradley Sparta and Council President William Higgins. Also present were Mayor Anthony Rossi, Business Administrator Tina Kraus, Township Attorney Peter King (via Zoom) and Municipal Clerk Marcy Gianattasio.

Council Member Ooms was not present.

Resolution #26-78: Resolution Authorizing Emergency Meeting January 21, 2026

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to approve resolution #26-78.

MOTION: Sparta

SECOND: Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins

NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Ooms

Motion carries to approve resolution #26-78.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY MEETING JANUARY 21, 2026

WHEREAS, this emergency meeting has been called for the following purpose: to approve resolution #26-12 - Resolution of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Granting Authority for Approval of Certain Purchases in Excess of the Bid Threshold Through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the normal requirements of the law regarding 48 hours notice have not been met due to lack of time and subject matter, however notices of this Emergency Meeting were sent to the New Jersey Herald/Sunday Herald and the Star Ledger on January 21, 2026 at 10:00 am.

- 1) This resolution #26-12 - Resolution of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Granting Authority for Approval of Certain Purchases in Excess of the Bid Threshold Through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives for 2026, which requires immediate attention; and
- 2) The Township's position could be prejudiced by any delay in a response which would cause substantial harm to public interest as a result of a delay in holding meeting; and
- 3) The need for such adequate notice could not reasonably have been foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there should be a vote on this Emergency Meeting of 3/4ths of the members present of the Governing Body.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

Resolution #26-12: Resolution of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Granting Authority for Approval of Certain Purchases in Excess of the Bid Threshold Through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives for 2026.

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to open the discussion of resolution #26-12.

MOTION: Sparta
SECOND: Contino

Council Member Sparta made a motion to amend resolution #26-12 with only specified vendors. Seconded by Council Rizzuto.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Contino, Rizzuto, Sparta, Higgins

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ooms

Motion carries to approve resolution #26-12.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF THE BID THRESHOLD THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS AND/OR PURCHASING COOPERATIVES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, a need exists for the acquisition of various goods and services contained within cooperative contracts and over the bid threshold as aggregation of commodities, for the daily operations of the Township of Vernon; and

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

WHEREAS, under the state cooperative contract, or designated regional cooperative contract award, the following vendors hold valid cooperative contracts in accord with the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law.

Vendor	Contract #	Source Co Op	Description	Expiration
American Hose & Hydraulic	40866	NJ State	T0126 - OEM & NON-OEM MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES FOR LIGHT/MEDIUM DUTY VEHICLES	3/17/2026
Atlantic Salt	BC-BID-24-48	Bergen	Roadway Rock Salt	9/30/2026
Campbell Freightliner LLC, Gabrielli, Hudson, MTE, On-Site, WE Timmerman	24-36	Bergen Co Op	Large vehicle repair	12/3/2026
East Coast Salt Distribution	24-49	Bergen	Bagged Ice melt Products	4/30/2026
Ex Tech Building Materials	Sussex		Calcium Chloride De-Icing Chemicals (Sussex County Cooperative)	9/21/2026
Majestic Oil	19-FOOD-01098	NJ State	T1845 Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel and Biodiesel Fuel	04/01/2020 03/31/2026
Majestic Oil	19-FLEET-00972	NJ State	T0083 Unleaded Automotive Gasoline	11/01/2019- 10/31/2026

Morton Salt	CONTRACT #3: ROCK SALT & CALCIUM CHLORIDE		MCCPC	10/31/2026
Morton Salt	Sussex		Rock Salt	5/31/2026
Tony Sanchez Ltd	83906		T2108 - MAINT. & REPAIR FOR HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES (CLASS 5 OR HIGHER, OVER 15,000 LB GVWR)	11/20/2026
National Fuel Oil	Contract #12: #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	MCCPC	Diesel	12/31/2026
Riggins	Contract #12: #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	MCCPC	Diesel	12/31/2026
SJ Fuel South Company Inc	CONTRACT #1: MOTOR GASOLINE	MCCPC	Gasoline	12/31/2026
Petroleum Traders Inc	CONTRACT #1: MOTOR GASOLINE	MCCPC	Gasoline	12/31/2026

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

1. The Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) upon receipt of an identified need and direction from the Township is hereby authorized to approve purchases in the aggregate over the bid threshold from the list of approved cooperative contract, through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which the Township of Vernon is a member without further action from Council, provided that funds are available to cover the expenditure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Higgins asked for a motion to open the floor to public comment.

MOTION: Sparta
SECOND: Contino

All were in favor.

Motion carries to open the floor for public comment.

Brian Lynch – expressed concern over the decision to have a special meeting to approve resolution #26-12 saying it should not have been tabled. He feels that this should be discussed at budget time.

Seeing no (more) members of the public wishing to come forward President Higgins asked for a motion to Close the floor to Public Comments?

MOTION: Sparta
SECOND: Rizzuto

All were in favor.

Motion carries to close the floor for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:15 pm Council Member Sparta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Contino.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

William Higgins
Council President

Minutes approved: February 9, 2026