

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2026**

This Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 7:00 p.m. on January 29, 2026 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Rizzuto 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 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: Contino

SECOND: Rizzuto

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: Rizzuto

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 #26-44: Refund Overpayment (Block 170 Lot 1 – Maclean)

Resolution #26-45: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 135 Lot 11)

Resolution #26-46: (Block 135 Lot 11) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-47: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 445 Lot 6)

Resolution #26-48: (Block 445 Lot 6) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-49: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 560 Lot 11)

Resolution #26-50: (Block 560 Lot 11) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-51: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 480 Lot 20)

Resolution #26-52: (Block 480 Lot 20) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-53: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 463 Lot 85)

Resolution #26-54: (Block 463 Lot 85) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-55: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 572 Lot 20)

Resolution #26-56: (Block 572 Lot 20) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-57: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 185 Lot 7)

Resolution #26-58: (Block 185 Lot 7) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-59: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 465 Lot 16)

Resolution #26-60: (Block 465 Lot 16) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-61: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 65 Lot 1)

Resolution #26-62: (Block 65 Lot 1) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-63: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 337 Lot 5)

Resolution #26-64: (Block 337 Lot 5) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-65: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 517 Lot 9)

Resolution #26-66: (Block 517 Lot 9) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-67: (Block 8 Lot 3) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-68: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 463 Lot 26)

Resolution #26-69: (Block 463 Lot 26) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #26-70: Refund Overpayment (Block 526 Lot 90 – Bernstein)

Resolution #26-71: Refund Overpayment (Block 257 Lot 33 – Robison)

Resolution #26-72: Refund Overpayment (Block 527 Lot 196 – Speno)

Resolution #26-73: Refund Overpayment (Block 527 Lot 307 – Minadeo)

Resolution #26-74: Refund Overpayment (Block 219 Lot 1 – Castro)

Resolution #26-75: Refund Overpayment (Block 219 Lot 1 – Castro)

Resolution #26-76: Refund Overpayment (Block 327 Lot 5 – Cova-Gomez)

Resolution #26-77: Refund Overpayment (Block 327 Lot 5 – Cova-Gomez)

Resolution #26-79: 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

Resolution #26-80: Transfer Resolution – Balance Transfers

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 #26-44

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 170 Lot 1 – MACLEAN)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Steven Maclean in the amount of \$1814.20 representing refund for overpayment for 3rd qtr. 2023 property taxes for Block 170 Lot 1.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Maclean	170	1	\$1814.20
		TOTAL:	\$1814.20

RESOLUTION #26-45

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 135 Lot 11)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Eugene Valos 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$6,535.36 to Eugene Valos.

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

RESOLUTION #26-46

(Block 135 Lot 11)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Eugene Valos 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$3,550.79.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-47

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 445 Lot 6)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Derek Manning 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$1,155.44 to Derek Manning.

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

RESOLUTION #26-48

(Block 445 Lot 6)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Derek Manning 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$3,223.21.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-49

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 560 Lot 11)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Jonathan White 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$4,447.33 to Jonathan White.

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

RESOLUTION #26-50

(Block 560 Lot 11)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

awarded Jonathan White 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$4,310.11.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-51

REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

(Block 480 Lot 20)

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

awarded Jorge Rosales 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$3,636.53 to Jorge Rosales.

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

RESOLUTION #26-52

(Block 480 Lot 20)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

awarded Jorge Rosales 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$5,279.77.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-53

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 463 Lot 85)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Natalie Domenech 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$1,717.07 to Natalie Domenech.

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

RESOLUTION #26-54

**(Block 463 Lot 85)
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Natalie Domenech 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$3,145.82.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-55

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 572 Lot 20)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Anthony Ciaburri 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$8,027.85 to Anthony Ciaburri.

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

RESOLUTION #26-56

(Block 572 Lot 20)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Anthony Ciaburri 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$4,013.93.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-57

REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

(Block 185 Lot 7)

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Thomas Bakay 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$4,537.44 to Thomas Bakay.

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

RESOLUTION #26-58

(Block 185 Lot 7)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

awarded Thomas Bakay 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$4,330.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-59

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 465 Lot 16)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

awarded Jerry Turner Ruiz 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$8,481.87 to Jerry Turner Ruiz.

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

RESOLUTION #26-60

(Block 465 Lot 16)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

awarded Jerry Turner Ruiz 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$4,240.94.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-61

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 65 Lot 1)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Christie Wyman 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$1,521.32 to Christie Wyman.

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

RESOLUTION #26-62

**(Block 65 Lot 1)
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Christie Wyman 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$4,251.23.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-63

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 337 Lot 5)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Michael Palmer 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$8,524.92 to Michael Palmer.

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

RESOLUTION #26-64

(Block 337 Lot 5)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

awarded Michael Palmer 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$4,664.21.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-65

REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

(Block 517 Lot 9)

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

awarded Andrew Bednarz 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$3,482.79 to Andrew Bednarz.

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

RESOLUTION #26-66

(Block 517 Lot 9)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

awarded Andrew Bednarz 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$6,489.79.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-67

(Block 8 Lot 3)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Maurico Torres 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$6,600.01.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-68

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 463 Lot 26)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Block 463 Lot 26 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of \$7,088.94 to Block 463 Lot 26.

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

RESOLUTION #26-69

(Block 463 Lot 26)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

awarded Block 463 Lot 26 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$3,544.47.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #26-70

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 526 Lot 90 – BERNSTEIN)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Margaret Bernstein in the amount of \$1641.97 representing refund for overpayment for 4th qtr. 2025 property taxes for Block 526 Lot 90.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Bernstein	526	90	\$1641.97
		TOTAL:	\$1641.97

RESOLUTION #26-71

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 257 Lot 33 – ROBISON)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to William Robison in the amount of \$3244.09 representing refund for overpayment for 2nd qtr. 2025 property taxes for Block 257 Lot 33.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Robison	257	33	\$3244.09
		TOTAL:	\$3244.09

RESOLUTION #26-72

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 527 Lot 196 – SPENO)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to in the amount of \$1301.41 representing refund for overpayment for 4TH qtr. 2025 property taxes for Block 527 Lot 196.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
SPENO	527	196	\$1301.41
		TOTAL:	\$1301.41

RESOLUTION #26-73

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 527 Lot 307 – Minadeo)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Bradford Minadeo in the amount of \$1489.46 representing refund for overpayment for 3rd qtr. 2025 property taxes for Block 527 Lot 307.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Minadeo	527	307	\$1489.46
		TOTAL:	\$1489.46

RESOLUTION #26-74

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 219 Lot 1 – CASTRO)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Alfredo Castro in the amount of \$2035.13 representing refund for overpayment for 4th qtr. 2024 property taxes for Block 219 Lot 1.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Castro	219	1	\$2035.13
		TOTAL:	\$2035.13

RESOLUTION #26-75

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 219 Lot 1 – CASTRO)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Alfredo Castro in the amount of \$4196.79 representing refund for overpayment for 1st and 2nd qtrs. 2025 property taxes for Block 219 Lot 1.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Castro	219	1	\$4196.79
		TOTAL:	\$4196.79

RESOLUTION #26-76

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 327 Lot 5 –COVA-GOMEZ)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Fernando Cova-Gomez in the amount of \$2038.11 representing refund for overpayment for 4th qtr. 2024 property taxes for Block 327 Lot 5.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Cova-Gomez	327	5	\$2038.11
		TOTAL:	\$2038.11

RESOLUTION #26-77

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 327 Lot 5 –COVA-GOMEZ)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Fernando Cova-Gomez in the amount of \$1857.29 representing refund for overpayment for 1st qtr. 2025 property taxes for Block 327 Lot 5.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Cova-Gomez	327	5	\$1857.29
		TOTAL:	\$1857.29

RESOLUTION #26-79

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
Advanced Auto Parts	R-LD-23013-01	Omnia	Auto Parts	10/31/2028
Amazon	#RTC- 17006	Omnia	General merchandise	1/31/2026
Applied Concepts, Inc, dba Stalker Radar	17-FLEET-00726	NJ State	T0106 - Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies	5/14/2026
AXON Enterprises	17-FLEET-00738	T0106	Police Equipment/ Tasers	5/14/2026
Fox Fence	BC 24-07	Bergen Co Op	Fencing	3/19/2026
CDW	ESCNJ/AEPA-22G		Technology Supplies & Services	5/24/2026
Cintas Corporation	99297	Bergen	NOI - Facilities Management Products and Solutions – Uniform Rentals	10/31/2026
Continental Fire & Safety	17-FLEET-00802	T0790	Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment	6/14/2026
CONTINENTAL FIRE & SAFETY INC New Jersey Fire Equipment Co Tasc Fire Apparatus Inc. Globe Manufacturing Company LLC State Line Fire & Safety Inc MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES Witmer Public Safety Group Inc. AAA Emergency Supply Co Inc	17-FLEET-00805		FIREFIGHTER GEAR	6/14/2026
Custom Bandag (Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.)	socCC- CC-0016-23		Tires, Tubes and Services	6/22/2026
Dell	20-TELE-01510	M0003	Software License & Related Service	5/24/2026
Dell	24-TELE-71883	M0483	Computer Equipment and Peripherals	6/30/2026
Eagle Point Gun	17-FLEET-00721	T0106	Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies	5/31/2026
East Coast Emergency Lighting	23-FLEET-68813	NJ State	T0106 - Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies	3/31/2027
ELITE EMERGENCY SERVICES	17-FLEET-00749		EMERGENCY LIGHTING AND OTHER VEHICLE ACCESSORIES	5/14/2026

Firefighter One LLC	17-FLEET-00807	T0790	Police Security Equipment and Supplies	6/14/2026
Firefighter One LLC	17-FLEET-00734	T-0106	Police Security Equipment and Supplies	5/14/2026
Firefighter One LLC HAIX north america All Hands Fire Equipment Witmer Public Safety Group Inc. Skylands Area Fire Equipment & Training LLC DiVal Safety & Equipment	17-FLEET-00809/00810/ 00810	NJ State	T0790 Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment	6/14/2026
Foveonics	ESCNJ 22/23-11	ESCNJ	Document Imaging	6/30/2026
Gabrielli Truck Sales	97568		BC-BID-21-60 - Automotive Parts and Accessories - COOP	8/13/2026
Goosetown Communications	BID - CK04 COOP	Bergen Co op	Vehicle upfitting	Jan 2026
Goosetown Enterprises	83892	NJ State	T0109 - RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES	4/30/2026
Home Depot/ Lowes	18-FLEET-00234	NJ State	Hardware and buildin supply	12/31/2026
Millennium Strategies	120904	Bergen	BC-RFP-22-008 - Grant Writing Services Coop	6/14/2026
Motorola Solutions	83909	T0109	Radio Communications Equipment and Accessories	4/30/2026
Motorola Solutions	83925	T0109	Radio Communications Equipment and Accessories	4/30/2026
Motorola Solutions	23-FLEET-33791	T0106	Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies	5/31/2026
Municipal Emergency Services	17-FLEET-00818	T0790	Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment	6/2026
North Church Gravel	Sussex		Ice Control Material (Snow Grits) (Sussex County Cooperative)	9/10/2026
NORTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS	83898	T0109	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	4/30/2026
Rapid Pump & Meter		Bergen	BC-BID-21-13 - Pump and Meter Repair Services - Catalog – COOP	10/18/2026
Rapid Pump & Meter		Bergen	BC-C-23-017 24 MONTH ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICE CONTRACT	10/19/2026
Riverview Paving	Sussex		2024 Sussex County Road Resurfacing - Sussex County Cooperative	11/25/2026
SHI International	New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance	CK-04/ BC Bid 22-24	Computer equipment, software and peripherals	6/1/2026
STAVOLA CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, INC	Sussex		Bituminous Concrete Aggregates & Broken Stone (Sussex County Cooperative)	4/27/2026

Tree King Inc	MCCPC # 18		Tree Removal and Brush Grinding	12/31/2026
WB Mason	ESCNJ 21/22-22	ESCNJ	Office Supplies	1/31/2026
WB Mason	33-OCCPS-2024-003	Stafford	Office supplies	8/31/2026
WB Mason	24-COMG-78752	State Contract	T0052 Office Supplies and Recycled Copy Paper Statewide	2/28/2027
Rachle Micheles	Gasoline, Diesel, Fuel Oil: Bergen County Coop	Bergen	23-34	Mar 2nd 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.

RESOLUTION #26-80

TRANSFER RESOLUTION- BALANCE TRANSFERS

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 in the 2025 Municipal Reserve Budget in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A-58/59 are hereby approved.

ACCOUNT	TRANSFER OUT	TRANSFER IN
FROM CURRENT FUND:		
LEGAL O&E	50,000.00	
FINANCE S&W	10,000.00	
TAX ASSESSMENT O/E	30,000.00	
LAND USE S&W	15,000.00	
TO: CURRENT FUND		
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE O&E		105,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	105,000.00	105,000.00

RESOLUTION

Resolution #26-13: Granting Authority for Approval of Certain Purchases Through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives for 2026

President Higgins asked for a motion to approve resolution #26-13.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carries to approve resolution #26-13.

RESOLUTION #26-13

GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS AND/OR PURCHASING COOPERATIVES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and P.L.2011, c.139, the governing body may delegate the power to award purchases, contracts and/or agreements through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which the Township of Vernon is a member; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of streamlining Township operations and improving efficiency, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to authorize the Purchasing Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) to approve purchases, contracts and agreements through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives, subject to provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and P.L.2011, c.139 below the \$53,000.00 threshold in individual purchases and the aggregate as defined by N.J.S.A.40A:11-2(19);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon that the Purchasing Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) upon receipt of an identified need and direction from the Township is hereby authorized to approve purchases, contracts and/or agreements 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Purchase approvals made by the Purchasing Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) by virtue of the adoption of this Resolution shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law,

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and that no amount of any contract shall be in excess of the bid threshold in a single purchase or the aggregate without express individual resolutions authorizing such cooperative purchases by contract number.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Rossi commented that he would like to give additional clarity regarding the PILOT program.

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.

Mike Furrey – commented on the PILOT referendum and asked why certain fact were not told to the public. Mr. Furrey feels that the Council should mimic the MUA with answering questions. Mr. Furrey questioned the water and sewer expansion.

Ann Larsen – expressed concern regarding the PILOT petition and the PILOT program.

Kirk Stevens – expressed concern that he could not participate in the meetings via Zoom. Mr. Stevens commented on the PILOT program and shared his concerns.

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: Sparta
SECOND: Contino

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to close the meeting to the public.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Contino had not comments.

Council Member Rizzuto had no comments

Council Member Ooms commented that the DPW and the County did a great job with the snow storm and the roads were cleared quickly. Council Member Ooms would like to get an employee census from the Mayor with all of the employee's name, titles, full or part time, salaries and if they receive health benefits or not. She feels this will help determine raises.

Council Member Sparta agreed that the DPW did a great job with the snowstorm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Council Member Higgins commented on the budget and he would like to see the budget before the deadline to make reasonable choices. Council Member Higgins would like to reschedule the department head's budget hearings. Council Member Higgins asked when the new CFO was starting and said they will prepare questions on the budget early for her.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:52 pm Council Member Ooms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Rizzuto.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

William Higgins
Council President

Minutes approved: February 9, 2026