



## **VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

**6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. STATEMENT:** 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.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Resolution #26-99 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session Legends**

**AT 7:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. STATEMENT:** Adequate Notice of this Regular Meeting was provided to the public and the press on January 22, 2026 and was posted at the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-7.

### **3. SALUTE THE FLAG**

### **4. ROLL CALL**

### **5. PRESENTATION**

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

### **6. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

**Resolution #26-102:** Amended Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16

**7. MAYOR COMMENTS**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT (For Current Agenda Items Only, Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person)**

**9. REVIEW OF BILLS LIST**

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution #26-100:** Transfer Resolution – Balance Transfers

**Resolution #26-101:** Resolution Authorizing Fireworks to be Displayed Within the Township of Vernon

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 5 Minutes On Any Topic)**

**12. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**13. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**VERNON TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION #26-99**

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

- ☐ Matters made confidential by state, federal law or rule by court
- ☐ Matters in which the release of information would impair the right to receive funds from the Government
- ☐ Matters involving individual privacy
- ☐ Collective bargaining
- ☐ Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, setting of bank rates, investment of public funds if disclosure would harm the public interest
- ☐ Public safety
- ☐ Attorney-Client privilege
- ☒ Pending, ongoing or anticipated litigation or negotiation contracts (Legends)
- ☐ Personnel matters (CFO)
- ☐ Civil penalty or loss of license

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their Meeting held on February 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Vernon Municipal Center.

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

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NAME	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Contino, C.						
Ooms S.						
Rizzuto P.						
Sparta B.						
Higgins, W.						

**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

**RESOLUTION #26-102**

**AMENDED AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON TOWNSHIP CHECKS  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the following Township Officials are hereby authorized to sign checks, withdrawal slips or other related items with two out of the four officials listed as principal signatures being required with the Chief Financial Officer always signing as one of the two required signatures. The CFO oversees financial operations and ensures compliance with regulations, making their signature a valuable addition for accountability. The requirement of the Chief Financial Officer's signatory enhances financial oversight ensuring that funds are disbursed appropriately:

Chief Financial Officer  
Mayor  
Business Administrator  
Tax Collector  
Municipal Clerk

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that signature cards with the signatures of the persons authorized to sign be on file at all banks that presently have Township accounts.

This Resolution replaces Resolution #26-91 and shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

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February 18, 2026  
09:35 AM

Township of Vernon  
Check Register By Check Date

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Range of Checking Accts: First to Last      Range of Check Dates: 02/05/26 to 02/17/26  
Report Type: All Checks      Report Format: Condensed      Check Type: Computer: Y      Manual: Y      Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
PO #		Description			Contract
10-001		GENERAL/CENTRAL CHECKING			
65452	02/11/26	SUSSE095 SUSSEX COUNTY M.U.A.			653
26-00373		1st Qtr Sewer User Fees 2026	815,749.00		
65453	02/11/26	SUSSE140 SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER			653
26-00068		2025 added & omitted - county	15,600.66		
26-00094		1st Qtr County Purpose Tax 26	3,782,219.83		
			3,797,820.49		
65454	02/11/26	SUSSE145 SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER			653
26-00069		2025 added & omitted-library	1,270.88		
26-00096		1st Qtr Library Tax 2026	307,882.80		
			309,153.68		
65455	02/11/26	SUSSE150 SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER			653
26-00070		2025 added & omitted-open spac	77.05		
26-00097		1st Qtr Open Space Tax 2026	14,380.57		
			14,457.62		
65456	02/11/26	VERNO120 VERNON TWP BOARD OF EDUCATION			653
26-00313		Feb Current Expenses 2026	2,085,430.04		

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	5	0	7,022,610.83	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	5	0	7,022,610.83	0.00

12-001		PLANNING/ZONING			
4623	02/06/26	HAROL005 HAROLD E PELLOW AND ASSOC, INC			652
26-00317		various lub payments 2/6/26	7,742.45		
4624	02/06/26	WEINE005 WEINER LAW GROUP LLP			652
26-00341		various lub payments 2/6/26	3,375.00		

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	2	0	11,117.45	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	2	0	11,117.45	0.00

Report Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	7	0	7,033,728.28	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	7	0	7,033,728.28	0.00

Totals by Year-Fund Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	5-01	16,948.59	0.00	0.00	16,948.59
CURRENT FUND	6-01	7,005,662.24	0.00	0.00	7,005,662.24
ESCROW	E-12	11,117.45	0.00	0.00	11,117.45
Total of All Funds:		7,033,728.28	0.00	0.00	7,033,728.28

# TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

## RESOLUTION #26-100

### 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:		
LAND USE – S&W	10,195.00	
GROUP HEALTH – HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVERS	8,000.00	
TO: CURRENT FUND		
ENGINEERING SERVICES		10,000.00
MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS		195.00
UTILITIES		8,000.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>18,195.00</b>	<b>18,195.00</b>

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**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

**RESOLUTION #26-101**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS TO BE DISPLAYED  
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON IN 2026**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.21:3-1et seq. Explosive and Fireworks, provides that a Municipal Governing Body must authorize the display of fireworks within its boundaries as a pre-condition to such display in accordance with the New Jersey Fire Prevention Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the following entities have notified the Township of potential fireworks displays in 2026 and provided tentative dates:

Highland Lakes Country Club – August 2, 2026

Mountain Creek Resort

July 4, 2026 with tentative rain date of July 5, 2026;

December 31, 2026

Tall Timbers – July 11, 2026

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Marshal stated the permit application, fee and insurance requirements are to be submitted by the applicant at least 30 days prior to event for review.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, hereby authorizes the fireworks display with special effects, performed on dates listed above upon satisfaction of all statutory and departmental requirements.

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