



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.

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

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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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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 | Reconciled/Void | Ref Num | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------|------|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|---------------------|-------------|
| PO # | Description | Amount Paid | 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 | <u>3,782,219.83</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>3,797,820.49</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | <u>307,882.80</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>309,153.68</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | <u>14,380.57</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>14,457.62</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 65456 | 02/11/26 | VERNO120 VERNON TWP BOARD OF EDUCATION | | 653 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26-00313 | Feb Current Expenses 2026 | 2,085,430.04 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 |
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| TOTAL TRANSFERS | 18,195.00 | 18,195.00 |

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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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