



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## Donations:

1. We received \$16,240 in donations to help offset new programs for hometown heroes and town center beautification.
2. We received \$9,362 in donations for police equipment.
3. We received \$20,529 in donations for animal control.

## Debt:

- We paid down over \$2.6 million in outstanding debt obligations
- We invested \$1.2 million into capital equipment and future purchase reserves to help reduce reliance on debt expenses for items with short useful lives.

## Finances

- We brought in over \$1.1 million in revenues above anticipated.
- We increased fund balance by \$100k.
- We reserved funds for future expenses in accumulated absences, storm recovery, and tax appeal liabilities---all of these areas are helpful in reducing future needs to increase taxes to account for unforeseen circumstances.
- We brought in over \$260k in grants and are anticipating significantly more in 2025.
- Authorized our health insurance advisors to create two new plan options for health to help reduce costs in the future.



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## 2025 Grants

- Opioid Settlement
- Housing Element & Fair Share Plan Grant \$25,000 | Highlands Council
- Local Recreation Improvement Grants \$75,000 | DCA
- Recreation Opportunities for Individuals w/ Disabilities Grant \$12,377 | LEAD Grant - PAL

## *Pending Grants*

- NJ Dept. of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Grant Program
- Firehouse Subs Foundation First Responders
- US FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program



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## Capital projects:

- Digitized records in construction to make them more accessible to the public for immediate access.
- We equipped our Fire Departments with new turn out gear, tools, air bottles, and helped to reduce their costs by taking on training to help with recruitment and standardized expenses.
- We also saved over \$150k on purchasing a lightly used pumper truck for Pochuck FD instead of spending over \$520k for a new apparatus and waiting 2-3 years for receipt. This makes our department better equipped to answer calls and keep our residents safe.
- For EMS, we purchased a new ambulance to replace one that was nearly 20 yrs old and already refurbished once.
- We invested over \$1.3 million in road improvements.
- We invested and completed 80% of the lighting replacements at Veteran's Memorial Park, a multi-year project that will be completed in 2025.
- We invested funds into a garbage compactor to significantly reduce the cost of hauling municipal garbage to SCMUA.



2024 Presentation Worksheet

# ADMINISTRATION

- Ended the Yearly Tax Reassessment program.
- Cut \$1.8 million from the capital items budget.
- Implemented the first pilot program for a 55-unit apartment building for those aged 55 and older, which is projected to generate nearly \$9 million in local tax revenue by the end of the term.
- Established a business coordinator position without any cost to taxpayers by reallocating existing staff, transforming Vernon Township into a more business-friendly community.



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# ADMINISTRATION

- Approved the merger of the ambulance squads, now called VEMS, resulting in substantial cost savings and extended coverage.
- Fostered collaboration between the Board of Education (BOE) and the township administration, leading to a Shared Service Agreement for external maintenance and road work with the BOE. This agreement will save hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Paved over 4.9 miles of roads, including 4.7 miles of secondary roads, and implemented crack sealing on several additional miles throughout Vernon.
- Launched the DEP FREE bear-proof garbage can program for all residents outside of our private community areas.



- Hired two local volunteer firemen to fill two open positions at the Department of Public Works, ensuring additional coverage for our fire department in case of an emergency.
- Raised a monthly \$500 donation for the Vernon Animal Shelter.
- Raised funds totaling \$9,362 for two ballistic shields for the police department.
- Raised funds to fund the town center facelift project.

2024 Presentation Worksheet

# ADMINISTRATION

- Raised nearly \$10,000 from the Historical Society for a township clock .
- Successfully held the first-ever car show in Vernon Township, which raised money to support our local emergency services teams.
- Executed and signed a \$105,000 bond ordinance for the Highland Lakes Fire Department, resulting in significant savings on interest for the fire department for the much-needed building repairs.
- Appointed Judge Peter Laemers to a three-year term.
- Appointed new Prosecutor Maxwell Smith.
- Digitalized the building department's records, which has improved efficiency for both our staff and taxpayers and alleviated the ongoing physical storage problem.



- Extended building department hours during the summer months at no additional cost to taxpayers.
- Contracted with Planet Network to upgrade all internet and phone infrastructure at zero cost, saving over \$275k of Taxpayer money throughout the 5 year contract.
- Restored the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Revived the Arts Advisory Committee (still collecting applications).
- Cancelled Garbage disposal contract saving over \$20k in taxpayer money per year.



2024 Presentation Worksheet

# ADMINISTRATION

- Upgraded the lighting on two fields at Veterans Park.
- Drafted a lease agreement between Vernon and Mahwah townships to lease a much-needed fire tanker for the Highland Lakes Fire Department for \$1.00 per month.
- Negotiated and purchased a slightly used fire mini pumper truck at a cost of \$356,000, including \$20,000 in tools. A new truck would cost taxpayers \$476,000 and come with a two-year wait.
- Launched the Vial of Life program in collaboration with the Vernon Women's Auxiliary group.
- Officiated 25 civil ceremonies.
- Launched the Hometown Heroes banner program to honor our veterans.
- Collected \$270,000 in tax liens.



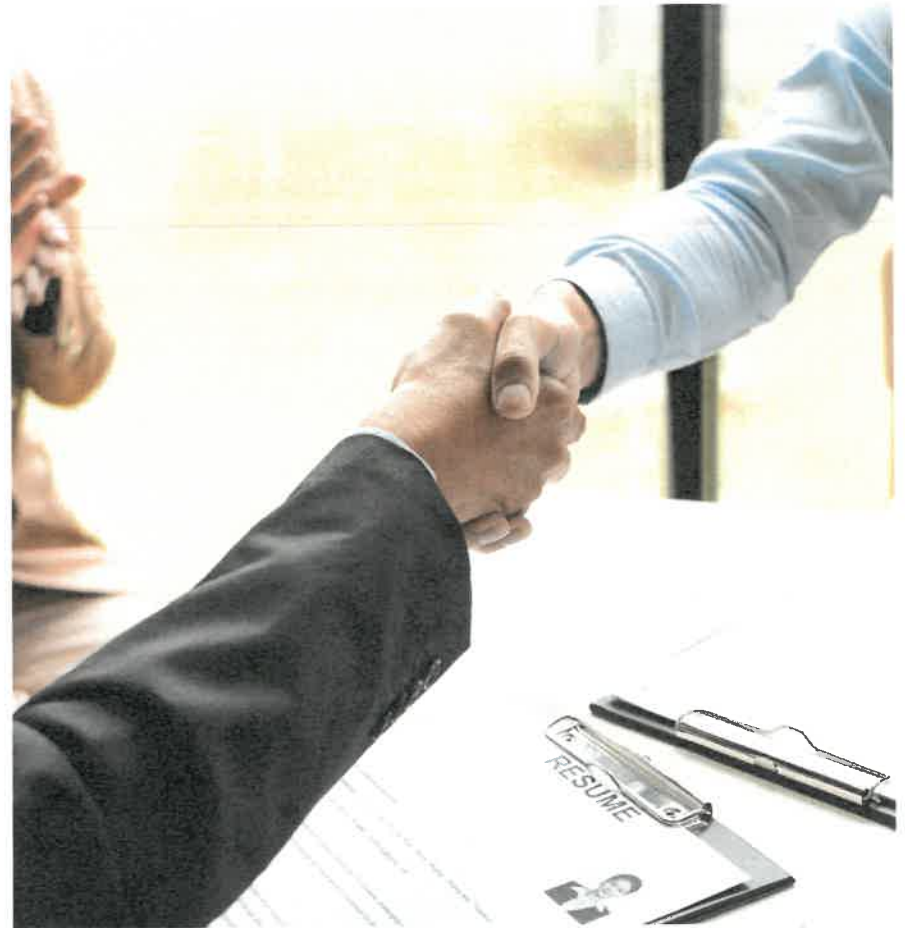
- Escalated the repairs on the Tennessee Gas Pipeline that was leaking into the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge.
- Negotiated and signed a new five-year union contract for the Department of Public Works (DPW).
- Negotiated and signed a new five-year UAW union contract.



2024 Presentation Worksheet

# ADMINISTRATION

- Requested over \$11 million from Congressman Josh Gottheimer's office to further expand Vernon's sewer service area.
- Upgraded and Installed additional cameras for the protection of Municipal employees.
- Encouraged 41 employees to participate in the AED CPR training course.
- Implemented mandatory training on recognizing child abuse and cybersecurity for all employees.
- Hired Police Officer Robert Bauman.
- Promoted Harry Russo to Sergeant.



Recreation/Senior Center  
**MISSION**



Develop, nurture and maintain a harmonious relationship with residents and the community, local businesses, various government and private agencies to continue to promote Vernon's development, encourage economic growth and enhance residents' quality of life through community based groups, activities, programs, events and recreational facilities for all ages and interests by providing better services for a desirable place to live, work and play.



# 2024 KEY PROJECTS

## RECREATION DEPT & SENIOR CENTER

### Community Connection:

- Monthly engaging community newsletter highlighting programs, events, special announcements; message kiosks at all facilities;
- Survey to assess community needs
- Successful coordination for TWP events with community and civic organizations including the Chamber of Commerce , VEMS, Volunteer Fire Depts, VTEA, Beautification Committee, Rec Board, EDAC, Vernon Police, Animal Control, Youth Sports, Scouts, Vernon Rotary, VFW, Local Businesses



### Expanded Senior Services for growing population:

- New exercise programs, art programs, tech classes, how to classes, matinee/lunch trips, City Cruise trip
- Coordinated closely with County Services to maximize available funding; collaborated on new grant applications for increased services
- Hosted Sussex County Senior Olympics
- Increased attendance for Nutrition Site Program



# 2024 KEY PROJECTS

## RECREATION DEPT & SENIOR CENTER

### Hometown Hero Banner Program:

- Banners to be displayed throughout Town Center honoring the men and women who serve our country in the armed forces

### Community Outreach:

- Coordinate with County Health for low cost services and vaccine clinics
- NJ SNAP ED Services, Nutritional Education
- Collaborate with Center for Prevention on projects & programs
- TIROSC Committee. (Trauma-Informed, Recovery-Oriented System of Care)
- C.L.E.A.R. (Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery) at all community events



### Additional low/no cost programs/services for all ages/interests with focus on inclusion, arts and family activities:

- Art in the Park, Nature Walks, Easter Egg Trail, Astronomy Events, Car Show, Puzzle Competitions, Educational Group Hikes, Archery Program
- ROID Grant awarded for therapeutic horseback riding program

## RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER CONT...

Parks and facility updates - safety, sustainability, useability & longevity :

- TCP - Coordinated with PAL for exercise equip
- VMP - Snack-shed renovation, rebuild clay fields, repair fencing, Musco Lighting installed on Bell Field & SnackBar Field; electric upgrades; water line repaired; LRIG Grant awarded for Senior Field Lighting
- MGP - Electric to maintenance shed, scoreboards updated & painted; lower parking lot paved; SnackBar siding replaced;
- Community Garden – Solar water system installed; wood replacement 75% complete
- Updated Memorial Donation process

Blue Star Memorial Dedication at Veterans' Memorial Park (only 3 in Sussex County)



# 2024 ANNUAL TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The Tax Assessor has responsibility to:

- The **Citizens** for the fair assessment of all property in order that the tax burden be distributed equitably.
- The **Municipality** for proper expenditure of funds allocated to the office of the Assessor.
- The **Director of the Division of Taxation** for following prescribed procedures and using officially promulgated forms.
- The Assessor is accountable to **the County Tax Administration** in making assessments in the taxing district.





## THE TAX ASSESSOR & TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

- Finds full and fair value of nearly 14,000+ parcels within Vernon Township.
- Produces and certifies the annual Tax List and notice of assessment mailing.
- Locates and properly describes property as prescribed by the Division of Taxation.

### VERNON TOWNSHIP TAXABLE ASSESSMENT BASE HISTORY

Year	Total Assessed	Ratio	* Reval/ Reassessment
2008	\$1,532,971,856	45.65%	
2009	\$2,812,118,145	85.06%	*
2010	\$2,804,903,031	88.10%	
2011	\$2,740,822,752	91.50%	
2012	\$2,705,468,370	95.86%	
2013	\$2,695,008,717	100.94%	
2014	\$2,656,047,407	104.68%	
2015	\$2,644,402,594	108.46%	
2016	\$2,623,020,668	111.64%	
2017	\$2,610,333,966	111.54%	
2018	\$2,598,328,289	107.93%	
2019	\$2,587,727,369	105.68%	
2020	\$2,405,215,919	97.97%	*
2021	\$2,459,644,667	98.19%	*
2022	\$2,807,508,308	100.77%	*
2023	\$3,099,995,708	99.74%	*
2024	\$3,399,886,912	98.97%	*
2025	\$3,744,728,012	98.65%	*

# THE TAX ASSESSOR & TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

- Reviews municipal and state appeals and defends the township in county and state hearings. County appeal hearing history:

County Tax Appeal History - Vernon Township

Year	Total # of Appeals	Total # of Appeals Reduced	% of Appeals Reduced	Total Ratables Appealed	Total Ratables Lost	Total Taxes Lost
2008	152	143	94%	\$30,186,560	(\$7,784,460)	(\$329,127)
* 2009	434	156	36%	\$91,828,900	(\$5,039,519)	(\$121,301)
2010	473	109	23%	\$115,612,100	(\$5,585,301)	(\$139,912)
2011	210	106	50%	\$52,805,900	(\$3,612,800)	(\$94,439)
2012	452	320	71%	\$107,754,600	(\$8,524,700)	(\$225,734)
2013	512	381	74%	\$117,065,700	(\$11,638,000)	(\$305,963)
2014	247	200	81%	\$59,919,100	(\$6,014,850)	(\$158,311)
2015	432	297	69%	\$97,066,400	(\$13,690,900)	(\$357,059)
2016	791	549	69%	\$182,746,300	(\$13,702,600)	(\$358,597)
2017**	514	187	36%	\$109,115,100	(\$5,926,500)	(\$155,334)
2018	442	278	63%	\$108,524,200	(\$7,874,500)	(\$212,060)
2019	390	202	52%	\$92,930,800	(\$5,271,600)	(\$148,554)
*2020	84	34	40%	\$29,184,800	(\$912,600)	(\$28,564)
*2021	71	24	34%	\$17,724,400	(\$441,000)	(\$13,861)
*2022	29	16	55%	\$7,206,400	(\$336,100)	(\$9,475)
*2023	53	12	23%	\$16,059,500	(\$366,600)	(\$9,506)
*2024	27	4	15%	\$8,188,800	(\$45,400)	(\$1,108)

- Annual Savings due to reassessments: CTB appeals: \$194,521.10 Legal & Expert: \$27,409.84
- 199 farmland assessed parcels
- 134 added and omitted assessments were given, and 4 COAH fees calculated
- \$102,782.75 was collected for the municipality through the added and omitted tax process
- 781 deeds were reviewed and investigated
- 2024 total exempt vet assessments: \$29,294,700 2024 total exempt vet taxes: \$715,083.63)
- Township Tax Maps updated and reviewed
- 26 certified lists provided

\*Revaluation/Reassessment Year

\*\*100+ appeals not settled filed to State Tax Court Costing the town more \$ in legal fees & also an additional 2 years of tax dollars lost due to the freeze act as they get settled.

# LAND USE DEPT

## 2024 PRESENTATION WORKSHEET

### Approved Applications 2024

1. Boho Realty (Yoga Studio, Cafe, Salt Cave)
2. Camp Louemma (8' Fence)
3. AME (Propane Station)
4. Indoveda LLC (Cannabis)
5. Robert Krakovski (Shed)
6. Restoration Agriculture (Wedding Venue)
7. Mountain Creek (Northwoods)
8. Al & Victoria Akkerman (Fence)
9. Snowshoe Homes (Subdivision)
10. Dean Anthony Properties (Subdivision)
11. 7 Prices Switch LLC
12. Sean McClellan



# Fire Prevention

## 2024 ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Closed out the DCA audit of our department

2. Performed the following inspections:

- 860 smoke and carbon monoxide detector inspections
- 117 life hazard inspections and 198 non-life hazard inspections

3. Issued the following certificates/permits

- 743 smoke certificates totaling \$10,414
- 166 type 1 permits totaling \$10,414
- 17 type 2 permits totaling \$4,419
- 2 type 3 permits totaling \$854
- 14 type 4 permits totaling \$8,974
- 239 business insurance registrations totaling \$18,000
- 275 non-life hazard use registrations totaling \$18,700

4. \$15,291 in penalties and \$2,500 in dedicated penalties. Total amount brought in \$136,000

5. Unregistered short/long-term rental units brought into compliance

6. 4 Fire departments collaborated for successful fire safety and prevention presentations at TWP schools



# Building Dept 2024 ACHIEVEMENTS

Permits issued- 1,425

Updates issued- 185

Total number of inspections- 5,055

Total number of permits closed- 1,731

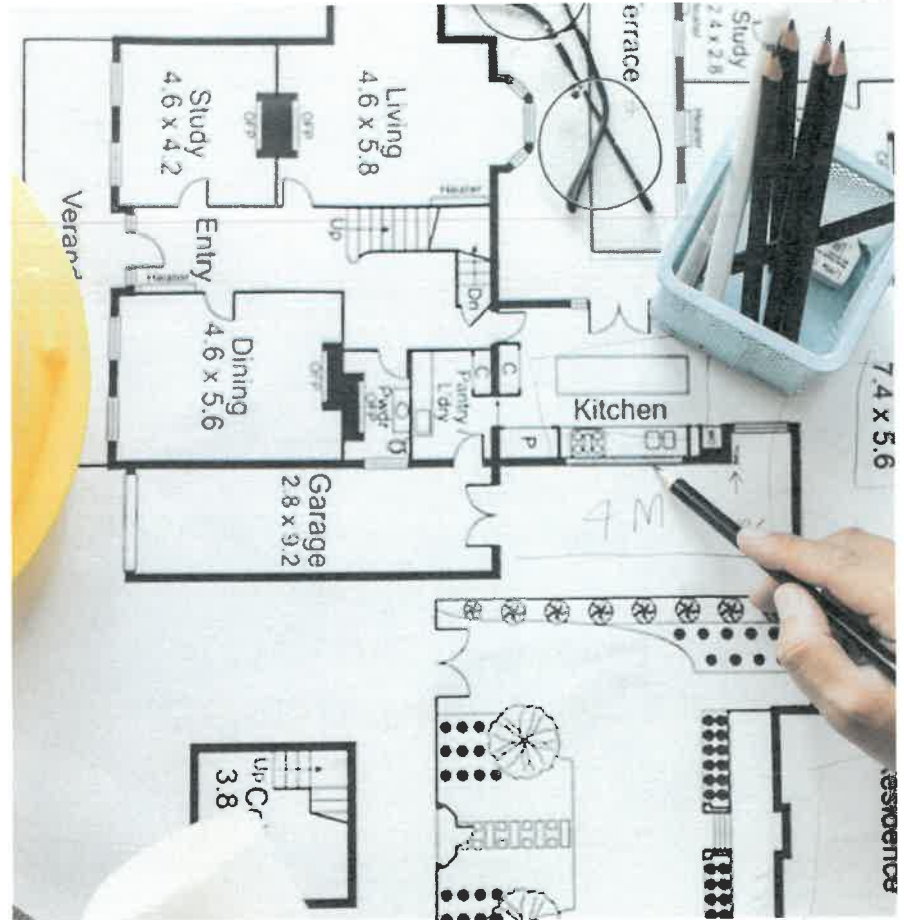
Total Certificates of Occupancy issued- 48

Total Temporary Certificates of Occupancy- 40

Construction Records Clearance Certificates- 125

Total Revenue to date: \$689,182.00

1. Initiated Construction Records Clearance program
2. Launched digital scanning of Building Dept records.
3. Updated Floodplain Ordinance
4. Updated Fee schedule.
5. Extended the operating hours in the Building Dept.



# 2024 ROAD DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- First season utilizing plow contractors
- Took over the 5 following roads for plowing only
  - Pochung Tr.
  - Baker Rd
  - White Oak Dr
  - Decker Pond Tr
  - Hidden Valley
- BOE shared service agreement
  - Asphalt patching
  - Drainage work
  - Sweeping parking lots
  - Tree removal
- Installing self contained garbage compactor
  - Including all prep work and supplies

- Two successful bulky waste days for residents
- Removal of 2 derelict trailers
- Adjust winter material (salt) use for spring clean up issues
- Updating restroom fixtures in all 3 buildings
- Paved 4.9 miles of roads including 3.7 miles of secondary roads and 1.07 miles of Glenwood Mt Rd
- Replace 1 full time employee and add 1 full time employee
- Replace generator at Animal Control
- Fence repair and add additional fencing at VM Park and MG Park
- Crack seal Wawayanda Rd and Barry Drive North
- Various a/c repairs in the municipal building
- Continued progress on lighting update in all 3 buildings
- Logging reported issues from residents
- Update fire suppression systems in the Police Dept and the Senior Center



# NEW BUSINESS

## 2024 PRESENTATION WORKSHEET

1. Birdies Cafe  
2. A and A Automotive  
3. Matts Auto Repair  
4. Boshart Plumbing & Heating  
5. Smile Hero  
6. Pickle Shack  
7. United Eventures  
8. 7th Heaven Market  
9. Paclantic Foods & Goods LLC  
10. Mountain Dispensary  
11. JAG Physical Therapy  
12. LIL DIPPERS  
13. Goodfellas  
14. Ridge&Valley RE Corp  
15. Infinity Creative Arts LLC

9 RT 94  
81 RT 94  
126 RT 94  
850 WARWICK TPKE  
521 RT 515  
12 CHURCH ST  
47 RT 94  
534 RT 515  
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46 RT 94  
530 RT 515  
196 RT 94  
42 RT 94  
188 BREAKNECK RD  
294 RT 94

16. Richard Sheet Metal  
17. Wheels Up Bikes  
18. ALIAS BREW WORKS  
19. Level Up Custom Auto Shop  
20. Vernon Dental Arts  
21. Peak Point Properties LLC  
22. Kraft Roofing  
23. The Center for Dentistry of Vernon  
24. Brooklyn Pencil LLC  
25. Meadowlands Fire Protection  
26. The Black Comb LLC  
27. Bubbas Texas Weiners  
28. The Place Next Door  
29. Valley Records  
30. AVR ENTERPRISE LLC  
31. Sussex Cultivation

860 WARWICK TPKE  
216 RT 94  
17 OLD RUDETOWN ROAD  
81 RT 94  
249 RT 94  
2 POCHUCK DR  
7 OLD RUDETOWN ROAD  
5 RT 94  
188 BREAKNECK RD  
5 THETA DR  
188 BREAKNECK RD  
281 RT 94  
514 RT 515  
23 OMEGA DR  
14 RIDGE RD E  
MAPLE GRANGE RD

# POLICE DEPT



1. New 911 System Upgrade; NextGEN911 est. completed 4/10/2025
2. Carry Permits- NJ FARS, Investigations; Total YTD (10/31/2024) 1,179 (\$48,320 collected in fees)
3. Implemented the Credit Card Processing portal MunicPay (collect online firearm fees); YTD \$14,975
4. New Hire and Retirement (2024); FTO Program Sandsmark, Duffy, Krupinski
5. Enterprise- Trading in our 2nd round of Enterprise Vehicles; purchase and upfit new vehicles
6. Seamless NJ Crash Report; Lawsoft to CARFAX; frees up Records Clerk time
7. Police Licensing; 1st year of licensing renewals completed (33% of sworn officers each year)
8. Re-issued Police Department Policies and Procedures; revamped to help prepare for Accreditation

Municipal Dept: Police Continued...

9. Police Department Trainings:

- Firearms Qualifications; Spring and Fall
- Use of Force Training; Spring and Fall
- Pursuit Driving Training
- Domestic Violence Training
- CLEAR NJOAG Mandated training
- Case Law and Search & Seizure Training
- Miranda rights and warning training
- Active Shooter Training (Coordinated on-site with School Staff)
- OC Spray Training
- Bloodborne Pathogens, Right to Know, Hazardous Materials training
- Internal Affairs Training
- Alcohol/Breath Testing Training
- Other misc. Officer specialty specific training

10. Verbal Judo Train the Trainer; will be training all police employees

11. Bulletproof Vest replacement rotation completed utilizing grant funding (rotation is 5 years per vest)

12. Food Donation Drive (Easter, fill the local food banks)

Municipal Dept: Police Continued...

13. Traffic Case Studies: Canistear Road; Vernon Crossing Road; Church Street; PVL Drive (Beach Area)
14. LEAD Program; all 5th Grade Vernon Township Students (adding 4th grade in 2025)
15. Share the Keys; all students who drive or will drive to VTHS; Sophomore and Juniors
16. Community Involvement:
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - Couch to 5K
  - Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run
  - Township Car Show on Main Street
  - Junior Police Academy (Full Capacity; 40 recruits; 1 week program)
  - Child Passenger Seat Car Seat Safety Checkpoint
  - Senior Citizen Fraud Seminar (St. Francis DeSales)
  - 10th Annual Change the Face of Addiction Walk
  - Sussex County Day (Fairgrounds)
  - Vernon Township High School College and Career Day
  - 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
  - 10th Annual Street Fair; Main Street
  - Trick or Trail, (Over 1,000 children in attendance; 41 booths)
  - Turkey Trot
  - Tree Lighting;
  - Vernon Day
  - Middle School and High School Graduations
  - Bulky Waste Day



Municipal Dept: Police Continued...

17. Drug take back initiative; collected and destroyed 274.2 pounds of drugs
18. Jail Cells- Audio system upgrade
19. OPRA's completed YTD – 81
20. Upgraded to wireless gateways at Lake Conway and Lake Panorama Emergency Services Towers; significantly less radio interruptions or issues for Fire, EMS, and Police
21. On point with 2024 Budget
22. Worked through significant staffing issues for both Patrol and Dispatch including Injuries (on and off duty), family leave and sick leave and balancing PTO
23. Provided mutual aid and support to our law enforcement partners throughout Sussex County, along with Warwick PD, NJSP, and FBI, Union PD, Wanaque PD, Secaucus PD.

Municipal Dept: Police Continued...

24. Completed all State Mandated Reporting on-time and in compliance with the NJOAG

- Professional Standards Report
- Major Discipline Report
- Early Warning Compliance Report
- Internal Affairs Annual Summary
- Internal Affairs Annual Summary notice to public
- Diversity in Hiring Report
- RDT Compliance Report
- Use of Force and Vehicular Pursuit Review and Annual Report
- Underage Warning Report
- ALPR Certification Report
- Immigrant Trust Directive Compliance Report
- No-Knock Warrant Report
- Animal Cruelty Report – sent to SCPO
- CLEAR Compliance Report for all sworn officers
- Human Trafficking Report

Municipal Dept: Police Continued...

25. Detective Bureau: 281 investigations- investigations include Thefts, Theft by Deception, Frauds, Assaults, Sexual Assaults, Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Criminal Mischief, Burglary, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Distribution of CDS, Harassment, Cyber Harassment, and various other New Jersey crimes.

- Out of those investigations we executed search warrants, communication data warrants and made 20 arrests pursuant to a DB Investigation (with more arrests to come from these investigations.)

26. Animal Control- 5 Shared Service Towns: 3-year contracts, totaling \$85,420 income

- Significant HELO large scale criminal investigation for Animal Cruelty involving 90 dogs that through partnership with the ASPCA and surrounding Animal Control agencies, all dogs were taken safely from the residence and rescued. Owner of the property was criminally charged pending prosecution of the case.

27. Wantage Township Shared Service Agreement Lake Panorama Tower – Negotiated \$15,000 a year (5-year agreement)

28. Vernon Township Police Calls for Service 2023 (21,971 calls) vs. 2024 (24,563 calls). A 2,592 call increase YTD.

29. Vernon Township Police M.V. Stops 2023 (2,725 traffic stops) vs. 2024 (3,248 traffic stops). An increase of 523 traffic stops YTD.

Municipal Dept: Police Continued...

30. School Resource Officer – 534 Calls for Service; 83 Investigations YTD

31. Grants: Safe and Secure Grant; Federal Bulletproof Vest Grant; State Bulletproof Vest Grant

32. ARRIVE together initiative. Implemented in conjunction with NJOAG and SCPO.

33. New Alcotest machine for breath testing has been ordered and will be implemented into use for DWI's in the near future.

34. The deteriorating patrol room floor in the Police Department was replaced and updated with a high traffic floor tile.

35. Police Chief Accreditation continued in 2024; All courses completed.

36. Police Chief – Completed the Resiliency Police Chief Training Program and am one of fourteen Chiefs in NJ who are now available to provide this service for the NJSACOP.

37. Police Chief – Vice President of the Sussex County Police Chiefs Association  
- Executive Board of the NJ State Association Chiefs of Police, Sgt. at Arms



## CLERKS OFFICE

2024 to Present Totals			
Type of License	Total #	fee	Total Fees Collected
Blue Light Permit	19	no fee	
OPRA Request	782	P/U ONLY-\$.07 letter per page, \$.011 legal per page, \$7 large map	\$27.40
Liquor License	13		\$11,644.37
Certified Copies Issued -Death, Birth & Marriage	1,437	\$10	\$14,150.00
Marriage License Application	153	\$28.00	\$4,284.00
Solicitors Applications	39	\$120/\$145	\$4,530.00
Bingo/Raffle	46	1/2 of the fee charged by the state	\$895.00
Assembly Permit	8	\$1,000.00 per day	\$8,000.00
Alarm Registration	1	\$10.00	\$10.00
Taxi Limo	2	\$35.00	\$70.00
Filming Permit	0	\$750.00 per day	
Charitable Solicitors Permit	5	no fee	
Mayor Ceremony	32		\$3,575
Marriages Performed in Vernon	158		
Cannabis Application	1	\$10,000	\$10,000.00
Vacant Property Registration			\$96,270.00

# MUNICIPAL COURT

Township of Vernon															
Report of Activity - 2024															
Municipal Court															
Revenue Activity															
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Mid YTD	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 YTD	2023 Tot
Total Collected	\$5,594	\$7,054	\$16,503	\$9,382	\$16,631	\$7,148	\$62,312	\$12,565	\$5,266	\$11,155	\$12,855	\$11,379	\$7,734	\$123,266	\$96,900
Paid to Township	\$3,041	\$5,043	\$8,035	\$5,100	\$10,936	\$3,467	\$35,622	\$7,781	\$2,570	\$6,227	\$7,793	\$6,442	\$3,938	\$70,373	\$53,636
Entire Active/Open Case Load															
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Mid YTD	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 YTD	2023 Tot
Traffic Cases	173	197	215	202	172	143	1,102	154	165	198	177	188	175	2,159	2,316
Criminal Cases	441	440	442	415	413	409	2,560	406	428	546	593	641	612	5,786	5,059
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>7,945</b>	<b>7,375</b>
2024 Monthly Motor Vehicle Summonses Issued															
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Mid YTD	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 YTD	2023 Tot
Tickets Filed	86	127	70	61	46	49	439	70	72	92	87	58	47	865	741
Disposed	63	109	84	91	28	37	412	50	57	106	116	81	57	879	752
DWI Filed	6	4	4	5	2	4	25	7	4	1	3	4	2	46	49
DWI Disposed	1	9	2	5	5	4	26	4	5	6	3	4	3	51	53
2024 Monthly Criminal Summonses Issued															
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Mid YTD	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 YTD	2023 Tot
Complaints Filed	47	66	56	34	35	35	273	55	148	110	128	93	34	841	583
Disposed	31	49	66	20	28	24	218	17	30	47	65	106	35	518	414
CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS															
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Mid YTD	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
	\$1,506	\$3,756	\$4,154.00	\$4,126	\$6,679.00	\$2,671.00	\$22,892.00	\$4,989.00	\$1,108.00	\$3,458	\$3,842.00	\$1,450	\$4,040.00	\$41,779.00	\$28,644.32
CREDIT CARD FEES ASSESSED															
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Mid YTD	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
	\$ 70.60	\$ 143.15	\$ 162.02	\$ 151.16	\$ 319.64	\$ 148.60	\$ 995.17	\$ 210.16	\$ 89.73	\$ 293.08	\$ 164.96	\$ 103.42	\$ 165.89	\$ 2,022.41	\$1,196.09



## WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2025

- Upgrading lighting to LED for municipal center buildings
- Solar panel project for municipal center buildings
- Town Center Clock
- Home Town Heros Banners that will be placed on light poles along 515, Main St & Vernon Crossings in May
- First Responders Memorial

# WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2025



**Main Street  
Concept**



**55/55  
Unit**



**27 Unit**



# POSSIBILITIES FOR 2025

- Pickleball Court at Maple Grange Park
- Large Gazebo on the Great Lawn at Maple Grange Park
- Animal Control Quarantine EXT



# WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2025



- Garbage - TBD will be accepting household garbage at recycling center

## The safest cities in New Jersey in 2025

- #1 Vernon Township
- #2 Bernards Township
- #3 Sparta Township
- #4 Jefferson Township
- #5 Hopatcong
- #6 Denville Township
- #7 Mount Olive Township
- #8 West Milford Township
- #9 New Milford
- #10 Madison
- #11 Jackson Township
- #12 Dumont
- #13 Harrison Township
- #14 Barnegat Township
- #15 Montville Township
- #16 Manchester Township
- #17 Florham Park
- #18 South River
- #19 Ridgewood
- #20 Hillsborough Township

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# #1 SAFEST CITY

Thank you for the hard work of all of our police officers, police dispatchers and police employees who contributed to Vernon Township being named the safest city in NJ for 2025. It is our 2nd year in a row at the top spot!

[https://patch.com/new-jersey/across-nj/these-are-njs-safest-cities-according-new-report?fbclid=IwY2xjawJmOMhleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHvGqP\\_aYDYysvprXBWUvBJOFXL4dp0oF1QEQVdJTx87HQfHQeQuEaKuIJkE5\\_aem\\_hskTIHF1JSbyY5hRNdx5A](https://patch.com/new-jersey/across-nj/these-are-njs-safest-cities-according-new-report?fbclid=IwY2xjawJmOMhleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHvGqP_aYDYysvprXBWUvBJOFXL4dp0oF1QEQVdJTx87HQfHQeQuEaKuIJkE5_aem_hskTIHF1JSbyY5hRNdx5A)



