

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 7:00 PM**

This Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2025, 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 19, 2025, 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 Rizzuto led the assemblage in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were Council Members, Natalie Buccieri, Jessica DeBenedetto, William Higgins, Bradley Sparta and Council President Patrick Rizzuto. Also present were Mayor Anthony Rossi, CFO Donelle Bright, Business Administrator Tina Kraus, Township Attorney Peter King and Municipal Clerk Marcy Gianattasio.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Rossi commented that Vernon Day was Saturday and the rain held out. On Sunday we had the Maker's Market and he thanked the Recreation Department. The 911 Ceremony will be held at 8:30 am this year.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Hotel Room Fees

PUBLIC COMMENTS (For Current Agenda Items Only, Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person)

President Rizzuto asked for a motion to open the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: DeBenedetto

SECOND: Buccieri

All members were in favor.

Doreen Edwards – questioned ordinances #25-11 and #25-12.

Barb Greger – questioned the First Responder's memorial.

Seeing no other members from the public wishing to come forward, President Rizzuto asked for a motion to close the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: Buccieri

SECOND: DeBenedetto

All members were in favor.

REVIEW OF BILLS LIST

The Council reviewed the bills list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 11, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to approve the August 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

MOVED: Higgins

SECOND: Buccieri

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Rizzuto

NAYES:

ABSTAIN: Sparta

ABSENT:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #25-205: Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of ALTEC AT40G 4x4 Bucket Truck and Accessories Through Sourcewell National Cooperative 040924-ALT Global Rental Inc.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to approve resolution #25-205.

MOVED: Buccieri

SECOND: Higgins

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to approve resolution #25-205.

RESOLUTION #25-205

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ALTEC AT40G 4x4 BUCKET TRUCK AND ACCESSORIES THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE 040924-ALT GLOBAL RENTAL INC.

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the “Law” or “Chapter 139” and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor with a Sourcewell National Cooperative is hereby approved for municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has the need to procure certain bucket truck vehicles and accessories in accord with the Local Publics Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has previously acted in accord with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with, and;

WHEREAS the equipment and corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative contract is 040924-ALT, through Global Rental Inc., distributor for Altec Inc; and

WHEREAS the quoted cost under the Sourcewell National Cooperative is contract \$182,816.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined, and certified available funds are available in the amount of \$182,816.00 from line item C-04-25-009 Various Improvement Bond Ordinance

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor is hereby authorized to effectuate the purchase of herein approved equipment through Global Rental Company, Altec, Inc., 342 Chestnut Ave., West Berlin, NJ 08091, for the approved cost of \$182,816.00 from Sourcewell contract 040924-ALT.

Resolution #25-222: Authorize Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to approve resolution #25-222.

MOVED: Buccieri

SECOND: Higgins

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to approve resolution #25-222.

RESOLUTION #25-222

AUTHORIZE UNION COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A., 40A:11-1 et. seq. authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Union hereinafter referred to as “the Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a renewal participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon in the County of Sussex desires to participate in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, authorizes the Township of Vernon to participate in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement and execute a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Union upon its approval by the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Union as Lead Agency is expected to comply with provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. and all of the provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey).

Resolution #25-224: Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Pierce Enforcer Pumper Fire Fighting Equipment Through Sourcewell National Cooperative #1 13021-OKC Through Fire & Safety Services Inc.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to approve resolution #25-224.

MOVED: Buccieri

SECOND: Higgins

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to approve resolution #25-224.

RESOLUTION #25-224

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PIERCE ENFORCER PUMPER FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE #113021-OKC THROUGH FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES INC.

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the “Law” or “Chapter 139” and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor with a Sourcewell National Cooperative is hereby approved for municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has the need to procure certain firefighting equipment and accessories for a Pierce Enforcer Pumper for the Highland Lakes Fire Department purchase in accord with the Local Publics Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has previously acted in accord with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with, and;

WHEREAS, the equipment and corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative contract #113021-OKC for Pierce Products Inc; and

WHEREAS, the cost savings determination has been identified as required under LFN 2012-10; and

WHEREAS, the quoted cost from Fire & Safety Services Inc., 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080, under the Sourcewell National Cooperative contract #113021-OKC, \$1,066,043.37 for a Pierce Enforcer Pumper; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined, and certified available funds are available in the amount of \$77403.59 from C-04-23-012 Fire Apparatus; \$158,070.91 from C-04-24-010 Various Purpose Bond Ordinance and \$830,568.87 from C-04-25-009 Various Purpose Bond Ordinance

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor is hereby authorized to effectuate the purchase of herein approved equipment with Fire & Safety Services under the provisions of Sourcewell national cooperative contract #113-021-OKC for the approved cost of \$1,066,043.37 for a Pierce Enforcer Pumper, in accord with the provisions of the tenets as established within the bid documents.

Resolution #25-216: Authorizing Change Order #1 of Contract for Proposed Athletic Field Lighting at Veteran’s Memorial Park within Vernon Township with Quality Electrical Construction

Resolution #25-217: Resolution Accepting the Completion of Field Lighting Project at Veteran’s Memorial Park within Vernon Township

Resolution #25-218: Authorizing Change Order #1 and Change Order #2 of Contract for Proposed Improvements of Sand Hill Road with Vernon Township with Schifano Construction Corp.

Resolution #25-219: Resolution Accepting the Completion of Road Improvements Project to Sand Hill Road within Vernon Township

Resolution #25-220: Authorizing Change Order #2 of Contract for Proposed Improvements to Glenwood Mountain Road with Riverview Paving, Inc.

Resolution #25-221: Resolution Accepting the Completion of Road Improvements Project to Glenwood Mountain Road-Section II within Vernon Township

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to approve resolutions #25-216 to #25-221.

MOVED: Higgins
SECOND: DeBenedetto

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion carries to approve resolutions #25-216 to #25-221.

RESOLUTION #25-216

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 OF CONTRACT FOR PROPOSED ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING AT VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK WITHIN VERNON TOWNSHIP WITH QUALITY ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2023, by way of adoption of Resolution #23-279, the Council of the Township of Vernon awarded a contract to Quality Electrical Construction for Field Lighting Installation at Veteran’s Memorial Park which contract provided for an expenditure of \$258,400.00 and

WHEREAS, in a memo dated August 29, 2025, the Township Engineer states that the contract requires a Change Order #1 by the addition of one (1) item in amount of \$39,975.77; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, in concurrence with the Mayor, recommends approving Change Order No. 1 resulting in an increase to final contract amount of \$308,555.40.

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer of the Township of Vernon has certified that the funds for these contracts are available in Account #C-04-23-015-05.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that it hereby approves the Township Engineer’s recommendations and authorizes the Mayor to execute said Change Order No. 1 for said project resulting in the final contract amount of \$308,555.40 for said project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Quality Electrical Construction and the Township Engineer.

RESOLUTION #25-217

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE COMPLETION OF FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT AT VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK WITHIN VERNON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township awarded a contract for the Installation of Field Lighting at Veteran’s Memorial Park to Quality Electrical Construction awarded by Resolution #23-279 on December 11, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Installation of Field Lighting at Veteran’s Memorial Park has been completed, and inspected as per the plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has submitted a letter dated August 29, 2025 which states that the Field Lighting Project at Veteran’s Memorial Park contract has been completed in full and that it is recommended that it be accepted by the Township Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon Township Council accept this project identified as Field Lighting Project at Veteran’s Memorial Park as final and complete; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #25-218

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND CHANGE ORDER #2 OF CONTRACT FOR
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS OF SAND HILL ROAD
WITHIN VERNON TOWNSHIP WITH SCHIFANO CONSTRUCTION CORP.**

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, by way of adoption of Resolution #23-227, the Council of the Township of Vernon awarded a contract to Schifano Construction Corp. for Milling & Paving on Sand Hill Road which contract provided for an expenditure of \$230,511.15 and

WHEREAS, in a memo dated November 16, 2023, the Township Engineer states that the contract requires a Change Order #1 by the reduction of five (5) items in amount of \$45,813.62; and

WHEREAS, in a memo dated August 29, 2025, the Township Engineer states that the contract requires a Change Order #2 by the reduction on one (1) item in the amount of \$2,836.54 resulting in a final decreased contract amount of \$181,860.99; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, in concurrence with the Mayor, recommends approving Change Order No. 1 and Change Order No. 2 resulting in the adjusted decreased final contract amount of \$181,860.99

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that it hereby approves the Township Engineer’s recommendations and authorizes the Mayor to execute said Change Order No. 1 and change Order No. 2 for said project resulting in the adjusted decreased final contract amount of \$181,860.99 for said project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Schifano Construction Corp and the Township Engineer.

RESOLUTION #25-219

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
TO SAND HILL ROAD WITHIN VERNON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Township awarded contracts for the Road Improvement Project for Sand Hill Road to Schifano Construction Corp., Denville Line Painting, Inc. and Road Safety Systems, LLC, awarded by Resolution#23-237 on August 28, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Road Improvement Project for Sand Hill Road Project has been completed, and inspected as per the plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has submitted a letter dated August 29, 2025 which states that the said contracts have been completed in full and that it is recommended that the Road Improvement Project for Sand Hill Road be accepted by the Township Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon Township Council accept this project identified as Road Improvement Project for Sand Hill Road as final and complete; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #25-220

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 OF CONTRACT FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO GLENWOOD MOUNTAIN ROAD WITH RIVERVIEW PAVING, INC.

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2024, by way of adoption of Resolution #24-264, the Council of the Township of Vernon awarded a contract to Riverview Paving, Inc. for Milling & Paving of Glenwood Mountain Road which contract provided for an expenditure of \$208,283.60 and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025, the Council approved Change Order #1 resulting in the decreased contract amount of \$190,599.08; and

WHEREAS, in a memo dated August 28, 2025, the Township Engineer states that the contract requires a Change Order #2 by the reduction of 1 (one) item in total amount of \$1,597.12 resulting in a decreased final contract amount of \$189,001.96; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, in concurrence with the Mayor, recommends approving Change Order No. 2 resulting in a decreased final contract amount of \$189,001.96.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that it hereby approves the Township Engineer’s recommendations and authorizes the Mayor to execute said Change Order No. 2 for said project resulting in the final contract amount of \$189,001.96 for said project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Riverview Paving, Inc. and the Township Engineer.

RESOLUTION #25-221

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO GLENWOOD MOUNTAIN ROAD -SECTION II WITHIN VERNON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township awarded contracts for the Road Improvement Project for Glenwood Mountain Road Section II to Riverview Paving, Inc., Denville Line Painting, Inc. Campbell Foundry Co., and Road Safety Systems, LLC, awarded by Resolution#24-264 on October 17, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Road Improvement Project for Glenwood Mountain Road Section II has been completed, and inspected as per the plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has submitted a letter dated August 28, 2025 which states that the said contracts have been completed in full and that it is recommended that the Road Improvement Project for Glenwood Mountain Road Section II be accepted by the Township Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon Township Council accept this project identified as Road Improvement Project for Glenwood Mountain Road Section II as final and complete; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

Resolution #25-223: Authorize the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract with Otis Elevator for Elevator Maintenance and Repair

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to approve resolution #25-223.

MOVED: Higgins
SECOND: DeBenedetto

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to approve resolution #25-223.

RESOLUTION #25-223

Authorize the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract with Otis Elevator for Elevator Maintenance and Repair

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for elevator maintenance and repair services; and

WHEREAS, Otis Elevator has provided for several quotes amounting to \$21,750.00, in the aggregate exceeding the pay to play threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township has obtained multiple quotes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1; and

WHEREAS, Otis Elevator has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Personal Contribution Disclosure form which certifies that the vendor has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the *Township of Vernon* in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds NOT TO EXCEED \$21,750.00 are available as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Otis Elevator, not to exceed \$21,750.00 for elevator maintenance and repair services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Personal Contribution Disclosure form, Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #25-225: Approving a Charitable Solicitor's Permit: McAfee Vol. Fire Department

Resolution #25-226: Resolution Accepting and Approving Submittal of the Township Water Use and Conservation Management Plan to the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council as a Completed Task Toward Conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan

Resolution #25-227: Resolution of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Disposition or Salvage of Obsolete Equipment in the Possession of the Township at Auction on Govdeals.com

Resolution #25-228: Authorizing the Application for New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant

Resolution #25-229: Authorize the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract with Mobile Container Service for Recycling Container Repair

Resolution #25-230: Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors Firefighter One for Purchase of Volunteer Fire Department Turnout Gear

Resolution #25-231: Refund Overpayment (Block 387 Lot 5 – Corelogic)

Resolution #25-232: Refund Overpayment (Block 387 Lot 5 – Corelogic)

Resolution #25-233: Refund Overpayment (Block 9 Lot 5 – Sarvahjetaa LLC)

Resolution #25-234: (Block 156 Lot 45) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-235: (Block 156 Lot 45) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-236: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 156 Lot 45)

Resolution #25-237: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 382 Lot 17)

Resolution #25-238: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 382 Lot 17)

Resolution #25-239: (Block 382 Lot 17) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-240: (Block 382 Lot 17) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-241: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 418 Lot 8) - Redacted

Resolution #25-242: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 418 Lot 8) - Redacted

Resolution #25-243: (Block 418 Lot 8) - Redacted Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-244: (Block 418 Lot 8) - Redacted Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-245: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 560 Lot 4) – Redacted

Resolution #25-246: (Block 560 Lot 4) - Redacted Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-247: (Block 560 Lot 4) - Redacted Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-248: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 581 Lot 32)

Resolution #25-249: (Block 581 Lot 32) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-250: (Block 581 Lot 32) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-251: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 581 Lot 32)

Resolution #25-252: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 610 Lot 5)

Resolution #25-253: (Block 610 Lot 5) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-254: (Block 610 Lot 5) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-255: Resolution Authorizing Leasing of Certain Vehicles for the Fire Department through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM through Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. (Quote No. 9272442)

Resolution #25-256: Resolution Authorizing Leasing of Certain Vehicles for the Fire Department through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM through Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. (Quote No. 9272437, 9272438, 9272439 and 9272440)

Resolution #25-257: Resolution to Award First Responder Memorial to Aqua Designs by Dave and New Jersey Pond Guys for Bids 5-2025/ 5R-2025

President Rizzuto asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

MOVED: Sparta

SECOND: Buccieri

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to approve the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION #25-225

APPROVING A CHARITABLE SOLICITOR'S PERMIT: McAfee VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, McAfee Vol. Fire Department has made application for a Charitable Roadside Solicitor's Permit for the purposes of soliciting funds on September 27-28, 2025 and October 18-19, 2025 from 8am to 4pm; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 18-12, the Vernon Township Police Department has reviewed the necessary application found that all documentation is in order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that approval be granted for a Charitable Roadside Solicitor's Permit for McAfee Vol. Fire Department, 88 Hamburg McAfee Rd. (Route 94), Vernon, NJ 07462; subject to the approval of the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a Charitable Roadside Solicitor's Permit to the aforesaid applicant in accordance with Chapter 428 of the Code of the Township of Vernon upon receipt of the approval from the County of Sussex.

RESOLUTION #25-226

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF THE TOWNSHIP WATER USE AND CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN TO THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL AS A COMPLETED TASK TOWARD CONFORMANCE WITH THE HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon charged the municipal Land Use Board with the task of developing a plan for the future use and conservation of the water resources of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025 the Vernon Township Land Use Board, pursuant to Article 3 of the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.), adopted the Vernon Township Water Use and Conservation Management Plan (WUCMP), said document prepared by Township Planner J. Caldwell & Associates, dated May 2023, as an element of the Township of Vernon Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon find that the WUCMP adopted by the Land Use Board addresses the goals and intents of the governing body in requesting its preparation, that adoption and implementation of the plan serves the public interest, assists in protecting the public health and safety, and promotes the general welfare of the residents of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon hereby accept the WUCMP as adopted by the Land Use Board and approve its submission to the New Jersey Highlands Council toward achieving full conformance with the provisions of the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq.) and the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

RESOLUTION #25-227

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

WHEREAS, the Township has requested that the Township Council authorize the disposition of equipment currently in the possession of Vernon Township and also request to salvage the equipment should the asking price and second offer be rejected; and,

WHEREAS, such surplus items may be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed a request which describes the items aforesaid to be sold at the auction; and

WHEREAS, the items to be sold are:

LOT# 1

2000 MACK RD688SX ROLL OFF TRUCK
VIN# 1M2P268C1YM052134

LOT# 2

2015 CHEVY EXPRESS 3500 BRAUN AMBULANCE
VIN# 1GB3G2CL6F1236265

LOT# 3

ITEMS TO OUTFIT A 2021 FORD POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTOR
1 JOTTODESK FRONT FULL CAGE PARTITION
1 JOTTODESK REAR CAGE PARTITION
1 JOTTODESK REAR BIO SEAT
1 LUND CENTER CONSOLE
1 SETINA PUSH BAR WITH EMERGENCY LIGHTS
1 FEDERAL SIGNAL LED LIGHT BAR
1 FEDERAL SIGNAL LIGHT CONTROLLER

LOT# 4

ITEMS TO OUTFIT A 2021 POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTOR
1 JOTTODESK FRONTFULL CAGE PARTITION
1 JOTTODESK REAR CAGE PARTITION
1 JOTTODESK REAR BIO SEAT
1 LUND CENTER CONSOLE
1 SETINA PUSH BAR WAITH EMERGENCY LIGHTS
1 FEDERAL SIGNAL LED LIGHT BAR
1 FEDERAL SIGNAL LIGHT CONTROLLER

LOT# 5

BROOMS FOR 8' MB PULL BEHIND SWEEPER
BROOMS FIT MODEL 53-H

LOT# 6

SNO-PRO UTV SALT SPREADER

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

1. That the Division of Purchasing, or its designee, be and hereby is authorized to sell at auction to the highest bidder, any and all surplus items as described.
2. The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through Govdeals.com in accordance with the terms and conditions at <https://www.govdeals.com/en/content/site-terms>: and

3. The sale will be conducted online with proposed live date of September 22, 2025 and the address of the auction site is www.govdeals.com.
4. The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2019-15.
5. The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
6. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted. That the Division of Purchasing, or its designee, be and hereby is authorized to sell at auction to the highest bidder, any and all surplus items as described.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 that formal public notification will be provided by the publication of a Legal Notice in the official newspaper, the New Jersey Herald, not less than seven (7) or more than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled auction.

RESOLUTION #25-228

AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for approximately \$16,000.00 State share with \$4,000.00 local share for a total contract of \$20,000.00 for 2025/2026 to provide therapeutic horse back riding recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Township of Vernon does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of the agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of such funds pursuant to the terms of said Agreement between the Township of Vernon and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

RESOLUTION #25-229

Authorize the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract with Mobile Container Service for Recycling Container Repair

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for recycling container repair services for Vernon Township’s Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Danville Container Services, dba/ Mobile Container Service, 1047 River Ridge Road, Danville, VA. 24541, has provided a quote for service of \$23,173.02, in excess of the pay to play threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the vendor has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Personal Contribution Disclosure form which certifies that the vendor has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the *Township of Vernon* in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds NOT TO EXCEED \$23,173.02 are available as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Danville Container Services, dba/ Mobile Container Service, 1047 River Ridge Road, Danville, VA. 24541, not to exceed \$23,173.02 for purchase of recycling container repair services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Personal Contribution Disclosure form, Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

RESOLUTION #25-230

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS
WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS
FIREFIGHTER ONE FOR PURCHASE OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT
GEAR**

WHEREAS, as provided for within the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-12 et. Seq.,) the Township of Vernon may by resolution, and without advertising for bids or obtaining quotations, purchase any goods or services under State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Township has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township intends to enter into contract with Firefighter One 34 Wilson Dr. Sparta, NJ 07871, for the procurement of turnout gear at a cost of \$111,384.99 under New Jersey State Contract17-FLEET-00811/ T0790; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies funding is available in the amount of \$111,384.99 from:

Line Item: C-04-25-009 Various Purpose Bond Ordinance

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods and services from Firefighter One, through New Jersey State Contract17-FLEET-00811/ T0790 pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

RESOLUTION #25-231

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 387 Lot 5 – Corelogic)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Corelogic in the amount of \$1642.02 representing refund for overpayment of 3rd qtr. 2024 property taxes for Block 387 Lot 5. Also refund for overpayment of 4th qtr. 2024 in the amount of \$1984.10 for Block 387 Lot 5.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Crowe	387	5	\$3626.12
		TOTAL:	\$3626.12

RESOLUTION #25-232

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 387 Lot 5 – Corelogic)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Corelogic in the amount of \$1832.58 representing refund for overpayment of 2nd qtr. 2025 property taxes for Block 387 Lot 5.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Crowe	387	5	\$1832.58
		TOTAL:	\$1832.58

RESOLUTION #25-233

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 9 Lot 5 – Sarvahjetaa LLC)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Corelogic in the amount of \$2847.11 representing refund for overpayment of 2nd qtr. 2024 property taxes for Block 9 Lot 5.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Sarvahjetaa LLC	9	5	\$2847.11
		TOTAL:	\$2847.11

RESOLUTION #25-234

**(Block 156 Lot 45)
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Phillip Barry 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 2025 in the amount of \$6,916.32.

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

RESOLUTION #25-235

**(Block 156 Lot 45)
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Phillip Barry 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 \$3,458.16.

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

RESOLUTION #25-236

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 156 Lot 45)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Phillip Barry 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 2024 property tax in the amount of \$489.88 to Phillip Barry.

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

RESOLUTION #25-237

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 382 Lot 17)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Tyrus Hicks 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 2024 property tax in the amount of \$2,544.00 to Tyrus Hicks.

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

RESOLUTION #25-238

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 382 Lot 17)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Tyrus Hicks 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 \$5,717.89 to Tyrus Hicks.

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

RESOLUTION #25-239

**(Block 382 Lot 17)
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Tyrus Hicks 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 2025 in the amount of \$5,717.89.

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

RESOLUTION #25-240

(Block 382 Lot 17)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Tyrus Hicks 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 \$3,859.16.

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

RESOLUTION #25-241

REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 418 Lot 8) - Redacted

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Block 418 Lot 8 100% 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 \$2,285.18 to Choice Title.

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

RESOLUTION #25-242

REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 418 Lot 8) - Redacted

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Block 418 Lot 8 100% 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 \$2,285.18 to Block 418 Lot 8.

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

RESOLUTION #25-243

(Block 418 Lot 8) Redacted
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Block 418 Lot 8 100% 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 2025 in the amount of \$2,390.04.

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

RESOLUTION #25-244

**(Block 418 Lot 8) - Redacted
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Block 418 Lot 8 100% 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 \$4,239.76.

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

RESOLUTION #25-245

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 560 Lot 4) - Redacted**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Block 560 Lot 4 100% 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 \$3,815.60 to Block 560 Lot 4.

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

RESOLUTION #25-246

**(Block 560 Lot 4) - Redacted
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Block 560 Lot 4 100% 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 2025 in the amount of \$2,016.34.

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

RESOLUTION #25-247

**(Block 560 Lot 4) - Redacted
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Block 560 Lot 4 100% 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 \$3,863.39.

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

RESOLUTION #25-248

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 581 Lot 32)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded James Fedorko 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 \$3,680.52 to James Fedorko.

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

RESOLUTION #25-249

**(Block 581 Lot 32)
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded James Fedorko 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 2025 in the amount of \$3,929.92.

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

RESOLUTION #25-250

**(Block 581 Lot 32)
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded James Fedorko 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 \$3,805.22.

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

RESOLUTION #25-251

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 581 Lot 32)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded James Fedorko 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 2024 property tax in the amount of \$1,728.94 to James Fedorko.

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

RESOLUTION #25-252

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 610 Lot 5)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Fred Amerspek 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 \$5,860.93 to Fred Amerspek.

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

RESOLUTION #25-253

**(Block 610 Lot 5)
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Fred Amerspek 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 2025 in the amount of \$2,506.21.

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

RESOLUTION #25-254

**(Block 610 Lot 5)
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded Fred Amerspek 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 \$4,680.62.

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

RESOLUTION #25-255

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES
FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH SOURCEWELL
NATIONAL COOPERATIVE #060618-EFM THROUGH ENTERPRISE**

**FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.
(Quote No. 9272442)**

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

WHEREAS, the governing body of Vernon Township approved in Resolution 19-164 authorizing leasing of certain vehicles through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM through Enterprise Fleet Management Services, Inc., and this is an extension of that resolution; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the “Law” or “Chapter 139” and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor with a National Cooperative Contract is hereby approved for municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has the need to procure certain vehicles through lease program for Township services in accord with the Local Publics Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has previously acted in accord with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with, and;

WHEREAS, the equipment and corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative contract is #060618-EFM for Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the cost savings determination as required under LFN 2012-10 is the cost of contract as there is currently no cooperative lease program in effect under the New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the quoted cost under the Sourcewell National contract is \$61,665.60 (Quote No. 9272442); and

WHEREAS, that the governing body of Vernon Township pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b) (the certification of available funds), states that the Chief Finance Officer shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Business Administrator is hereby directed to effectuate the contract with Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. under Sourcewell contract #060618-EFM in accord with the provisions of the tenets as established within 40A:11-1 et. Seq.,

RESOLUTION #25-256

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES
FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH SOURCEWELL
NATIONAL COOPERATIVE #060618-EFM THROUGH ENTERPRISE
FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.
(Quote No. 9272437, 9272438, 9272439 and 9272440)**

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

WHEREAS, the governing body of Vernon Township approved in Resolution 19-164 authorizing leasing of certain vehicles through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM through Enterprise Fleet Management Services, Inc., and this is an extension of that resolution; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139

(the “Law” or “Chapter 139” and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor with a National Cooperative Contract is hereby approved for municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has the need to procure certain vehicles through lease program for Township services in accord with the Local Publics Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has previously acted in accord with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with, and;

WHEREAS, the equipment and corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative contract is #060618-EFM for Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the cost savings determination as required under LFN 2012-10 is the cost of contract as there is currently no cooperative lease program in effect under the New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the quoted cost under the Sourcewell National contract is \$225,036.00 (Quote No. 9272437, 9272438, 9272439, and 9272440); and

WHEREAS, that the governing body of Vernon Township pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b) (the certification of available funds), states that the Chief Finance Officer shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Business Administrator is hereby directed to effectuate the contract with Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. under Sourcewell contract #060618-EFM in accord with the provisions of the tenets as established within 40A:11-1 et. Seq.,

R E S O L U T I O N #25-257

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD FIRST RESPONDER MEMORIAL TO AQUA DESIGNS
BY DAVE AND NEW JERSEY POND GUYS FOR BIDS 5-2025/ 5R-2025**

WHEREAS the Township of Vernon has a need for a First Responder Memorial compliant with the specifications as put forth in bids 5-2025/ 5R-2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township had sought obtaining a vendor through two (2) bids, 5-2025/ 5R-2025 on July 1, 2025, and July 22, 2025, where no bids were received, and one (1) bid for 5R-2025 was received which exceeded budgetary estimates; and

WHEREAS the Township availed itself of the negotiations remedy under the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law at N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(3); and

WHEREAS, the Township representatives engaged in negotiations with the Aqua Designs by Dave & NJ Pond Guys, 2560 Pennington Road, Pennington, New Jersey 08534, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3) for the terms and tenets as contained within bids 5-2025/ 5R-2025; and

WHEREAS Aqua Designs by Dave & NJ Pond Guys has proposed providing one (1) first responder memorial and accessories, consistent with specifications as sought in bids 5-2025/ 5R-2025, acceptable to the Township, and consistent with bid specifications, in the amount of \$38,950.00; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer certifies funding is available in the amount of \$38,950.00 from Line Item: C-04-21-012-11

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex as follows:

Dave & NJ Pond Guys, 2560 Pennington Road, Pennington, New Jersey 08534 is hereby awarded the bid for providing one (1) first responder memorial and accessories. consistent with specifications as sought in bids 5-2025/ 5R-2025, acceptable to the Township and consistent with bid specifications, in the amount of \$38,950.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3).

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance #25-13: An Ordinance of the Township of Vernon Amending Chapter 250, Article II “Fees and Escrows Enumerated”, § 250-11, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Vernon

President Rizzuto asked for a motion to introduce ordinance #25-13.

MOVED: Higgins
SECOND: Buccieri

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion carries to introduce ordinance #25-13.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance #25-11: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5, Entitled, “Administration of Government” of the Code of the Township of Vernon, Sussex County, New Jersey

President Rizzuto asked for a motion to open the floor for public hearing on ordinance #25-11.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Higgins

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to open the floor to the public for public hearing of ordinance #25-11.

Doreen Edwards – questioned ordinance #25-11.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to come forward, President Rizzuto asked for a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #25-11.

MOVED: DeBenedetto

SECOND: Buccieri

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to close the floor for public comment.

President Rizzuto asked for a motion to adopt ordinance #25-11.

MOVED: Higgins

SECOND: Sparta

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to adopt ordinance #25-11.

ORDINANCE #25-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, ENTITLED, “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Vernon has reviewed the Municipal Code regarding the legal requirements of the Township Clerk as the Custodian of records and finds that an amendment is necessary to conform with New Jersey law and safeguard confidential information in municipal records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5, entitled “Administration of Government”, Article VIII, “Office of the Clerk, Section 5-42, “Custodian of records”, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

“5-42. Custodian of records.

- A. The Clerk is designated the Custodian of records and shall have custody of and shall safely keep all records, books and documents of the Township, except those committed by the Charter, law, or ordinance to any other office or transferred thereto by the Mayor.
- B. The Clerk or her/his designee shall be the Administrator of all electronically stored data on the municipal servers and computer systems. The Clerk’s designee as Co-Administrator must be a contracted and approved vendor of an Information Technology Company entered into pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., and the Local Public Contracts Law Rules at N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.1, et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-1, et seq., and approved by the Mayor and Council.
- C. The Clerk shall, upon request for records by the public pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq., and upon the payment of the fees prescribed therefor by ordinance of the Council or law, will furnish certified copies of any such record in custody, under the

Corporate Seal of the Township in accordance with the law. For records requested in the daily operations of the Township, the Clerk shall upon redaction of confidential information provide same to the requesting Department Head or Officer.

- D. The Clerk shall before each yearly reorganization meeting of the Township of Vernon submit the departments and officers who will be designated by appointment as Deputy Custodians of Records by Resolution of the Governing Body. These Officers shall help the Clerk obtain records and facilitate requests pursuant to the Open Public Records Act N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq., in the Officers department.”

SECTION 2. All other Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

Ordinance #25-12: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 250, Entitled, “Fees and Escrows” of the Code of the Township of Vernon, Sussex County, New Jersey

President Rizzuto asked for a motion to open the floor for public hearing on ordinance #25-12.

MOVED: Buccieri

SECOND: Sparta

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to open the floor to the public for public hearing of ordinance #25-12.

Doreen Edwards – questioned ordinance #25-12

William Ashby – questioned if this ordinance was going to allow a refund for whoever already paid the fee.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to come forward, President Rizzuto asked for a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #25-12.

MOVED: Buccieri

SECOND: Sparta

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to close the floor for public comment.

President Rizzuto asked for a motion to adopt ordinance #25-12.

MOVED: DeBenedetto

SECOND: Sparta

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Buccieri, DeBenedetto, Higgins, Sparta, Rizzuto

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries to adopt ordinance #25-12.

ORDINANCE #25-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 250, ENTITLED, “FEES AND ESCROWS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Vernon has reviewed the Municipal Code regarding fees or pistol purchase permits and firearm carry permit applications and find that an amendment is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 250, entitled “Fees and Escrows”, Article II, “Fees and Escrows Enumerate”, Section 250-11, “Police”, subsection A, Nos. 13 and 17 only, are hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

“250-11. Police.

(13) Pistol purchase permit: \$2.00

(17) Firearm carry permit application fee: \$50.00.”

SECTION 2. These amended fees shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. All other Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 5 Minutes Per Person)

President Rizzuto asked for a motion to open the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: DeBenedetto

SECOND: Buccieri

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to open the floor to the public.

Howard Burrell – thanked the Mayor and Council for paving the Town Center Walking Trail.

Doreen Edwards – complemented the Council on the discussion that was on the agenda. Ms. Edwards would like the town to use the scenic byway designation. Ms. Edwards stated that she is opposed to a residential PILOT programs in the town.

Bruce Campbell, owner of Bubba’s Texas Wieners – expressed concern with the town’s sign ordinance.

Council President Rizzuto introduced County Commissioner Alan Henderson.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to speak, President Rizzuto asked for a motion to close the meeting for Public Comments.

MOVED: Sparta

SECOND: Buccieri

All members were in favor.

Motion carries to close the floor to public comments.

Council President Rizzuto introduced County Commissioner Alan Henderson.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Higgins was happy to see the four petitioners running for Council at the meeting. Council Member Higgins would like to see competition for contacts.

Council Member DeBenedetto had no comments.

Council Member Sparta had no comments.

Council Member Buccieri feels that there was good conversation at this meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Council President Rizzuto reminded everyone that there was a street fair this weekend.

The Council and Mayor dedicated a plaque to Vernon’s CFO Donnelle Bright for her service at Vernon Township after receiving a new position in another municipality.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:29 pm Council Member Sparta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Higgins.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Patrick Rizzuto
Council President

Minutes approved: October 16, 2025