

January 28, 2026 LUB

**VERNON TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Whitaker at 7:00 p.m.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this Reorganization Meeting has been provided to the public and the press on January 29, 2025, by delivering to the press such notice and posting same at the Municipal Building.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chairman Whitaker led the assemblage of the Flag.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO

Mayor Anthony Rossi administered the Oaths of Office to the following members:

- Class 1 1 yr. term expiring 1-14-27 – Mayor’s Designee John Auberger
- Class II 3 yr. term expiring 1-14-29 – Natalie Buccieri
- Class III 1 yr. term expiring 1-14-27 – William Higgins
- Class IV 4 yr. term expiring 1-14-30 – Willard McPeek
- Class IV 4 yr. term expiring 1-14-30 – Paul Mele
- Alt. #1: 2 yr. term expiring 1-14-28 - Jodi White-Bearstler
- Alt. # 2 2 yr. term expiring 1-14-27 – Mark Vizzini – unexpired term
- Alt. # 3: 2 yr. term expiring 1-14-27 – Marissa Groenendaal-Poteete – unexpired term
- Alt. # 4: 2 yr. term expiring 1-14-28 – Richard Wengenroth

ROLL CALL

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| Mayor’s Designee John Auberger | P | Also Present: |
| Natalie Buccieri | P | Cory Stoner, Board Engineer |
| Councilmember William Higgins | P | Kimberley Decker, Board Secretary |
| Martin Theobald | NP | |
| Richard Spoerl | P | |
| Willard McPeek | P | |
| Andrea Cocula | P | |
| Paul Mele | P | |
| Michael Whitaker | P | |
| Jodi White-Bearstler Alt #1 | P | |
| Mark Vizzini Alt #2 | P | |
| Marissa-Groenendaal-Poteete Alt #3 | P | |
| Richard Wengenroth Alt #4 | P | |

Mr. Theobald notified the Board of his absence.

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Nomination of Officers

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Ms. Cocula nominated Mr. Theobald. Mr. Auberger seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. All Members were in Favor. Motion Passed.

LUB Vice Chairman

Mr. McPeek nominated Mr. Whitaker. Ms. Cocula seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. All Members were in Favor. Motion Passed.

Professional Service Appointments

Ms. Cocula made a motion to nominate Glenn Kienz, Esq. from firm of Weiner Law Group, as the Land Use Board Attorney for 2026 and Mr. McPeek seconded the motion. All Members were in Favor. Motion Passed.

Mr. Mele made a motion to nominate Cory Stoner, PE, as the Land Use Board Engineer for 2026 and Mr. Vizzini seconded the motion. All Members were in Favor. Motion Passed.

Mr. Mele made a motion to nominate Jessica Caldwell, PP, as the Land Use Board Planner for 2026 and Ms. White-Bearstler seconded the motion. All Members were in Favor. Motion Passed.

Mr. Vizzini made a motion to nominate Kimberley Decker as the Land Use Board Secretary for 2026, and Mr. Mele seconded the motion. All Members were in Favor. Motion Passed.

Ms. Cocula made a motion to nominate Irene Mills as the Land Use Board Recording Secretary for 2026, and Mr. Spoerl seconded the motion. All Members were in Favor. Motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Whitaker asked for a motion to approve the following Resolutions simultaneously:

Resolution 26-01 Designating the Official Newspaper
Resolution 26-02 Schedule of Meeting Dates for the year 2026
Resolution Appointing and Retaining Board Attorney
Resolution Appointing and Retaining Board Engineer
Resolution Appointing and Retaining Board Planner
Resolution Appointing and Retaining Board Recording Secretary

Motion: A motion to approve Resolutions simultaneously was made by Ms. Cocula and was seconded by Ms. Buccieri. All Members were in favor. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no more board business, a motion was made to adjourn the Reorganization meeting by Mr. Auberger and was seconded by Ms. White Bearstler. All members were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Irene Mills, Recording Secretary