

Mount Vernon Township – Minutes

Regular Meeting – February 24, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.
Town Hall – 811 Harrison Street, Mount Vernon, Illinois

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of Mount Vernon Township was called to order by Supervisor Amanda Bean at 4:00 p.m.

Township elected officials present were Supervisor Amanda Bean, Road Commissioner Kenny Hayes, Clerk Nick LeMay, Assessor Kip Bauer as well as Trustees Chris Branden, Charlie Heck and Korey Stover. Absent: Trustee Lyle Hicks

Guests in attendance: Aimee Heck

Correspondence: Supervisor Bean updated the board on Illinois House Resolution 32 and informed the board that the 2026 Illinois Budget proposal that was just released by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker places a renewed emphasis on cutting townships through local referendums. There will be an increased effort from the Township Officials of Illinois to get the facts out that Illinois law already provides for the elimination of townships and the fact that townships remain the most cost-efficient option when labor costs are factored in. It is also the closest and most responsive to the public.

T.O.I. will be having a regional meeting at the Mount Vernon Outland Airport July 24th from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. This will be in conjunction with the Jefferson County Township Officials meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The highway permit program brought in \$750.00 during the past month according to Highway Commissioner Hayes.

Supervisor Bean gave an update on the new CD rates (two Town CD's and one Highway district CD.) The new rate is 4.15% for a period of 12 months.

Trustee Stover made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2025, regular meeting. Trustee Heck seconded. All present voted in favor. The motion carried.

The Trustees reviewed the budget vs. actual spending/bills.

Following said review Trustee Heck made a motion to approve the audit the Township Road bills. Trustee Braden seconded. All present voted in favor. The motion carried.

Trustee Braden made a motion to approve the Town bills as presented - subject to audit. Trustee Stover seconded. All present voted in favor. The motion carried.

The Clerk attested to all signatures.

Old Business

Township tentative budgets were presented in the following amounts:

Tentative Town Budget: \$581,350.00

Tentative Highway Department Budget: \$1,409,960.00

A motion to approve the town tentative budget was made by Trustee Heck. Trustee Stover seconded. On a yes/no signature vote all present voted in favor. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the town highway department tentative budget was made by Trustee Braden. Trustee Heck seconded. On a yes/no signature vote all present voted in favor. The motion carried.

In other old business the proposed snow routes are still being investigated, and a report will be made later stated Highway Commissioner Hayes.

New Business

Commissioner Hayes sought board approval for the purchase of a new road grader for \$260,059.13 from SANY. Trustee Heck made a motion to allow Hayes to sign a purchase agreement in that amount after inspecting the grader in person. Trustee Braden seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all present voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Due to various scheduling conflicts Supervisor Bean requested a motion to move the March meeting from March 24th to March 17th. Trustee Braden made a motion to re-schedule the March meeting to March 17th at 4:00 p.m. Trustee Stover seconded. All present voted in favor. The motion carried.

The following recommendations were made by Supervisor Bean with regards to the April meeting, budget hearings and required annual town hall meetings.

April 8, 2025 (required date of Town Hall Meeting)

5:30 P.M. – Regular April Meeting of the Mount Vernon Township Board.

5:40 P.M. - Township Hearing on final town budget for Township for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2026.

5:50 P.M. - Township Hearing on final town budget for Township Highway Department for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2026.

6:01 P.M. – Annual Town Meeting as required by law. (Agenda shall be set at the regular March meeting on March 17, 2025.)

Trustee Braden made a motion set the April meeting dates and times as presented by Supervisor Bean. Trustee Stover seconded. All present voted in favor. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Being no further business for discussion Trustee Stover made a motion to adjourn at 4:58 p.m. Trustee Heck seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas LeMay – Township Clerk