

Mount Vernon Township – Minutes

Regular Meeting – November 03, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.
Mount Vernon 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, Assessor Kip Bauer, Road Commissioner Kenny Hayes, Clerk Nick LeMay as well as Trustees Chris Braden, Jason Hulbert and Charlie Heck (partial) Absent: Trustee Corey Stover

Guests in attendance: None

Correspondence: Supervisor Bean reported that several cemetery mowing donations have been received. She also shared thank you cards and other miscellaneous correspondence not requiring board action or approval.

Trustee Braden made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 06, 2025, regular meeting. Trustee Hulbert seconded. All present voted in favor. The motion carried.

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

Following said review Trustee Hulbert made a motion to approve the audit of 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 Hulbert seconded. All present voted in favor. The motion carried.

The Clerk attested to all signatures.

Old Business

The annual Township Holiday Dinner will be held December 12th. Trustee Heck will be cooking the main meat entrée, and all others may bring a dish or side item if you wish. Everyone and their families are welcome, and you may register with Carrie in the Supervisors office, so we don't have too many of the same dish/item.

New Business

The Highway Commissioner will be selling surplus equipment in the form of a Link Belt Trac hoe 2650 to Lenzburg Township for \$8,500.00 (our break-even amount.) or by public auction on Purple Wave. Also to be sold on Purple Wave is a 6610 Ford Tractor and a CAT loader. A motion to sell surplus Township Highway Department property as listed was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee Hulbert. All present voted in favor. The motion carried.

(Note: Trustee Heck arrived at 4:09 P.M.)

Due to the federal budget impasse and resulting pause in SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Aid Program) payments Supervisor Bean has received requests for donations from several area food banks. She proposed the township might wish to give a donation at this time as there has been a recent surge in people needing food assistance due to the federal government failing to reach a budget compromise for the current fiscal year. A motion was made by Trustee Heck and seconded by Trustee Braden to give a donation of \$1,500.00 to each of the following three food pantries (all within Mount Vernon Township).

Park Avenue Food Pantry

Hope's Entourage Food Pantry

Angels on Assignment Food Pantry

As this motion involves a donation the Supervisor requested a role call vote. Upon such a vote all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Bean gave an update on the federal SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Aid Program) Program. Recipients who are otherwise not employed may soon be required to volunteer at least 20 hours a week to receive this assistance. The township participates in SNAP through our existing and longstanding Education and Training Program. Supervisor Bean is looking at ways the Township may be able to accept these volunteers to perform Township related tasks such as rubbish removal or painting of guardrails, etc. They could also assist area not-for-profit organizations but by federal law could not be otherwise financially compensated for their volunteer work. More information is expected soon following the shut down of the federal government at this time.

A request was made by Assessor Kip Bauer to name Rhonda McLearn as the Deputy Assessor for Mount Vernon Township. As McLearn was previously a longtime employee of the Assessors office and currently the Spring Garden Assessor - she holds all necessary credentials to perform this function. A motion was made by Trustee Heck to name Rhonda McLearn as the Deputy Assessor for Mount Vernon Township and seconded by Trustee Hulbert. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Being no further business for discussion Trustee Heck made a motion to adjourn at 4:31 p.m. Trustee Braden seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas LeMay – Township Clerk