



Regular Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board September 15, 2025 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wittenbach at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Roll Call – Rasch, Gillett, Wittenbach, and Ford, all present. Richmond was absent.

Approval of the Agenda – Gillett motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Rasch supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried**.

Approval of the Consent Agenda –

- **Minutes** – August 18, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Township Board
- **Invoices**
- **Payroll**
- **Treasurer's Report**

Gillett motioned to accept the consent agenda with the updated invoices. Rasch supported the motion. All members voted yes; **motion carried**.

Guest - Captain Ben Kamminga, Kent County Sheriff Office – Captain Kamminga gave an update regarding how 2025 compares with 2024's statistics and calls. He explained the Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) and how technology is helping to reduce time spent with administrative tasks, fight crime, and reduce risks.

Guest – Ben Swayzee, Kent County Parks Director – Director Swayzee explained the Grand River Greenway project and how it affects this area. The GRG will be completing phase 2 of the Lowell Trail, and maintenance will be completed by the GRG for continuity. Director Swayzee also gave updates regarding park plans within Vergennes Township.

Public Comment – Gary Abring – asked what was being done to bring the lights at Arrowhead into ordinance compliance.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business

1. **Resolution #2025-11 Declaring September 19, 2025, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day.** Gillett motioned to approve Resolution #2025 -11, honoring September 19, 2025, as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day. Ford Supported the motion. Wittenbach, Gillett, Ford, and Rasch all voted yes, there were none opposed.

Updates were given by the Clerk, Treasurer, Building Department, LARA, Fire Authority, and Zoning and Planning.

Public Comment –

- Tim Hill spoke on Fire Department call volume issues and encouraged the board to attend the September 22 meeting.
- Carl Herron spoke on fire funding model.

Next Regular Meeting – October 20, 2025

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Shantell Ford, Clerk

Date Approved