



REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

February 16, 2026

Minutes

- I. **CALL TO ORDER- 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge.**
- II. **Roll Call** – Rasch, Richmond, Wittenbach, Ford and Gillett present.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda** – Gillett motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Guest Susannah Watts, Rasch supported the motion. **All members voted yes; motion carried.**
- IV. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of the January 19, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Township Board Minutes
 - Approval of the January 26, 2026, Board Budget Workshop Minutes
 - Approval of Invoices
 - Payroll
 - Treasurer's ReportGillett motioned to approve the consent agenda. Rasch supported the motion. **All members voted yes; motion carried.**
- V. **Public Comment*** - There was none
- VI. **Guest Speaker** – Susannah Watts – 90th District State Representative Candidate – Susannah introduced herself and her life experience, including her work in the field of healthcare. She is running for the position as an outsider who values medical freedom and bringing real world experience into the state legislature.
- VII. **Guest Speaker** – Lt. Jennifer VanSingel, Kent County Sheriff Office – Lt VanSingel shared the 2025 annual report and explained how response works in priority calls. She pointed out that of the 492 calls in the township during 2025, only 75 were criminal calls.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business – None**
- IX. **New Business:**
 - a. **Update to Township Property Policy** - Gillett motioned to approve the updated

Township Property Policy. Richmond supported the motion. **All members voted yes; motion carried.**

- X. Updates** - updates were given regarding the Building Department, Zoning and Planning, LARA, & the Airport.
- XI. Public Comment*** - Penny Rosema asked about election updates and offered support.
- XII. Adjournment** – Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:36p.m.

Shantell Ford, Clerk

Date Approved

Next Regular Meeting of the Township Board: March 16, 2026; 7 p.m.
Annual Meeting: March 16, 2026; 6:30 p.m.