VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2026

The Vernon Township Board met on April 15, 2026, at 602 Vitality Drive, Fortville, Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Tim Plank.

I. Attendance

Board Members Present:
Tim Plank, President
Mary Beth Sears, Vice President

Board Member Absent:
Larry J. Longman, Secretary

A quorum was established with two (2) voting members present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Approval of prior meeting minutes was deferred due to absence of board members who were present at the prior meeting.

III. Township Assistance Guidelines & Rate Approvals
(Resolution No. 2026-4-15A)

Discussion was held regarding annual approval of Township Assistance Guidelines and Rate Approvals.

Motion:
Mary Beth Sears moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-4-15A adopting the 2026 Township Assistance Guidelines and Rate Approvals as presented.

Second:
Tim Plank

Vote:
2 Aye / 0 Nay — Motion Passed

IV. Temporary Loan
(Resolution No. 2026-4-15B)

Discussion was held regarding a temporary inter-fund loan required to meet debt payment timing.

Motion:
Mary Beth Sears moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-4-15B authorizing a temporary loan in the amount of $140,131.90 from Fund 8604 to Fund 1181, to be repaid by December 31, 2026.

Second:
Tim Plank

Vote:
2 Aye / 0 Nay — Motion Passed

V. Property & Operations Updates

Updates were provided regarding:
- Jacobi Farms property acquisition (4.774 acres; closing in progress)
- HVAC replacement delays due to damaged equipment
- Flag pole replacement delays
- Cemetery fence repair completion
- Ladder truck delivery, training, and deployment timeline

No formal action taken.

VI. New Business

Discussion was held regarding a proposed easement at McCordsville Cemetery.
Matter to be reviewed and brought back for Board consideration at a future meeting.

No formal action taken.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. as a joint meeting with the Building Corporation.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion:
Mary Beth Sears moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second:
Tim Plank

Vote:
2 Aye / 0 Nay — Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Total Meeting Duration: 18 minutes.

Minutes Submitted by:

Larry J. Longman, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Tim Plank

Tim Plank, President

Marybeth Sears

Marybeth Sears, Vice President

Larry Longman, Secretary

Florence L Mays
TRUSTEE

The Voice for
Grassroots Government

2026 Vernon Township Assistance Guidelines

Recommended by the

Indiana Township Association

TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE STANDARDS & GUIDELINES FOR HANCOCK COUNTY TRUSTEES

2026

FOREWORD

This document has been developed by the trustees of Hancock County and is to be used in the administration of Township Assistance. It is a "guide" on how one administers the many different services available through the Township Assistance program, as well as how a person qualifies for those services.

Townships in Hancock County may adopt, for their particular township, appendixes reflecting other tables for assistance limits. For example, rent limits based on surveys of available rental units in their particular township might be implemented and attached to this basic document.

This instrument, in accordance with Indiana law, has been approved by each respective Township Board, and will be filed with all appropriate governmental agencies and the Hancock County Commissioners.

NOTICE TO ALL CITIZENS OF VERNON TOWNSHIP, HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA

RE: 2026 Township Assistance

Office Location: **602 VITALITY DRIVE, FORTVILLE, INDIANA 46040-1273**

Office Phone: 317-649-6010 (Direct Line)

Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays 10:00am to 5:00pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:00am to 4:00pm

Township Assistance applications are accepted by appointment and walk-in appointments are accepted in event of an emergency. The Trustee reserves the right to modify office hours in conformity to the needs of the township. In such event, the Trustee will post notice. The Township Trustee's office will be closed on special holidays and at other times when it is necessary for the Trustee's office to participate in educational programs or seminars.

Standards, Eligibility, and Procedures - Assistance in Vernon Township is administered in accordance with the standards duly adopted by the Township Board and available at all times for review at the township office or online. (https://vernontownship.us/township-assistance/)

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Vernon Township Trustee

Vernon Township Board Resolution

2026-4-15A

Be it resolved that the attached 2026 Vernon Township Assistance Guidelines shall serve as the standards for the administration of Township Assistance in Vernon Township, Hancock County Indiana

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2026.

By: _____, Township Trustee Florence May

Township Board:

_____ **Timothy Plank**

_____ **Marybeth Sears**

_____ **Larry Longman**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4-15B

A RESOUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY LOAN TO DEPLETED FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing was held NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD, HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT TRUSTEE IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSFER FUNDS AS NECESSARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH IC 36-1-8-4(a)

I. It is necessary to borrow money to enhance the depleted fund that is in need of money for cash flow purposes.

2. There is sufficient money on deposit to the credit of the other fund that can be temporarily transferred.

3. Except as provided in subsection (b), the prescribed period must end during the budget year of the year in which the transfer occurs.

4. The amount transferred must be returned to the other fund at the end of the prescribed period.

5. Only revenues derived from the levying and collection of property taxes or special taxes or from operation of the political subdivision may be included in the amount transferred.

AMOUNT TO BE TRANSFERRED IS EQUIVALENT TO $140,131.09 AND TO BE REPAID BY DECEMBER 31, 2026- Temporary Loan from Special Fire General Fund (8604) into the Fire Debt Fund (1181).

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage in accordance with the law.

Adopted this 16th day of April 2026.

VERNON TOWNSHIP, HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA BY ITS

BOARD Voting Affirmative:

Timothy W Plank

Timothy Plank

Larry Longman

MaryBeth Sears

ATTEST:

Florence May

Voting Opposed:

Timothy Plank

Larry Longman

MaryBeth Sears