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The Vernon Township Review

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Welcome!

The Vernon Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to bring you a biannual newsletter to help inform residents and business owners about important news, developments and projects that have been occurring and what we are looking forward to in the near future.

Meeting Information**Board of Supervisors**

First Thursday of Each Month Work Session at 6:30PM, Meeting at 7:30PM
 814-337-8126

Water Authority

Second Thursday of Each Month Meeting at 7:00PM
 814-332-0803

Sewer Authority

Third Monday of Each Month Meeting at 7:00PM
 814-336-2550

Planning Commission

Third Thursday of Each Month Meeting at 6:30PM
 814-337-8129

Want Instant Info?

Vernon Township has recently engaged with SavvyCitizen, an app that allows the Township to communicate directly and instantly with residents. Residents can download the SavvyCitizen App and get the information and community alerts instantly on their devices as the Township puts it out. If you don't want another App on your phone, you can sign up for email alerts as well. The SavvyCitizen App can be found on the Apple App Store and on Google Play. Visit SavvyCitizenApp.com or scan the QR code for more information.



Other sources for Township News and events include the Vernon Township, Crawford County Facebook page and the Township Website.

Roads, Roads, Roads

A major responsibility of the Township is maintaining its 52.68 miles of Township-owned roads. This is a year-round effort, from plowing in the winter to paving and patching in the summer. Our dedicated crew of four employees works hard to ensure that our roads remain safe and passable. You may have noticed the construction of our new salt storage shed last fall. This was a critical addition for the Township, as it allows us to stockpile enough salt to get through the winter season. The building can hold over 600 tons of salt, along with additional quantities of antiskid material and a premixed combination of salt and antiskid. Summertime operations are divided into three main areas: preventive maintenance, sign and infrastructure maintenance, and our annual paving project on selected roads. Preventive maintenance includes patching, crack sealing,



spray patching, and work on our 2.45 miles of gravel roads. Mowing road berms and using our boom mower to trim back brush are also critical to maintaining overall road health and ensuring the safety of the traveling public.

This year, our summer paving project will cover a total of 2.35 miles and includes the following roads: Pine, Foust, Donna, Linda, and McClintock. Prior to paving, our crew performs daylighting (tree trimming), crack sealing, shoulder cutting, and patching to ensure we achieve the greatest value and lifespan from the \$290,510.81 project. Most of this funding comes from our Liquid Fuels allocation from the state, which is derived from a portion of the Pennsylvania gas tax.

What's that Pile of Dirt?

A question often asked of township employees is what are they doing at this property or that property? It is a question we don't mind answering as Vernon Township is extremely lucky businesses choose to locate and expand here.

The biggest question this year has been what's going on at Roche Park?

National Fuel is replacing their 8 inch gas pipeline that runs from RT 19 through the park across Krider and Kennedy Hill Roads and out of Vernon Township. This is critical infrastructure and while it has been an inconvenience for park visitors the park will be back to normal soon. At the corner of Mullen Road and Rt. 19 you can see the start of a new Edward Jones Financial office. Likewise at the corner of Harmonsburg Road and Rt. 98 the Last Minit Mini Mart is expanding their facility to be able to offer a wider range of convenience store items to its customers. Elsewhere the Crawford Christian Academy on Cotton Road is busy working on a multipurpose field, new gymnasium and associated parking lots for these facilities. Aella Salon & Spa is working on increasing their parking area along with stormwater management. All these projects look great, and we thank those

involved for choosing Vernon Township. To wrap up this segment we want to thank and acknowledge our friends at the Economic Progress Alliance of Crawford County (EPACC) and all they do for economic development in the County as a whole and in Vernon Township at their Crawford Business Park. Currently they are working on the demolition of a 6 story building that was part of the original "Avtex" complex. This project is the result of the EPACC's successful PA SITES grant in which they received \$8.5 Million to demolish the 120,000 sqft. building that has been vacant since 1986. Kudos to you EPACC we look forward to what you will bring next to the site.

Successful Clean Up Day

Recently on May 2nd the Township's Spring Clean Up Day the Township handled a total of 158 vehicles. We filled 2 Tri-County Garbage trucks completely and a part of another between 7a.m. and 1p.m. A major thank you to the residents that



participated in this program this year. This gives everyone a great opportunity to clean up their properties and avoid a visit from Township Officials later in the year for Quality of Life Ordinance Violations.

Police and Crime

As of the end of April the City of Meadville Police Department has administered 632 traffic stops, resulting in 222 warnings and 410 traffic citations so far in 2026. Please follow all the rules of the road or expect a ticket as the City of Meadville Police Department patrols the Township 24/7/365. Also, the Department has had 59 criminal arrests in Vernon Township while responding to a total of 1,585 incidents in Vernon Township. We thank all the officers for their hard work and dedication to making Vernon Township a safer place. The Police Department can be reached at their nonemergency line of 814-724-6100.

Shelters Available

Picnic Shelters are still available at Roche Park for Summer Picnics and get together. Shelters can be reserved by calling the Township Building at 814-337-8126. This year, due to the National Fuel Pipeline Construction, only shelters 1-4 are available for rentals. The rental is \$60 for the entire day.

Get Involved!

Want to get involved and help serve the community? There are several ways you can help Vernon Township. Eligible residents, property owners and business owners can serve on the various Authority, Boards, and Commissions. Early in 2026 the Board of Supervisors instituted a new policy that calls for applications for these positions to be taken year round and kept on file until the applicant asks to be removed from the list. This will allow for positions to be filled faster when vacancies arise. For more information, please contact the Township

Manager at 814-337-8129 or visit the Township website.

Vernon Central Hose Company

Another great way to serve your community is to volunteer with the Vernon Central Hose Company this all volunteer fire department proudly serves Vernon Township. In 2025 the department responded to a total of 435 calls. Residents can serve in a variety of ways with the free training provided those interested can become a firefighter or EMT to assist in emergencies. Emergency responders are eligible for 100% rebates on their Township Property Taxes as well as a portion of their County and School District taxes. If responding to emergencies is not of interest to you there are administrative or fundraising opportunities that the department could use help with. Please contact the Vernon Central Hose Company for more information at 814-337-2050.



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