

1. 4:00 P.M. April 17, 2020 Special Meeting

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AGENDA
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF VERNON TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING

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April 17, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

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Executive Order 2020-07 provides that for the duration of the COVID-10 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the provisions of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to in-person attendance of members of a public body are suspended, allowing for Township meetings to be held via an online format and providing the public remote access to the proceedings

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1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
4. Public Comment.
5. New Business:
 - a. A RESOLUTION URGING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A TWO MONTH WAIVER OF LATE FEE PENALTIES TO PROPERTY OWNERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19
6. Adjournment.

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**VERNON TOWNSHIP
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD TO ADOPT AN
ORDINANCE PROVIDING A TWO MONTH WAIVER OF LATE FEE PENALTIES TO
PROPERTY OWNERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19**

**ADOPTED BY THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF VERNON TOWNSHIP**

**JONATHAN ALTENBERG, Township Supervisor
BARBARA BARNABEE, Township Clerk**

**ROGER ADDELSON
ADAM BROAD
PHILIP HIRSH
SHEILA SEBOR
Trustees**

**VERNON TOWNSHIP
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker declared all counties in the State of Illinois a disaster area in response to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in a short period of time, COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout the State of Illinois, impacting residents, businesses and government in a myriad of ways; and

WHEREAS, effective March 21, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 10, a statewide “Stay at Home” order that required Illinois residents to remain in their places of residence except to access certain enumerated essential goods and services and to conduct certain essential activities, and required all businesses and operations not deemed “essential” to cease; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 has resulted in significant economic disruption, including the loss of income and wages for many residents of Lake County, and the closure of many businesses deemed non-essential and forced to cease operations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these measures, many Lake County residents are facing extreme financial hardship, including the inability to timely pay their property tax bills; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 35 ILCS 200/21-4 of the Illinois Property Tax Code, the governing authority of any county designated a disaster area by the Governor of the State of Illinois or the President of the United States may adopt an ordinance or resolution to modify the provisions of the Code to provide property tax relief to property owners within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board has been deemed a disaster area by both the Governor of the State of Illinois and the President of the United States, and as such, has broad authority under the aforementioned statute to provide relief to property owners, which may include but is not limited to waiving late penalties and fees, permitting late payments and other such relief; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude and scope of the financial crisis impacting Lake County residents and small business owners is staggering and requires immediate action to mitigate the impacts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Supervisor and Township Board of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The statements set forth in the preamble hereto are adopted as the findings of the Township Board, as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Township Board urges the Lake County Board to take action in accordance with the powers granted by the State of Illinois, and adopt an ordinance providing immediate relief

to Lake County property owners who are deemed to be adversely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and qualify as in need of relief by waiving late fees and penalties for a period of 60 days.

Section 3. The Township Board further urges the Board to ensure that such relief should not apply to and penalties should not be waived for banks, financial institutions or mortgage holders which hold property taxes in escrow.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and approval.

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ADOPTED by the Township Board of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, on the 17th day of April, 2020, by the following roll-call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Addelson				
Broad				
Hirsh				
Sebor				
Supervisor Altenberg				
TOTAL				

APPROVED this 17th day of April, 2020.

Jonathan Altenberg
Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

Barbara Barnabee
Township Clerk

COUNTY OF LAKE)
) SS
STATE OF ILLINOIS)

CLERK’S CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Barnabee, certify that I am the elected and duly qualified Clerk of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois (the “Township”) and, as such, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Township and its Supervisor and Trustees (collectively, the “Township Board”). I further certify as follows:

Attached to this Certificate is a true, correct and complete copy of Township Resolution No. _____, entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A TWO MONTH WAIVER OF LATE FEE PENALTIES TO PROPERTY OWNERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

This Resolution was duly passed and approved by the Township Board at a duly noticed meeting held on the 17th day of April, 2020. I do further certify that a quorum of said Township Board was present at said meeting, and that the Township Board complied with all the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act in connection with said meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal at Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Barbara Barnabee
Township Clerk

(SEAL)