September 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at the Town Office Building on the above date with the following persons present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Steve Adamkowski, John Peters, Myron Thurston, Council members. Timothy Murphy, Highway Superintendent. Keith Schiebel, Oneida County Legislator. Also present: 7 community members.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Watson asked the council members if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 11, 2025, meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Bennati, seconded by Thurston. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

A resident from 3930 Hogan Road concerned with new problems with well water. Testing has been done and advised it is highly contaminated along with a new filtration system and water pump being installed. Board members suggested raising the pump in the well as it was believed the new pump was too low and causing it to stir up the debris from the bottom of the well. Resident will look into this. Also, resident has a chemical smell in the back room of the house. Not sure what it is.

Rose Lockwood mentioned that they have observed crews working on the electrical line on Churton Road for the Vernon Center Waster District. It is good to see progress.

Amanda Moyer, Vernon Library Director, thanked the board members for funding the library children's summer reading program. In July there were 53 children and 191 adults in attendance.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Zoning/Planning Board, Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski mentioned that the benches for the gazebo have been installed and the work on the Memorial has begun; Operations: Thurston mentioned that the engineering report should be coming next month for the Pickelball Court. It may be possible to start this fall and the Town can budget the project over the course of two years. Supervisor, Highway Superintendent: Timothy Murphy mentioned that they have replaced all pipes on Hunt Road in anticipation of paving the road next year, replaced one pipe on Burke Road and is requesting approval to replace 60ft of 5ft diameter pipe in the amount of $13,000.00. Truck is at Tracey Road Equipment and being painted. Sand is starting to come in. County Legislator Schiebel submitted a written report of the August 13, 2025 meeting. Schiebel is looking to "Impact of Chobani" Town Forum in mid/late October. Paving on Cooper St. should begin in the next two weeks weather permitting.

There were no reports from: Assessors, Education and Libraries, Economic Development and SWOCO.

A motion to accept the above reports was made by Bennati, seconded by Thurston. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to pay bills was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve scheduling an additional Town Board meeting to be held on November 10, 2025 at 7pm, for Vernon Center Water was made by Peters, seconded by

Thurston. Ayes 5. Nays 0. The current provider is unable to update to the new .gov requirements. Motion carried.

Accepted quote from Civally of $6,800 for website and $1,200 annually for website maintenance.

A motion to approve transfer of $1,500.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Schedule Vernon Center Water District ground breaking ceremony for sometime the second week in October.

A motion to approve quote in the amount of $13,000.00 for culvert work on Burke Road. was made by Peters, seconded by Thurston. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Received Charter Communications franchise payment of $8,881.20.

Received NYS Temporary Municipal Assistance payment of $2,261.00.

Received Oneida County 2nd quarter Sales Tax in the amount of $340,225.34. $15,774.85 less than last year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Additions to minutes on file
in Town Clerk's Office.

Jennifer Champney
Town Clerk