February 9, 2026

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 and Myron Thurston, Council members. Also present: 2 residents.

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 from the January 12, 2026 meetings. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Amanda Bruse asked for the Town Board to approve a permit allowing the Girl Scouts to go door to door selling cookies from February 27 – April 12th . The board will speak to the Town Attorney as there was previously a moratorium on peddlers permits in the Town of Vernon.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Zoning/Planning Board, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor, Intergovernmental Relations; Adamkowski stated that the meeting at the CAC went well and they have really done a nice job utilizing the funds that the Town of Vernon has given them. He is finishing up getting the submissions for the newsletter. Highway Superintendent Garrett Burke; busy plowing/sanding, new furnace has been installed, looking to purchase 2 new garage doors and the new truck has been ordered.

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

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

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

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve an audit of the Town of Vernon Court reviewed by the Town Board was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve audit of the Town of Vernon books conducted on February 9, 2026, was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Auditors Agreement with Bonadio Group for 2025 Single Audit $14,000 estimate that is required due to the BAN for Vernon Center Water, was made by Thurston, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Annual Local Government Conference by Tug Hill Commission will be April 21, 2026, from 7:30am – 4:15pm at Turning Stone. Will need number of attendees. A motion to approve closure of the office building on the day of the conference was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowsi. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to make a correction to the Cemetery Custodian pay previously approved on January 12, 2026 as follows:

Potash Hill Cem. Custodian Dale Talbot $1200/yr

Marble Hill Indian Cem Cust Daniel Phillips ~~$1000/yr~~ $800/yr

was made by Thurston, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Vernon Historical Society request to use Town Office Building for meetings at 7:00pm on 3/31, 4/28, 5/18, 6/30, 7/28, 8/25, 9/29 and 10/27 was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to accept Pickle Ball Court lowest bid by Wilcox Sealing & Paving in the amount of $69,075.00 was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Three bids were submitted however there were no local bids which surprised the Board members. Motion carried.

A motion to approve to spend Highway Funds for paving in the amount of $301,169.90 was made by Bennati, seconded by Thurston. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Three bids were submitted. However, there were no local bids which surprised the Board members. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Madison-Oneida BOCES request for Highway Department to accept a student intern from 03/03/26-04/02/2026 was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No Discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Vernon Verona Sherrill School District request to use Town Office Building for Budget Vote and School Board Elections on 5/19/26, noon – 9:00pm was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to accept 2026 & 2027 Mowing Agreement with Oneida County. 2026 rate $450.00/mile total of $9,913.50; 2027 rate $455.00/mile was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Received 3rd Quarter Mortgage tax $63,323.91 up by $19,275.32 from last year.

Received 3rd quarter Oneida Indian Revenue Sharing from Oneida County $56,250.00.

A motion to approve peddlers permit request along with waiving permit fee from Girl Scouts pending approval from Vince Rossi was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. No discussion. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter executive session to discuss Property Maintenance at 7:30p.m. was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board members returned from Executive Session at 8:05p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Thurston. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jennifer Champney
Town Clerk

This meeting was digitally recorded and is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None