May 11, 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, Council members. Myron Thurston, absent. Also present: County Legislator Keith Schiebel and 3 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 April 13, 2026, meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written, was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Education and Libraries: Bennati is pleased with the reports that they are receiving monthly from the Vernon Library, Intergovernmental Relations; Adamkowski advised that spring Memorial trees have been planted and weather permitting the pickleball court construction will begin later this month, Supervisor, Highway Superintendent submitted a written report and mentioned the crew took a flagging class, they have been working on cleaning up plow damaged lawns and brush pick up. County Legislator; submitted a written report highlighting EMS in need of relief from the state, Chobani site infrastructure development, Police agencies to provide DWI enforcement patrols, Special Olympics New York Summer games to be held on June 5-7 and a specialized housing policy.

There were no reports from: Zoning/Planning Board, Assessors, Economic Development, Operations, and SWOCO.

A motion to accept the above reports was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to pay bills was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Patrick Goodman, Director of Business & Student Support Services; gave Vernon Verona Sherrill School District Budget Presentation.

A motion to accept Seymour Excavating quote of $29,500 for repairs to Indian Town Road dump was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Received 3 quotes for repair of salt dome roof: Roofing King- $16,170; Immanuel Enterprises- $14,500; Scalzo Construction- $19,800.

A motion to accept quote of $14,500 from Immanuel Enterprises was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Culverts on Indian Town Road, Arquint Road and Graves Road need replacing. A motion to approve culvert pipes of $9,160.08 for Indian Town Road and Arquint Road and $14,189.20 for Graves Road was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Highway Superintendent Garrett Burke said there are currently 5 ft pipes installed and he would like to replace them with two 4ft pipes next to each other which will increase the capacity of flow. Motion carried.

A motion to amend agreement to spend highway funds to allow for escalation pricing as the amount budgeted is $377,000, original ASHF was set at $301,169.00 adding Escalation line to

Agreement to Spend Funds for $75,830.10 was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Highway to schedule removal of 8 trees and stump grinding by Greater Heights in the amount of $13,000 was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to accept new Court Bailiff contract with the Village of Vernon; $60 per bailiff per hour was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. This was an increase of $10 per hour. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request from Vernon Verona Seniors for funding of a senior bus trip in the amount of $2,100.00 was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve transferring $4,500 from A1990.4 Contingency to A7550.4 Celebrations for 250-year events was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

WIIA Grant Agreement with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation officially signed.

Paid $5,500 in band contracts for Vernon Center Park summer program.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bennati asked Town Clerk Champney to look in the Vault for documents on the septic and leach field location at the pavilion. Ian Kraeger was present and remembered exactly where they were located and gave the needed information to Bennati.

Vernon Center Water District installation has resumed. Peters said the pump station was delayed but they are still in good shape timewise. 3 machines and 3 crews are working in Vernon Center to install the lines. They are making good progress.

Kaylee Sierson thanked the Town Board for allocating funds to the library for the chicken barbecue fundraiser. This fundraiser helped not only the Library but also helped the Vernon Fire Department by paying them to cook the meals and many elderly were given free meals.

Kaylee Sierson invited the Town Board members to attend the little league closing ceremony in the middle of June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel was made at 7:50pm by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board members returned from Executive Session at 8:30p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jennifer Champney
Town Clerk

COMMUNICATIONS:

None