June 8, 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: 7 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 May 11, 2026 meeting. 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:

Kaylee Sierson spoke on behalf of the Vernon Library. The library held 3 different events in May with about 20-30 people attending each. Participation in the Memorial Day Parade with 50 gift bags along with books that were handed out. They are extending the parking lot as parking has been an issue.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Education and Libraries: Bennati thanked the Vernon Library for the reports and acknowledged their hard work. Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski advised that the Pickleball Court has been marked out behind the office building and construction should begin within a week to 10 days. The topsoil will be moved out back to be used at a later time. He is working with the highway department to set up a day to do the mulching around the trees and will contact Steve Drake to advise him that we would like the weeding done. SWOCO: Wendy Coston stated that the Town of Augusta had changed their tax evaluation rate to 100% and she attended Grievance Day and spoke with the Board of Assessment review. They will notify SWOCO of their decision in about 2 weeks. Supervisor, Highway Superintendent submitted a written report highlighting that the 2026 blacktopping has been completed, the dome roof is fixed along with other projects they have been working on.

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

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 Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve Personnel policy amendment to health insurance contribution; change from employee contribution of 33% per month for first year to 15% employee contribution per month was made by Bennati, seconded by Thurston. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Received quote in the amount of $5,499.00 from Trailer Marketing Services to make watering trailer for tree park. Still getting more quotes. Need at least 3000lb capacity.

A motion to approve transfer of $10,000 from A1990.4 Contingency to A5132.4 Highway Garage due to salt dome repairs was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Received report from NYS Unified Court System of the Court Audit. No major concerns were reported.

Discussion on available funds for quotes to Town parking lot and walking trail resealing/lining. Will hold off a month. Received treasurers report from Vernon Center Volunteer Fire Department.

Gorman Construction has completed all paving.

Town of Vernon Procurement Policy has been given to Town Attorney Vincent Rossi for updating. Last updated in 1996.

Highway Department exchanged scrap metal for $5,352.56 and sold scrap equipment at auction for additional $1,226.40.

Received 2nd installment of snow removal agreement with Oneida County of $87,285.00.

Received 1st quarter sales tax check of $318,033.32 an increase from last year of $3,581.85.

Received Charter Communications Franchise Fee 1st quarter payment of $8,107.47. Down from last year by $905.63.

Received Thank you letter from Vernon Verona Seniors Group.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:18p.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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None