July 13, 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. Absent: Myron Thurston. Also present: Keith Schiebel; County Legislator 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 June 8, 2026, meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written, was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Resident, Beth Piper spoke on her concerns of Schaller Pool Water parking on Bleeker Rd. and Skinner Rd while filling the truck with water from the creek.

Kaylee Sierson spoke on behalf of the Vernon Library. The library is requesting funding for the Summer Reading Program that runs from July 2nd – August 29th. The first week of July, the Library had a total of 70 children and 28 adults.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Education and Libraries: Bennati stated that the library is doing a great job. They have received a grant in the amount of $3000, collaborating with Kathy Brewer, and book sales in the amount of $1,700. Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski advised that the mulch has been placed around the memorial trees and that the Pickleball Court construction has begun. SWOCO: Watson stated that the Town of Augusta had changed their tax evaluation rate to 100% and they have filed for exemption. They also have someone looking to rent land for the purpose of bowhunting; Supervisor, Highway Superintendent Garrett Burke advised that they have been busy with Tree cutting, stump grinding, working on trucks and installing culvert pipes on Indiantown Rd. and Arquint Rd.; County Legislator, Keith Schiebel spoke on a local law that is being passed to ban the stimulant named Kratum, money to support Local American Legion and VFW's, Boonville Fair, MVCC budget and the appointment of DPW Commissioner, Jeff Quackenbush.

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

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 Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve Resolution that supports the designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, which includes programs for stewardship and enhancement of the historic scenic byway and confirms that they will not approve any requests for new off-premise outdoor advertising signs along the designated Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway route was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No Discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve funds to the Vernon Library for the Summer Reading Program in the amount of $3950 was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution for Town Board to endorse and adopt New York Association of Towns Bill of Rights was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution for Town Board to call upon the Governor and the New York State Legislature to respect and uphold these principles was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution that the Town Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the State, the speaker of the Assembly, the State Senator(s) and Members of the Assembly representing the Town of Vernon and the Association of Towns was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Received 3 quotes for new trailer for Tree Park- Trailer Marketing Services $5,499.00; Taylors Trailers $5,211.00; North South Connection $7,900.00. A motion to approve quote by Trailer Marketing Services was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Received 3 quotes for Town Office Building parking lot sealing; Sittsy's Sealing & Paving $15,700; WD Lawncare $14,720.75; DBS Asphalt & Maintenance $15,779.80. A motion to approve quote by Sittsy's Sealing & Paving was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Adamkowski mentioned that the quote by WD Lawncare did not mention the sealing of the walking trail.

A motion to acknowledge and approve the Riders Wear Pink cycling event that will be held on October 4, 2026, that will travel through Vernon was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Supervisor Watson advised that they asked for participation in providing emergency response if needed, however, since the Town does not have resources such as a Police Dept or a paid Fire Dept we are not responsible.

Town Board members requested Highway Department to post No Parking signs along creeks on Bleeker Road and Skinner Road due to unsafe commercial vehicles parking. Highway Superintendent Garrett Burke said the signs have been ordered.

Vernon Town Court is adding additional Civil Court dates to be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:43p.m. was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jennifer Champney
Town Clerk