August 10, 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: 6 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 July 13, 2026, meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written, was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Leslie Grogan spoke on behalf of Highstreet Insurance Partners, formerly Gates Cole Insurance, and advised that there was a 6.94% increase of $3,705.00 to the proposed 2026-2027 policy as there were 2 trucks, the gazebo and 38 fire hydrants added. Leslie will look into adding the pickleball courts and increasing the value of the Veterans Memorial.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Education and Libraries: Kaylee Sierson reported that they are happy with the library attendance and that they have an opening for a Librarian. Supervisor, Highway Superintendent Garrett Burke advised that in addition to the written report they had worked on guard rail posts with the county as shared services.

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

A motion to accept the above reports was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. 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:

2027 Budget Workshop will be held on October 1st at 6:00pm

2027 Fire Department Budget Workshop is on September 16th at 7:00pm

A motion to approve renewal of Annual Insurance with Highstreet Insurance/NYMIR policy with changes was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No Discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Oneida County Snow & Ice Agreement for 2026-2028 with an increase of $100 to $7000.00 per mile at 25.3 miles for the first year: another $100 to $7,100.00 per mile the second year was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve transfer of $5000 from DB5110.1 General Repairs Personal Services to DB9060.8 Employee Benefits Hospital & Medical Insurance was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve proposal of $1,200 from HAAS Engineering to do an on site assessment of yellow flagged Sherrill Road Bridge which includes evaluation and recommendation of bridge repair/replacement was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion not to renew See My Legacy was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Received $48,102.13 Oneida County Mortgage Tax, down $7,832.55 from last year.

Received OIN Agreement $56,250 payment from Oneida County.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter executive session to discuss Fire Contracts was made at 7:32pm by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board members returned from Executive Session at 8:15p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:17p.m. was made by Adamkowski, 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