September 14, 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: 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 August 10, 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:

Kaylee Sierson spoke on behalf of the Vernon Library. The summer reading program ran from the beginning of July – August 29th. The number of books recorded as being read was 288 with attendance being 382 people. They appreciate the funding that was provided by the town. Lindsay DiLego was introduced as the new Librarian. Bennati recognized the fundraising that has been done by the library and acknowledged the good work being done.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Zoning/Planning Board, Codes Enforcement, Education and Libraries: Bennati advised that the library report showed they have been fundraising and have a healthy checking balance. SWOCO: Watson reported that they are working on the budget; Vernon Center Water: Peters read the written report and advised that the water project is on schedule, Supervisor, Highway Superintendent Garrett Burke advised that they blacktopped the roads that the culvert pipes were recently installed on, sand is being brought in, they worked on guardrails and have done truck maintenance.

There were no reports from: Assessors, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development, Operations, 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 Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Adamkowski read the plaque they had made for the dedication of the pickleball court dedicating it to Councilman Myron Thurston.

A motion to approve holding a public hearing on October 5th, 2026 at 6:45pm to discuss passing a no parking law on Bleeker Rd. was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No Discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request to pay for Port-A-Johns from Old Home Days in the amount of $1400 was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve transfer of $1,400 from A1990.4 Contingency to A7989.4 Cultural Recreation made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve quote from Palmer's Trucks & Accessories for accessories on the new truck was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

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A motion to approve Oneida County Snow & Ice Agreement for 2026-2028 at $7,245.00 per mile at 25.3 miles for the first year, $7,600.00 per mile the second year was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve proposal of $3800 from HAAS Engineering to provide Professional Engineering Services for Bridge BIN 2268840 Sherrill Road over Taylor Creek, removal of yellow flag 2B26AXW008 was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

Invoice including changes to renewal of Annual Insurance with Highstreet Insurance/NYMIR policy has not been received. Highstreet Insurance said it can be paid next month.

Received $360,730.44 Oneida County Sales Tax, up $20,505.10 from last year.

Received NYS (Temporary municipal assistance) payment of $6,783.

Received Charter Communications franchise fee payment of $7,847.99.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Adamkowski thanked the Highway Dept. for their help with moving the well walls in the courtroom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:21p.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

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