

August 11, 2025

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, Myron Thurston, Council members. Also present: 9 community members.

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 of the July 14, 2025, meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Jim Morrissey asked if the contracts have been signed for the Vernon Center Water District. Supervisor Watson advised that they should have all paperwork completed within a couple weeks.

Five VVS students were present as a class assignment. Gene Bennati informed them about the Vernon Center Water District project.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Zoning/Planning Board, Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski mentioned that the mulch and signs have been placed around the memorial trees and the benches for the gazebo have been ordered; Supervisor, and County Legislator Schiebel submitted a written report and highlighted MVCC tuition increase, getting ready for Chobani and Short term rental occupancy tax. Paving has begun on Cooper St. and he is looking to set up a Local Municipal meeting in September.

There were no reports from: Assessors, Education and Libraries, Economic Development, Operations, SWOCO and Highway Superintendent.

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 Supervisor and Town Clerk to find a new website provider was made by Bennati, seconded by Thurston. Ayes 5. Nays 0. The current provider is unable to update to the new .gov requirements. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Traffic Diversion Program Agreement extension was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve resolution authorizing the Vernon Town Court to apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2025-2026 cycle up to \$30,000 was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. The court is looking to build a partition wall, new benches for the holding cell and a new sign-in system. Motion carried.

A motion to approve proposal from DEC to allow fishing access to Sconondoa Creek at Parcel # 344.000-1-49 was made by Peters, seconded by Thurston. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve DEC Application for bank stabilization of former Town of Vernon Dump located at 4788 Indian Town Road, Vernon, NY 13476 was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Short Environmental Assessment Review Part 1 for stream bank stabilization former Vernon Town Dump, Taylor Creek was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

General Codes update- final draft of codes completed and awaiting final publication to be delivered.

Received VLT payment of payment of \$231,788.00.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Board members talked to VVS Students about how the Town of Vernon runs financially and does not run on a deficit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jennifer Champney
Town Clerk

This meeting was digitally recorded and is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None