

Regular Meeting of the Verona Town Board

Oneida County, New York

6:00 pm on Monday, December 1, 2025

Verona Town Office Building, 6600 Germany Road, Durhamville, New York

Board Members in attendance:

Scott Musacchio, Supervisor
Fred Scherz Jr., Councilman
Kenneth Brewer, Councilman
Dan Breckenridge, Councilman

Absent:

Jeff Kahler, Councilman

Others in attendance:

Amy Kotwica, Town Clerk
Debbie Smart, Planning Board Secretary
Dan Maciag, Codes Enforcement Officer
Billy Lohr, Highway Superintendent
Tim Dodge, Water Operator in Responsible Charge
Lauren Harris, Sole Assessor

Citizens: 6

Call to Order at 6pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

A. Supervisors' Report

Getting though Pump Station reviews
Working on Snyder Road issues – on repairs

B. Approval of minutes from November 5, 2025, Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.
Councilman Breckenridge seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 3
Any opposed: 0
Motion carries.

C. County Legislator Reports:

Legislator Cyndi Roger-Witt: Last session was on November 12th:

- o Animal control offices were in attendance and discussed their distaste of the care of the animals at Anita Steven Swans.
 - This ultimately lead to a rejected bill for Anita Swans to receive funding money
- o Oneida County Tourism is sending out survey's, if you happen to get one, be sure to complete it.
- o 2026 County Budget was approved – first increase in 13 years
- o Ditching and Mowing contracts with local towns for 2026 and 2027 were approved.

D. Public Concerns

E. Reports:

1. Water Operator in Responsible Charge – Tim Dodge

- Winterized Fire Hydrants
- DSNY requests
- Serviced pumps at all 3 pump stations
- Installed 3 new water services on Stoney Brook Road
- Approval to sell surplus service truck on Auction International

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries

TB: Everyone is building Pole Barns, there is a new one on Stoney Brooke
Codes/Water: Those are commercial buildings for rent

2. Dog Control Officer – submitted by: Sue Gardinier

- 1 dog complaint – taken care of
- 2 dog bites
 - 1 on Rt. 46 Court has taken care of
 - 1 was a nip to a person out of town, no charges, but Sue has paperwork on bite

TB: Sue will be retiring at the end of the year – we are vetting another individual currently, we'll also be moving the kennel to this property – the Grant process is very cumbersome.

3. Assessor – Lauren Harris

- Received 21 sales and sent out 14 welcome packets
- Finished Farm Appraisal and Mass appraisal courses, only orientation is left

4. Codes Enforcement Officer –Dan Maciag

- Building Permits 2
- Inspections 14
- Footings 4
- Foundations 1
- Plumbing, Heating, Framing 5
- Demos 1
- Insulation 1
- Septic systems or tanks 0
- Misc. Inspections 2
- Property Maintenance 4
- Violation notices 2
- Certificate of Compliance 5
- Certificate of Occupancy 3

5. Planning Board –Debby Smart

- 1 resident came in – 2 lot subdivision approved
- Public hearing next week

6. Highway Superintendent – Billy Lohr

- Winter came early
- Plowed 11 times
- It is a Federal Law, Towns are not allowed to plow RR Tracks

RC: Sidecut Road, needs to be taken care of,

Billy: The Seasonal Section? The beavers need to be removed.

RC: The beavers are gone.

Billy: They were still there, when we reviewed it, that is a seasonal road and is maintained as such, Highway will review the road again in the Spring

7. Town Clerk – Amy Kotwica

- DECALS 5
- Certified Copies 5
- Public Hearings (Zoning) 1
- Game of Chance 1
- Water Permit 4
- Dog Grant was released, working on requested documents before any work can be completed / ordered
- Attended an Ag and Markets evening meeting regarding the new dog laws
- Dog Licenses 56
- Building Permit 2
- Sewer Installers License 1

8. Zoning Board – Henry Gerwig

- 1 public hearing next week for a 4' variance

9. SWOCO – Ken Brewer

- Budget approved (less than 2025)
- Moving to sampling once every 3 years

F. New Business:

1. Discussion & Approval of the MVP bill in the amount of \$30,673.30

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

2. Discussion & Approval to set the 2026 organizational meeting on January 5, 2026 at 6pm.

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

3. Discussion & Approval to set the 2025 end of year meeting on Thursday 12/18/25 at 4:30pm.

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

4. Discussion & Approval Transfer \$577.00 from 97307.36 to 97306.36 – Willow Place Project.

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

5. Discussion & Approval to Increase revenue 5710.36 \$850,000.00 - Willow Place Project.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

6. Discussion & Approval to Increase 97306.36 \$850,000.00 – Willow Place Project.

Duplicate

7. Discussion & Approval to Transfer \$7,824.32 from 51122.36 to 14402.36 - Willow Place Project.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

8. Discussion & Approval to Transfer \$30,781.93 from 51122.36 to 50202.36 - Willow Place Project.

These are movements for the portion that we have to pay out, then the Grant re-pays us. We will be applying for additional grants for the actual road construction.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

9. Discussion & Approval to Increase 14404.1 \$2445.45 from excess Sales Tax revenue 1120.1 – General Fund.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

10. Discussion & Approval to increase Revenue 1120.4 \$8,521.54 – Street Lighting.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

11. Discussion & Approval to increase 51824.4 \$8,521.54 – Street Lighting.

For the Street Lights on Rt. 365 that we own.

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

12. Discussion and approval to increase 90308.9 \$131.00 from excess revenue 2140.9 – SW1 Water District.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

13. Discussion and approval to move Ernest Megerell from laborer to MEO (Motor Equipment Operator).

Ernest has obtained his CDL-B License. Is now plowing.

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

C. Vouchers:

1. Prepaids \$1,366,325.03

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

2. General \$ 152,143.68

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

3. Highway \$ 2,617.12

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

TB: Before we adjourn, does anyone have any other questions for the Board?

RC: Ernest Megrell was hired in the Spring, why didn't we hire an MEO then?

TB: We put out an advertisement for a labor and one in water – we received 2 applications

That were hired in the 2 open positions we had

RC: That was never posted on the website – I showed you that

TB: It was listed –

RC: No it was not, I showed you that

TB: Yes it was sir, you are incorrect

RC: Why wouldn't we just hire a MEO to begin with?

TB: We didn't have anyone apply, just the 2.

TB: December 14th, the Holiday Party at the Verona Fire Hall, sponsored by Fritz Scherz.

RC: Billy, where did Ernie get his license?

Billy: Don't know the name off the place off the top of my head?

RC: Did we pay for it?

Billy: I believe we paid \$400

RC: Name one person we have done that for?

TB: We would have to look that up.

RC: Employees use to be trained by personnel with Town vehicles.

TB: That can no longer be done. Times have changed.

Resident continued to argue with Scott on whether the position was posted on the website, Scott called for an adjournment.

H. Adjournment

Councilman Scherz made a motion to adjourn at 6:52pm.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

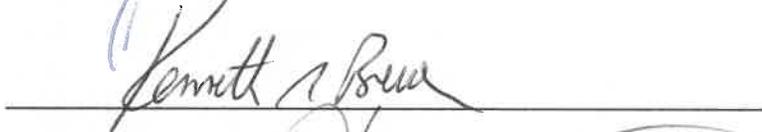
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