

Regular Meeting of the Verona Town Board

Oneida County, New York

6:00 pm on Monday, December 2, 2024

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

Board Members in attendance:

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

Others in attendance:

Amy Kotwica, Town Clerk Dan Maciag, Codes Enforcement Officer
 Debby Smart, Planning Board Secretary Sue Strain, Assessor
 Tim Dodge, Water Operator in Responsible Charge

Citizens: 18

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm

A. Supervisors' Report:

- String of robberies in Verona Beach – targeting outdoor condenser units (The Spaghetti Factory was hit) – Be diligent and aware, if you are leaving for the holidays have someone watch your place or set up cameras.
- Town Offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve

B. Approval of minutes from the November 6, 2024, Regular Town Board Meetings.

Councilman Kahler made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

C. Approval of minutes from the Budget Workshop sessions of: September 25th; October 2nd; October 9th; October 16th; October 23rd and October 30th.

The budget passed last month, with \$1.86 PER \$1,000 keep in mind the school is \$35.00+- per \$1,000 and the county is at \$9.00+- per 1,000.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

D. County Legislator Report

Cynthia Roger-Witt: The county approved additional aid of \$500,000 for Tornado Relief in Rome Purchased the Mohawk Glen Golf course at Griffiss Park

Keith Siebel: AOT meeting was great this month with Anthony Picante speaking It was nice to see Councilman Scherz at the County Budget Meeting in Rome

Norm Leech: Sales tax of \$56.5 million was raised. \$2.1 million was shared with Municipalities in Oneida county – Not all counties share the sales tax

E. Public Concerns

RC: For Billy, what is happening on Cornell Street with the paving? When it rains there are huge puddles. It's due to the rollers.

Did you figure out a plan for Germany Road yet?

Billy: It will be addressed in the Spring when the bids come out.

RC: Compaction on oil and stone paving – what is the max depth you should be going in one lift?

Billy: 2.5"

RC: I have information that you can go 3" – you push 4" you are wasting money. When we measure over 2.5 inches we are beyond our specs. Do you have a coring machine?

RC: If I was to come up with one, could we core the roads?
 Billy: the center of the road where you would get an accurate ready yes – no problem
 RC: Milling machine is supposed to start in the center not the side of the road. Rock road has puddles because it was not done correctly. You have had to notice the issues? The cost I received from Mr. Brewer is it cost \$88,000 to do Cornell St. – now we have ponds on it and it will cost more to fix it. This is a problem.
 RC: Another question for Billy: A couple years ago, there was a catch basin issue over on Reber Road, you said the town doesn’t own any catch basins there, it may be have put in 50-60 years ago. I asked you about the driveway, when you paved the road.
 Billy: We came over and put patch down around the catch basin
 RC: I went down and purchased material to feather the road into the driveway, that should have been done when the road was paved. And two years ago, the cross covert on Sand Hill Rd by Stickney Road was replaced– why did you put a smaller pipe in?
 Billy: that was changed in the middle of the night
 RC: you should never go to a smaller pipe, it should be the same or bigger, that poor neighbor now has their front and back lawn swamped when it rains
 TB: why have you waited 2 years to address this issue?
 RC: I’ve been sitting with it; it started to really bother me.
 TB: OK, thank you

F. Reports:

1. Water Operator in Responsible Charge – Tim Dodge
 - Prepared equipment for Winter
 - DSNY requests
 - Finished draining and pumping water mains in the EXT3 district
 - Lawn restoration from two digs

2. Dog Control Officer – Sue Gardinier submitted
 - 1 complaint – resolved
 - 1 dog picked up – vet visit – now with Rovers do Over

3. Assessor – Susan Strain
 - Normal office procedures
 - Processed 20 sales and 11 welcome packets
 - Preparing exemption renewals and preparing postcards for Enhanced Star

4. Codes Enforcement Officer – Dan Maciag

Building Permits 2	Plumbing, Heating, Framing 5
Inspections 10	Septic Tanks 1
Footings 2	Misc. 1
Foundations 1	Property Maintenance 2

TB: There are properties across the town that need to be cleaned up. A few in New London, Sconodoo, across the street. We need to find out when the County makes us whole, is not until the house is auctioned or is it sooner?
 I have asked that question
 TB: The town covers the comp on Fireman, Is there or can we create a policy for Fireman to not enter abandoned properties? There are 8 abandoned total in New London’s fire district, alone.

5. Planning Board – Peter Kaido
 - Veneto Housing Project public hearing – great feedback
 - 3 Subdivisions came in

6. Highway Superintendent – Billy Lohr
 - Ditching
 - Patching
 - Winter equipment readied
 - Sanded once

Question for Billy: Do you calibrate trucks every year? Do you know how much salt you use per road mile? There are different cutting edges on the plows. The mix is 40% salt and salt only is used in the parking lot. The cutting edges are to project the shoulders. Amount used per mile, is dependent on the road and if we do both lanes.

7. Town Clerk – Amy Kotwica

DECALS 6	Games of Chance 3
Marriage Licenses 2	Dog Licenses 50
Certified Copies 26	Building permits 2
Historical Building Usage fee 1	Genealogy search 1
Public Hearing 1	Culvert Purchase 1
Subdivision Boundary adjust 1	

- Working with Grant writer for the Dog Shelter
- Hometown Hero's Banner Program set up
- Attended 911 Emergency training
- AOT dinner
- Setting up new website and Text my gov by end of the year

8. Zoning Board – Henry Gerwig

- Brewer and Event Center
- Issues one Home Occ permit for a salon

9. SWOCO – Ken Brewer

- Adopted the 2025 Budget
- Landfill testing moved to once per year
- Replacing 1 lawnmower

10. OCAOT – Fred Scherz

- Location for next meeting, Marble Hill if they can
- Scherz family hosting the holiday party this weekend at the Fire Station

G. New Business:

1. Approve Payment of the MVP bill in the amount of \$29,214.57

Councilman Kahler made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

2. Discussion & Approval to participate in Mohawk Valley Hometown Heroes Banner Program for a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00. Residents will be responsible for the cost of the flag at \$150 to be displayed in either New London or Verona Main Street for 3 years. The Town is to cover the cost of the hardware for each flag.

Resident: Asked why Durhamville isn't involved.

Town Board: We were told that Oneida coved it.

Town Board: We can add Durhamville. Amount to be amended to \$3,900

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve \$3,900 to include Durhamville as well.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

Flags to be purchased via a website and via a flyer. Town clerk will work with the VFW's and FD to get the information out. Along with the website and social media.

3. Discussion and approval to clarify the PUD offsets for phase II of the Veneto Project per the final resolution submittal.

We are looking to give clarification to the Town Board and residents on deviations from the written PUD town law.

Resolution 24-013 Proposed Action: Veneto Subdivision Resolution Affirming deviations from dimensional planned unit development district standards.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Councilman Scherz: Aye

Councilman Kahler: Aye

Councilman Brewer: Aye

Councilman Breckenridge: Aye

Supervisor Musacchio: Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

4. Discussion & Approval to set public hearing for the Pump Station asset upgrade for January 6, 2024 @ 6:15pm; includes all current sewer districts.

An Order Calling Public Hearing in the Matter of the Joint Increase and Improvements of the Verona Sewer District; Sconondoa Sewer District, Route 365 Sewer District and the Verona Sewer District Extension No.1 in the Town of Verona, Oneida County, New York. The question of the adoption of the foregoing Order was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Scherz: Aye

Councilman Kahler: Aye

Councilman Brewer: Aye

Councilman Breckenridge: Aye

Supervisor Musacchio: Aye

The Order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

5. Discussion & Approval to set public hearing for the NYSTA Exit 33 Exchange Maintenance Center Water & Sewer district creation for January 6, 2024 @ 6:30 pm.

An Order calling public hearing In the Matter of the establishment of the NYS Thruway Authority Water District and NYS Thruway Authority Sewer District in the Town of Verona, Oneida County, New York.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Order was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Scherz: Aye

Councilman Kahler: Aye

Councilman Brewer: Aye

Councilman Breckenridge: Aye

Supervisor Musacchio: Aye

The Order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

6. Discussion & Approval to accept resolution for the advertisement of bids for the Water Extension Project #3 Contract #4; pump station improvement/installation at the New London Water Tank location.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

7. Discussion & Approval to set Year End Meeting for Wednesday 12/18/24 @ 4:30pm.

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

8. Discussion and Approval to pay Barton & Loguidice Invoice #26 in the amount of \$19,070.15 for the Willow Place Project.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

9. Discussion and Approval to pay the DEC permit modification fee of \$100 for the pipe bridge.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

G. Vouchers:

1. Prepaids \$320,944.11

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.

Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

2. General \$39,612.58

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

3. Highway \$6,532.48

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.

Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

H. Adjournment

Councilman Scherz made a motion to adjourn at 7:22pm.

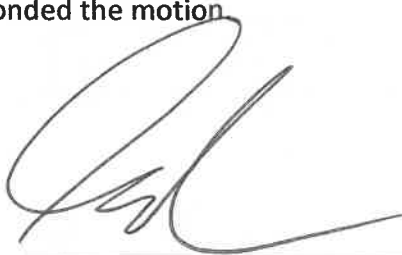
Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

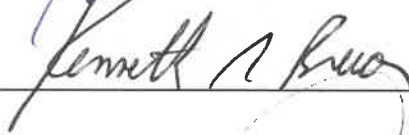
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