

Regular Verona Town Board Meeting

Oneida County, New York

6:00 pm on Monday, May 4, 2026

Verona Town Hall, 6600 Germany Road, Durhamville, New York

Board Members in attendance:

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

Others in attendance:

Amy Kotwica, Town Clerk
 Tim Dodge, Operator in Responsible Charge
 Lauren Harris, Assessor
 Dan Maciag, Code Enforcement Officer

Citizens:

Call to Order at 6:01pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

A. Supervisors' Report:

Ken K is here with Barton and Louguice is with us.
 from VVS, Pat Goodman – to present school budget

B. Approval of minutes from March 2, 2026, Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Kahler made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 3

Any opposed: 0

Motion passes.

C. VVS Budget Discussion Presented by Pat Goodman, Director of Business Operation & Student Services.

School Budget = \$48,911,000 increase of 1.75% on spending, within the 2.15% tax levy limit that all school districts must follow

Pamphlet handed out reviewed those numbers, where you can vote, including a review of our appropriations and 2 proposals.

D. County Legislator Reports

Cynthia Rogers-Witt:

Reviewed the last meeting: including approving a waste water system for Choboni, approved cost reimbursement for National Grid to support the Choboni site – money comes from Fast NY Grant.

E. Public Concerns:**F. Reports:****1. Water Operator in Responsible Charge: Tim Dodge**

- Repaired 3 grinder pumps
- Repaired plugged sewer on West Main Street
- Topsoil and seed lawns where digging was done last fall
- DSNY Requests
- Continuing on water project
- Working with Sensus on water meter issues

2. Dog Control Officer: Brenda Burleigh (absent)

- Slow/Quiet Month!

3. Assessor: Lauren Harris
 - Turned in tentative roll on April 1st
 - Received 11 sales and sent out 4 welcome packets
 - 40 active permits
 - April 20th received STAR reports
 - April 22nd contacted Mobile Home Parks for inventory sheets
 - April 23rd received RR and Telecommunication ceilings
 - April 27th sent out notice of Completion of the Tentative Roll

4. Codes Enforcement: Dan Maciag

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Permits 13 • Inspections 18 • Foundations 1 • Plumbing, Heating, Framing 6 • Demos 1 • Insulation 2 • 1 week of Code Seminars and 1-week vacation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic Systems 1 • Misc 7 • Property Maintenance 2 • Certificate of compliance 8 • Certificate of Occupancy 7
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5. Planning Board: Debby Smart
 - Approved a 2-lot subdivision

6. Highway Superintendent: submitted by Billy Lohr

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washed all sanders • Washed trucks/cleaned shop floor • Painted plow frames • Inspected fire extinguishers • Inspected fuel tanks • Finished picking up trash road sides • Finished cleaning roadsides from winter plowing • Unharnessed all trucks • Hauled green waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picked up dead trees in ditches and roadside • Ground stumps • Started hauling in stone • Mowed town office, parks, cemeteries, water tower, 365 pump station • Swept town roads from winter sand • Patching potholes
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7. Town Clerk: Amy Kotwica

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DECALS 3 • Marriage Licenses 6 • Certified Copies 2 • Dog Control Fees 2 • Subdivision Boundary Line 1 • Dog Licenses 70 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Permits 13 • Xerox Copies 3 • Genealogy Search 1 • Culvert Purchase 1 • Culvert Permit 1
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8. Zoning Board: Henry Gerwig
 - Were supposed to have 2 public hearings, residents didn't pay, so they will be postponed to next month

9. SWOCO: Ken Brewer
 - No meeting

10. Town Engineer: Ken Knutsen – Durhamville Sewer District; Willow Place TAP Project, Route 365 Pump Station Improvements
 - Waiting to award the Willow Place TAP Grant – extending the award time
 - Route 365 Pump Station Improvements have been submitted to the DEC for review

G. New Business:

1. Discussion & Approval to pay the MVP Invoice in the amount of \$34,312.02 and the Excellus Dental & Eye Invoice of \$525.82.
 Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.
 Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion passes.

2. Discussion & Approval to set a public hearing regarding district formation of the Durhamville Sewer Project scheduled for the June 1, 2026, Town Board Meeting at 6:15pm.
 Resolution 001-26 was read: In the matter of Establishment of the Town of Verona, Durhamville Sewer District Pursuant to Article 12-A of the Town Law in the town of Verona, County of Oneida, State of New York
 The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:
 Scott Musacchio, Supervisor Aye
 Jeff Kahler, Councilor Aye
 Dan Breckenridge, Councilor Aye
 Kenneth Brewer, Councilor Aye
 Fred Scherz, JR, Councilor Aye
 The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3. Discussion & Approval of a refund of a \$547.00 building permit fee to George Wentworth for the lot on Route 365 & Stoney Brook Road parcel (310-000-3-15-2). The work was never started, and the property was sold to another developer who will be in for another building permit.
 Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.
 Councilman Wentworth seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion passes.

4. Discussion & Approval to allow Lauren Harris, Town Assessor, to attend the New York State training classes at a cost of \$240.00.
 Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.
 Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion passes.

5. Discussion & Approval to allow the Verona Fire Department a firework display for their annual Fireman's Field Days.
 Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.
 Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion passes.

6. Discussion & Approval to increase 71102.1 Parks \$8,785.00 for a line total \$11,785.00 and 88102.1 Cemeteries \$8,785.00 for a line total \$11,785.00, to purchase 2 SRS Z3 lawn mowers.
 Is part of the budget Billy submitted / approved.
 Councilman Kahler made a motion to approve.
 Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion passes.

7. Discussion & Approval to add revenue 2665.1 sale of equipment \$13,900.00
Old plow and 2 mowers
Councilman Kahler made a motion to approve.
Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion passes.
8. Discussion & Approval to increase revenue 1120.1 Non-Property tax distribution
\$3,670.00
Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.
Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion passes.
9. Discussion & Approval to pay the City of Rome under EFC grant \$2,218,300.00 for the
connection from the Verona Town Line to the City of Rome water system located off
of Erie Boulevard West.
Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.
Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion passes.
10. Discussion & Approval to pay Falter Construction \$347,605.00 under pay application
#9 for the New London Pump Station per the EFC grant allocation.
Will be complete by July 11th -
Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.
Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion passes.
11. Discussion and Approval to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute Change Order
No. 11 in the total amount of \$4,057,326.30 for the Verona Water District, Extension
No. 3, Contract No. 2 Transmission and Watermain Improvements to Marcellus
Construction Company, Inc.
Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.
Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion passes.
12. Discussion & Approval to approve Jablonski Excavating Inc. Payment Application 6 for
\$48,916.83 for the Verona Water District, Extension No. 3, Contract No. 4B New
London Pump Station project.
Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve contingent of receipt of
certified payrolls from Jablonski.
Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion passes.

H. Vouchers:

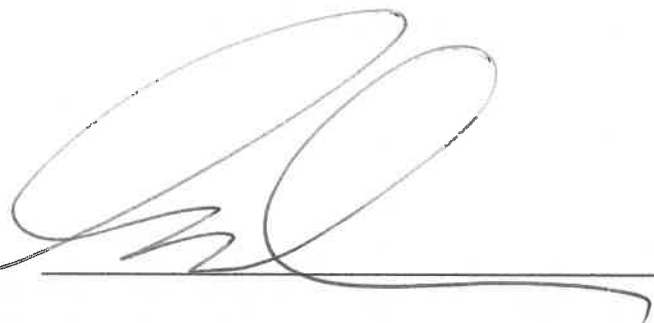
1. Prepays \$1,993,304.22
 Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.
 Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion passes.

2. General \$ 141,408.66
 Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.
 Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion passes.


3. Highway \$ 28,388.87
 Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.
 Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion passes.

I. Adjournment

Councilman Scherz made a motion to adjourn at 7:17pm.
 Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion passes.

Scott Musacchio, Supervisor: 

Jeff Kahler, Councilman: _____

Ken Brewer, Councilman 

Fred Scherz Jr., Councilman: 

Dan Breckenridge, Councilman: 

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