

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board
March 26, 2025

TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

Supervisor Maria Sexton
Councilwoman Sue Messina
Councilman Stephen Donnelly (absent)
Councilman Glenn Miller
Councilman Robert Greene

ALSO ATTENDING: Town Clerk Debra Wallace, Town Attorney Daniel Reynolds, and 6 members of the public.

Supervisor Sexton convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Motion approving the March 12th, 2025 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

3. BID OPENINGS

N. Main Street, Stage Road and Commercial Drive Pavement Rehabilitation Bids were opened 3/14/25 at 2:00 PM in the Town Board Room. Deputy Town Clerk Sarah Maney and Town Engineer Vern Myers opened the sealed bids.

1. L&T Construction	\$581,620.55
145 Podpadic Rd	
Richmondville, NY	

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| 2. Bothar Construction
170 E. Service Rd
Binghamton, NY | \$367,300.00 |
| 3. Broome Bituminous Products Inc
PO Box 354
Vestal, NY | \$307,792.00 |

4. PUBLIC HEARING

No one wished to speak the Supervisor closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-56 Acceptance of the SEQRA for Local Law A

Based upon a thorough review and examination of the known facts relating to the Action and its careful review of all potentially adverse environmental impacts, and the entire record and proceedings relating to the Action as of the date of adoption of this Resolution, including, but not limited to, information included on the Project's Short Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2, and 3, information provided by the Applicant, involved and interested agency input, and public input, the Board finds that the Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that a draft environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-57 Acceptance of Local Law A

Revisions to the Code of the Town of Vestal, Chapter 4, Animals and Section 24-726, Noise.

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No one wished to speak the Supervisor closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-58 Acceptance of Local Law B

Increasing the income threshold for Senior Exemption under RPTL section 467.

Councilman Miller asked why the Local Law is considered effective immediately yet effective date is March 2026.

Town Attorney Daniel Reynolds stated that the Local Law is effective immediately but the March 1st deadline for 2025 has already passed.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was



ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

No one wishes to speak the Supervisor closed the public hearing.

R2025-59 Acceptance of Local Law C

A Local Law to repeal a portion of Local Law 1 of the year 2023 of the Vestal Town Code pertaining to residency requirements for the office of Comptroller.

5. SUPERVISOR UPDATES

- *New website is available*

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6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

8. PUBLIC WORKS (MESSINA/Greene)

9. FINANCE (MESSINA /Greene)

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-60 Authorization to Pay Hancock Estabrook LLP

Authorization for the Town Board to approve payment in the amount of \$45.00 to Hancock Estabrook LLP., for outside counsel fees for professional services rendered through February 28, 2025.

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-61 Authorization to Pay Coughlin & Gerhart LLP

Authorization for the Town Board to approve payment in the amount of \$7091.00 to Coughlin & Gerhart LLP., for outside counsel fees for professional services rendered through February 28, 2025. The services are as follows:

- \$986.00 CP Vestal, LLC & RPNY Solar 8, LLC v. Town of Vestal
- \$6105.00 Article 78 Proceeding

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the

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following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-62 Authorization to Pay BC Association of Towns

Authorization to Pay \$50.00 for Broome County Association of Towns annual association membership dues for 2025.

10. PERSONNEL (MESSINA/Greene)

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-63 Authorization to Appoint Saha

Request to appoint Rajat Saha as Town Comptroller effective March 31, 2025 to fill the unexpired term of Nicholas Angeline. This term ends December 31, 2025. His annual rate of pay will be \$105,000.00.

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-64 Authorization to Hire Langeland

Authorization for Lincoln Ellis, to hire Stephen Langeland to the position of Building and Code Inspector, at the CSEA rate of \$25.47/hr. effective March 31, 2025. All Town and Civil Service requirements are satisfied.

11. PLANNING & ZONING (GREENE/Messina)

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On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-65 Approval of Timber Harvesting Permit at 269 Ross Hill Rd

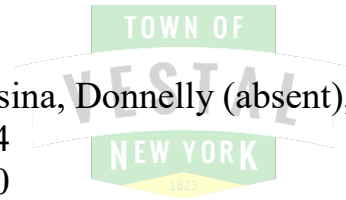
Request from Art Robinson, Building and Code Inspector, for Town Board approval of a Timber Harvesting Permit applied for by Wagner Hardwoods LLC.

This is for property located at 269 Ross Hill Road (BCTM# 172.15-1-23.11).

Councilman Miller stated that he went and looked at the property and the logging is wide spread.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0



R2025-66 Authorization for Softball Parade on May 3rd

Authorization for Vestal Girls Softball and Vestal Little League to hold their opening day parade on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 8:45 a.m. The leagues are requesting to have their parade staging area be in the Town Hall/Water Department parking lots, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Due to construction in the Vestal School District administration parking lot and athletic field area, the parade will take a different route this year (Front St, right on Main St., left on Charles St., left on Clayton Ave. & into Angelo field.) The leagues will be working with the Police Department for the support that is needed with road closures and traffic control during the parade. In the case of inclement weather, they are requesting Sunday, May 4, 2025 as an alternate date.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene

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Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-67 Approval to Award Bid to Hurd Development LLC

Request from Vernon Myers, Town Engineer, for the Town Board to award the Vestal Rail Trail Phase 3 Project to the low bidder, Hurd Development, LLC., contingent upon approval of NYSDOT.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-68 Request to Award Bid to Broome Bituminous

Request from Vernon Myers, Town Engineer, for the Town Board to award the Construction Contract for North Main Street to the low bidder, Broome Bituminous.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Greene)

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was **AMENDED** by striking the line “The cost is \$99.99 plus shipping with the total not exceeding \$120.00”

AMENDED Sexton, Messina (absent), Donnelly, Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-69 Approval to AMEND Purchase Antenna for Emergency Management

Request from Deputy Director of Emergency Management, Robert Hamilton, for the Town Board to approve the purchase of an antenna to replace one that snapped and broke due to weather conditions at the EOC. This antenna is the main line of long-distance communication for Emergency Management. The cost is \$99.99 plus shipping with the total not exceeding \$120.00. It will be installed by Mr. Hamilton.

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the

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following was

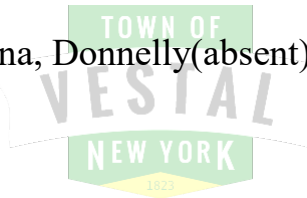
ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-70 Approval to Purchase Antenna for Emergency Management

Request from Deputy Director of Emergency Management, Robert Hamilton, for the Town Board to approve the purchase of an antenna to replace one that snapped and broke due to weather conditions at the EOC. This antenna is the main line of long-distance communication for Emergency Management. It will be installed by Mr. Hamilton.

On a motion by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0



R2025-71 Approval to Sell Police Vehicle

Request from Stace Kintner, Police Chief, for Town Board approval to sell a retired police vehicle, 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe with 100,934 miles. The vehicle needs mechanical repairs and has been removed from service. It will be sold via public auction in “as is” condition.

13. ADMINISTRATION (GREENE/Messina)

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was

TABLED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

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R2025-72 TABLED Authorization of Budget Transfer IT Department

Request from Daniel Williams, IT Director, for authorization for a budget transfer of \$16,902.00 to replace outdated servers that are starting to fail. The transfer will cover the cost of the hardware. The implementation will be done internally with no additional costs.

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene

Ayes 4

Nays 0

R2025-73 Approval of Supervisor to Sign Engagement Letter

Resolve to approve the Town Supervisor signing an Engagement Letter and Authorization to transfer files with Bond Schoeneck & King, PLLC. Regarding Cases involving Police Personnel Matters.



RECEIVE AND FILE:

- Warrants: 2025: 12A, 12G, 12C, 12M, 12T
- Certificate of no referendum for sale of property: BCTM No. 158.09-1-9.1
- 239 Town of Binghamton
- Liquor License the Wine Cellar

14. PETITIONS & PROTESTS

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was **AMENDED** by striking the line “in Castle Gardens”

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the

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following was

AMEND Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

This did not occur in Castle Gardens but on Town Property.

R2025-74 Authorization AMEND to Compensate Highway Department

Authorization to compensate the Highway Department for the \$206.51 disposal fee that they incurred after assisting the Police Department with the removal of 4,280 lbs. of refuse removed from the homeless encampment in Castle Gardens.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-75 Authorization to Compensate Highway Department

Authorization to compensate the Highway Department for the \$206.51 disposal fee that they incurred after assisting the Police Department with the removal of 4,280 lbs. of refuse removed from the homeless encampment.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene
Ayes 4
Nays 0

R2025-76 Authorization to Pay Wirsig Electronics

Authorization for the Town Board to approve payment of \$146.86 to Wirsig Electronics for renewal of the Town of Vestal FCC radio license.

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17. SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vestal Youth Police Academy will be held Monday through Friday, July 7th - 11th for Middle School Students and July 14th -25th for High School Students. For an application, please contact SRO Tuetken at Mtuetken@vestalny.gov or call 607-221-5493. All school districts are welcome.
- Vendor Registration is open for the 2025 Vestal Festival which will be held on Saturday June 7th. For more information go to [**vestalrecreation.com**](http://vestalrecreation.com)
- Fire Ban is in effect March 16-May 14
- Mother/Son Dance has been scheduled for November 21, 2025.

18. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Councilwoman Messina stated that on April 2nd at 6PM there will be an Emergency Operations Drill for the Town Board Members and staff only.

Councilman Greene had no comments or updates on his committees.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one wished to speak

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Greene the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Approved by _____
Debra Wallace, Town Clerk

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