Town of Vienna
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Budget Public Hearing
November 4, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor Jason Spellicy	Councilwoman Mary Beth McEwen
Councilman Darrin Smith	Councilman Doug Jordan - Absent
Town Clerk Carol Huber	Councilman Theodore Learned

CALL TO ORDER:
Supervisor Spellicy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOCCOG: JOHN HEALT
NOCCOG annual meeting was held October 29 in McConnellsville. The Keynote speaker was Oneida County Planning Commissioner, James Genovese. Practical Monitoring of Wastewater and Surface Water Webinar is November 10th. Taking the Bench Certification Course is available. Technical Assistance for Emergency Response Plans for Publicly Owned Treatment Works Webinar in November 10th. Work Zone Equipment Package Program is available and NYS Town Clerk's Association Regional Training, is December 7th.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2027 Budget

A motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 was made by Councilman Learned and seconded by Councilwoman McEwen.

Voting Record:	Motion Carried
Councilwoman Mary Beth McEwen	Aye
Councilman Doug Jordan	Absent
Councilman Theodore Learned	Aye
Councilman Darrin Smith	Aye
Supervisor Jason Spellicy	Aye

Supervisor Spellicy gave an overview of the 2027 Budget. The total to be raised by taxes is $5,000. That is a 0% increase. He explained that the hourly paid employees received a 4% increase along with the Town Council. The Fire District final budgets have been rolling in. There might be a few minor adjustments with those.

Supervisor Spellicy opened up the floor for any comments or questions. There were none.

A motion was made by Councilman Learned to close the Public Hearing at 7:08 and seconded by Councilman Smith.

Voting Record:	Motion Carried
Councilwoman Mary Beth McEwen	Aye
Councilman Doug Jordan	Absent
Councilman Theodore Learned	Aye
Councilman Darrin Smith	Aye
Supervisor Jason Spellicy	Aye

Supervisor Spellicy asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns before passing the Budget and there were none.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith to accept the 2027 Budget and Councilman Learned seconded the motion.

Voting Record:	Motion Carried
Councilwoman Mary Beth McEwen	Aye
Councilman Doug Jordan	Absent
Councilman Theodore Learned	Aye

Councilman Darrin Smith	Aye
Supervisor Jason Spellicy	Aye

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: Norman Leach
Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was made by Councilwoman McEwan and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the October 7, 2026 Town Board Minutes.

Voting Record:	Motion Carried
Councilwoman Mary Beth McEwen	Aye
Councilman Doug Jordan	Absent
Councilman Theodore Learned	Aye
Councilman Darrin Smith	Aye
Supervisor Jason Spellicy	Aye

A motion was made by Councilman Learned and seconded by Councilwoman McEwan to approve the October 14, 2026 Town Board Special Meeting Minutes.

Voting Record:	Motion Carried
Councilwoman Mary Beth McEwen	Aye
Councilman Doug Jordan	Absent
Councilman Theodore Learned	Aye
Councilman Darrin Smith	Aye
Supervisor Jason Spellicy	Aye

A motion was made by Supervisor Spellicy and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the October 21, 2026 Town Board Special Meeting Minutes.

Voting Record:	Motion Carried
Councilwoman Mary Beth McEwen	Aye
Councilman Doug Jordan	Absent
Councilman Theodore Learned	Aye
Councilman Darrin Smith	Aye
Supervisor Jason Spellicy	Aye

AUDITED VOUCHERS:
A motion was made by Councilman Learned and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve Abstract 11 of 2026 vouchers to be paid in the amount of $208,215.91

Voting Record:	Motion Carried
Councilwoman Mary Beth McEwen	Aye
Councilman Doug Jordan	Absent
Councilman Theodore Learned	Aye
Councilman Darrin Smith	Aye
Supervisor Jason Spellicy	Aye

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:
Supervisor's Report is filed in the Town Clerk's office and will be posted on the Web Site.

TOWN CLERK /TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:
Town Clerk read her report. Monies received for the month totaled $2,938.37
A motion was made by Supervisor Spellicy and seconded by Councilwoman McEwen to approve the Town Clerk Report.

Voting Record:	Motion Carried
Councilwoman Mary Beth McEwen	Aye

Councilman Doug Jordan	Absent
Councilman Theodore Learned	Aye
Councilman Darrin Smith	Aye
Supervisor Jason Spellicy	Aye

Town Clerk, Carol Huber, organized a trick or treat at the Town Hall October 31st. Ted Learned, Darrin Smith, Kathy Pavelock, Sandy Carpenter and Matt Huber, all Town employees, dressed up and handed out candy to around 50 kids and their parents. The kids enjoyed taking pictures in front of the decorated Judges Bench. Carol asked that we include Trick or Treat night in the celebration budget each year and all agreed. Maybe next year we can include other businesses to participate with the Town Hall. Possibly advertise next year.

Carol also asked that the Town Board consider hiring a pest control company again, because she has been catching bugs in sticky traps in the offices. Supervisor Spellicy suggested buying more sticky traps until Spring time then they will look into it again.

Carol asked that Town Board look over the Holiday schedule for 2027 so that she can prepare the Resolution for January. The concern was there are 4 Holidays that fall on a weekend day, which some are observed on Friday, which the Town hall is closed, or Monday. She suggested to put the actual day in the resolution, then show the Federally observed day next to it. They all agreed. Councilman Smith suggested to observe Christmas Day off with pay on Thursday, December 23rd and they all agreed.

Carol also asked to look over the budget for Programs for the aging and Celebrations to designate and give guidance on particular events that occur each year, in order for her to keep track and answer questions to the community when asked how much they will have to spend. She asked that 50 Forward Memberships be bumped up to $5,000 instead of $4,000 which would give around another 30 memberships for the Town of Vienna residents to be able to join 50 Forward, and they all agreed. She also asked that they decide on the allocations for the Fireworks for next year and they all decided to pay $3,000 to Sylvan Beach and Old Homes Day committees for the 2027 Fireworks. Carol will talk with 50 Forward and ask that they will submit vouchers each month for the Total number of memberships used, until they reach the $5,000 allocated. Residents have to get verified with the Town Clerk that they are residents before they are covered with the vouchers. Darrin suggested $300 for the Senior Lunch.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:
Filed with Clerk and uploaded to website.

CODE'S REPORT:
Filed with Clerk will be posted on Web Site. Supervisor read the Codes report and also stated that Tyler has completed another 35 hours of training while keeping up with permits and inspections.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Superintendent Clayton Conover
Clayton reported that all the plow trucks are good to go for the winter. They have been working on picking up leaves. Sylvan Beach is still helping out with UDIG tickets. He thanked the Town of Verona for grinding up some stumps for us. The Generator at the Highway Garage is now fixed. The Decals on all the older trucks have the year 1816 on them. Because the company that made our decals is no longer in business, we needed the logo. Carol has the logo for 1807 as the established year for the Town. Carol read resolution from 2007 which states the Town was established in 1807 and went through some name changes until 1816, which then came to the name Vienna. The Board agreed to use the logo with the year 1807 moving forward. Clayton discussed Kimball Road speed sign on the northern end. The Highest reading on that road was 96 MPH, coming off McConnellsville road, which could possibly be a motorcycle. The speed limit on that road is 45 MPH. They will not use speed humps on that road because it is already a low speed. We will share information with State Troopers.

Supervisor Spellicy received an email on with the finalized Union Contract signed on 10/14/26 and a hard copy was sent to the Highway Garage. A four-year contract set to start January 1st.

COUNCIL REPORTS:
Councilwoman McEwen:
Taste of Central New York will be happening this weekend at North Star Orchards along with Cornell University and invited anyone to attend.

Councilman Smith:
The next Planning Board Meeting is November 19. The ZBA if trying to schedule a meeting for the school property across the road for the proposal of a Laundromat and Storage Units. Hopefully this will happen early next month.

Supervisor Spellicy:
Spoke with Attorney Evan Rossi about the draft copy of Zoning Law changes and he explained that the next steps for the Zoning Law changes would be to have someone, probably Mac fill out the Long Form part one SEQR for the County to review.

The Town is discussing the possibility of rezoning the School to Hamlet Commercial. Either way the processes are taking place for the possible Laundromat and Storage Units. Darrin explained also looking at the North Bay Fireman's Field along with the Gas Station across the road.

The Oswego Road Bridge project was rebid for $3,123,143.32, which is under the cost estimate and $80,000 below budget. The County has taken lead Agency because Vienna and the City of Rome will share the cost. This is why there is $100,000 on the budget line for bridges. The work will start April 1, 2027 and there is supposed to be an Oneida County meeting in February for Town Residents.

Councilman Smith talked about Hardens Bridge and contacted Brookfield energy to get some information for Dam repair. It is not the Town's responsibility. Jason explained that the Great Lakes Fishery Commission has looked at it with their own engineers and the hang up is the ownership. No municipality has ever claimed ownership.

Clayton is taking the initiative to look into getting the bridge repaired that Vienna and Annsville share through the Bridge of NY Program. If it gets approved, it will be 95% covered and the remainder will be split between Vienna and Anssville.

OLD BUSINESS:
State Contract Fuel Pricing- details are still being worked on. Received push back from the State because of coming in late and need permission from Vendors to enter contracts. There has been some coordination being looked at on replacing the propane tanks. Under the contract, Buell Fuels has the gas and fuel oil, Mirabito has diesel and Buell has premium diesel.

NEW BUSINESS:
Adirondack Broadband- Vienna has a contract for 5 years, that was paid for with ARPA funding. We are only 3 years into the service. Email has been sent to the CEO. They have failed to communicate with the Town or Residents. Broadband ran into legal issues with Verizon by attaching cables to their poles. The Public Service Commission demanded the wires be removed because they had no permission and wasn't up to code. Broadband has to remove wires all throughout NYS for thousands of poles. An email was sent to Joe Griffo and County Executive to ask to use federal monies to help Adirondack Broadband remove the wires and help the residents. James Genovese was at the NOCCOG dinner and spoke with Supervisor Spellicy and he said maybe another company can buy them out and use the cables already in the ground.

Councilman Learned said that a lot of people on Elpis has already purchased Star Link. Phil Amway also purchased Star Link.

Jason will call the CEO to find out how to collect equipment from people who purchased Star Link. They can put the equipment in the Town Hall if necessary.

PUBLIC CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

Pete Laserno asked about 50 forward and Jason explained what 50 Forward was and Carol explained how to get a voucher for the membership.

Councilman Smith would like to get quotes from other insurance companies for the Town and compare prices. He had talked with other Towns to see who they use.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not Entered

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Spellicy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm and Councilman Learned seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully,
Carol L Huber
Town Clerk