Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board
July 8, 2026

TOWN BOARD PRESENT:
Supervisor Maria Sexton
Councilwoman Suzanne Messina
Councilman Glenn Miller
Councilman Robert Greene
Councilman Matthew Padbury

ALSO ATTENDING: 1st Deputy Town Clerk Sarah Maney, and 2 Members of the public.

Supervisor Sexton convened the meeting at 6:03 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, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

Motion approving June 24th, 2026 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Vestal Town Board.

3. BID OPENINGS

4. PUBLIC HEARING

5. SUPERVISOR UPDATE

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

8. PUBLIC WORKS (PADBURY/Greene)

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-243 Approval of Refund to Bian for Water Bill
Resolution for Town Board approval to refund Yangzhou Bian $258.82 that is a credit balance remaining on his final water bill.

9. FINANCE (MESSINA/Miller)

10. PERSONNEL (MESSINA/Greene)

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-244 Approval of Summer Employees
Resolution authorizing Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, to hire the following summer employees, pending the successful completion of all Town requirements:

A7310.1128 Labor – Girls Lacrosse Camp - Start Date July 13, 2026
Bailey Paige – Apalachin as Girls Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $250 salary
Leah Daino – Apalachin as Girls Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $250 salary
Makayla Paige – Apalachin as Girls Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $250 salary
Alley Crowley – Vestal as Girls Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $250 salary
Samantha Schaffer – Vestal as Girls Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $250 salary

A7310.1134 Labor – Pickleball Camp – Start Date July 20, 2026
Tiniira Tubo – Vestal as Pickleball Instructor at pay rate $250 salary
Keliina Tubo – Vestal as Pickleball Instructor at pay rate $250 salary

A7310.1131 Labor – Volleyball (Four) Camps – Start Date July 20 & July 27, 2026
Kate Darpino – Endicott as Volleyball Camp Coach at pay rate $400 salary / 1 Camp
Kate Finch – Vestal as Volleyball Camp Instructor at pay rate $250 salary / 1 Camp

Madelyn Smith – Vestal as Volleyball Camp Instructor at pay rate $250 salary /2 Camps
Ellie Russell – Vestal as Volleyball Camp Instructor at pay rate $250 salary /3 Camps
Hannah Nemecek – Apalachin as Volleyball Camp Instructor at pay rate $250 salary/3 Camps

A7310.1122 – Labor – Boys Lacrosse Camp – Start Date July 20, 2026
Trevor Barney – Vestal as Boys Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $450 salary
Zach Cook – Vestal as Boys Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $450 salary
Andrew Bowen – Vestal as Boys Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $450 salary
Braden McMahon – Apalachin as Boys Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $400 salary
Evan Koffman – Binghamton as Boys Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $400 salary
Joe Newell – Vestal as Boys Lacrosse Camp Instructor at pay rate $250 salary

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-245 Approval to Amend Summer Employees

Resolution to amend the Advanced Baseball Section of Resolution R 2026-228 to hire the following summer employees. All employees pay rates are budgeted items in the 2026 budget. Request Town Board approval to hire the following staff, pending the successful completion of all Town requirements:

A7310.1123 Labor – Coed Basketball Camp - Start Date July 6, 2026

Peyton Alig – Johnson City as Coed Basketball Camp Coach at pay rate $300 salary
Caleb Kittle – Vestal as Coed Basketball Camp Coach at pay rate $300 salary
Nolan Jagodzinski – Vestal as Coed Basketball Camp Coach at pay rate $300 salary
Ryan Andrus – Vestal as Coed Basketball Camp Coach at pay rate $300 salary
Zamari Spivey – Vestal as Coed Basketball Camp Coach at pay rate $300 salary
Alex Sculley – Vestal as Coed Basketball Camp Coach at pay rate $300 salary
Brodi A'Hearn – Apalachin as Coed Basketball Camp Coach at pay rate $300 salary
Jace Gannon – Apalachin as Coed Basketball Camp Coach at pay rate $150 salary
Spencer Griffiths - Vestal as Coed Basketball Camp Coach at pay rate $150 salary

A7310.1128 Labor – Softball Camp – Start Date July 6, 2026

Kayleise Spivey – Vestal as Softball Camp Instructor at pay rate $300 salary
Savonna Pittari – Vestal as Softball Camp Instructor at pay rate $400 salary
Grace Talbut – Vestal as Softball Camp Instructor at pay rate $400 salary
Brian Donlin – Vestal as Softball Camp Instructor at pay rate $400 salary

A7310.1046 Labor – Advanced Baseball Camp – Start date June 29, 2026

Spencer Griffiths – Vestal as Baseball Camp Coach as pay rate $140 salary
Henry Lay – Vestal as Baseball Camp Coach as pay rate $140 salary
Josh Kweller – Vestal as Baseball Camp Instructor at pay rate $140 salary
Parker Terrell – Vestal as Baseball Camp Instructor at pay rate $140 salary

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-246 Approval to Amend CSEA Contract Regarding Drug Testing
Resolution to amend the CSEA Town of Vestal Administrative Unit contract regarding drug and alcohol testing policy to make it compliant with NYS law and consistent with other municipal contracts.

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-247 Approval to Adopt Gender-Based Violence Policy
Resolution authorizing the adoption of Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Policy to comply with the State mandate that this policy be added to the employee handbook in

compliance with the Comprehensive Plan grant application.

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-248 Approval of Summer Employees
Resolution authorizing Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, to retroactively hire the following summer employee effective July 6, 2026.

A7310.1026 Labor – Tennis Instructors – Start Date July 6, 2026
Julian Holdrege – Windsor as Tennis Instructor at pay rate $17.00/hour

11. PLANNING & ZONING (GREENE/Padbury)

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-249 Approval of Town Clerk to Sign 30 Day Notice Waivers
Resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to sign three 30-day Notice Waivers RE: Compass Group USA, Inc. for Binghamton University (Anderson Center, University Union and University Fieldhouse) allowing the application with the New York State Liquor Authority to be filed as soon as possible.

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-250 Approval to Reimburse Foster

Resolution for Town Board approval to reimburse Connor Foster for costs incurred for obtaining CESSWI training and certification. The total amount is $623.08 which includes exam review materials, testing fee and exam application fee. The reimbursement will be charged to budget line A1440.4030 – Education & Travel.

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-251 Approval to Installation of Stop Sign at Stratford Dr. and Meadowbrook Lane

Resolution for the installation of a stop sign to replace an existing yield sign at the intersection of Stratford Drive and North Meadowbrook Lane.

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-252 Approval to Advertise for Public Hearing

Resolution to advertise on July 24, 2026 for a public hearing to be held on August 12, 2026. The Public hearing is regarding the application for rezoning the parcel owned by The United Way of Broome County and located at 101 Jensen Road from Single Family Residential to Transitional Neighborhood District.

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-253 Approval of Submission of Comprehensive Plan Application
Resolution authorizing submission of the comprehensive plan application and committing to provide the required local match if grant is awarded. The proposed comprehensive plan cost is $139,000, with the Town responsible for a 15% local match of $20,850.

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-254 Approval to Advertise for Public Hearing Local Law D Food Truck Courts
Resolution to advertise on July 9, 2026, for a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. The public hearing is for proposed Local Law D of 2026: "A Local Law establishing a Temporary Moratorium on New Food Truck Courts within the Town of Vestal"

12. PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Greene)

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-255 Approval of Accept Reimbursement from Homeland Security
Resolution for Town Board approval to accept a reimbursement of $1,167.41 from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. These funds should be reallocated to A3120-1033 to cover any overtime.

13. ADMINISTRATION (MILLER/Padbury**)**

RECEIVE AND FILE:

- 26G: weekly general operating expenditures
- 26C: weekly capital expenditures
- 26M: weekly health insurance claim expenditures
- 26T: weekly FSA (Flexible Spending Account) expenditures
- 27G: weekly general operating expenditures
- 27C: weekly capital expenditures
- 27M: weekly health insurance claim expenditures
- Town Clerk monthly report June 2026

14. PETITIONS &PROTESTS

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

following was

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-256 Approval to Hire Summer Employees
Resolution authorizing Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, to hire the following summer employees, pending the successful completion of all Town requirements:

A7310.1136 – Labor – Elite Basketball Camp – Start Date July 13, 2026
Nicolas Anderson – Vestal as Elite Basketball Camp Instructor at pay rate $300 salary
Jace Gannon – Vestal as Elite Basketball Camp Instructor at pay rate $300 salary
Peyton Alig – Endicott as Elite Basketball Camp Instructor at pay rate $300 salary
Alexander Sculley – Vestal as Elite Basketball Camp Instructor at pay rate $300 salary

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

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ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 5
Nays 0

R2026-257 Approval to Customs Power of Attorney to Ship Swings
Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a Customs Power of Attorney for the shipping company that will be importing the IP-15 handicapped swings from Scotland. The document is required to allow the shipping company to act on our behalf during the shipping process. A grant was obtained to pay for swings.

17. SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brush Pick Up for 2026: July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7
  Residents ~ please have brush on curb/roadside Sunday night "Before" the first Monday of each current month to ensure your brush is picked up.

- Vestal Memorial Pool and Splash Pad:
  - Daily 12 – 8 PM

(Change in hours this week: The pool and splash pad are open 12:00 pm – 3:30pm only through Friday July 10th.)

$1.00 kids (under 18) and $2.00 for Adults & Sr. Citizens, including observers

18. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATE

Finance:
The completed 2025 financial reporting to OSC is on the website. The 2025 financial audit will continue through September 30.

Public Safety:

- *The Vestal Youth Police Academy Middle School Program began on Monday, July 6, at the Vestal High School. 100 students from Vestal and surrounding districts begin each day with some level of physical training. Presentations have been made by strong man, motivational speaker Bill Clark (tore a license plate in half!), fire extinguisher training where each student put out a live fire with a fire extinguisher, K-9 demonstrations, traffic stops, and LifeNet helicopter presentations/training. Students are also working on conducting mock court trial/defenses, learning self-defense, practicing solving crime scenes and presenting their results. The middle school program will end on Friday with a luncheon and graduation ceremony.*
- *The High School (grades 9 – 12) Youth Police Academy will run for two weeks beginning on Monday, July 13 and run through Friday, July 24.*
- *Check the Vestal Police Facebook page for pictures of the Academy and other information regarding the Vestal Police Department.*

EMS has had a busy month and continues to request that people provide a clear pathway to entry and exit points to provide for quicker, safer delivery of services.

Fire Department – The Fire Department is continually providing training to enhance the quality of fire services in the Town of Vestal. The Fire Training Building has been refurbished and continues to provide quality fire training for Vestal and surrounding municipalities (who pay a fee that provides for upkeep and maintenance of the facility).

Personnel:

Clerk's Office – The Farmer's Market is up and running on Wednesdays and Saturdays until November.
Tick kits are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Recreation:

- *The supervised playground program began on June 29 – and will run through August 8.*
- *The Aquatics program runs July 29 – August 7.*
- *Summer Concerts at the Gazebo on Tuesday nights are in progress and will run through August 11*
- *Summer concerts at Arnold Park run from July 9 – August 20.*
- *Movie nights will be held July 16 and August 13, and the Summer Celebration will be held on August 5.*
- *Sports leagues run throughout the summer and are listed in the summer recreation flyer and on the website.*
- *Please check the Town of Vestal Recreation website for the summer recreation flyer for the start and end dates for summer programs.*

Come join the fun!

Water Department
The Water Department is currently completing lead and copper sampling. The meter replacement project is nearly complete, with approximately three dozen meters remaining.

Highway Department
The Highway Department is currently working on a milling and paving project on the side streets in the Ross Corners area. Crews have also been picking up brush since Monday. There is a significant amount of brush to collect due to last week's storm. Please be patient as our crews work to clear all this brush from the storms.

Parks Department
The Parks Department has completed the Castle Gardens Cricket Pitch, including installation of artificial turf. The department will continue upgrading the park during the coming season to better accommodate Cricket play. Parks staff have also been working with AstroTurf to refinish several courts in Vestal. Completed work includes the African Road Park tennis court and one of Harold Moore's basketball courts. Additional improvements to Vestal tennis and basketball courts are planned for this season. Photos have been included to show the progress of these improvements.

Museum
The Museum welcomed 36 adults and 12 children. A large donation of items for the Museum and Historical Society was also received from the Byers Family. Thank you to the Byers family for supporting the Museum. I would also like to thank the museum staff for volunteering to work on the Fourth of July. Although it was not a regularly scheduled day, they felt it would be valuable for the Museum to be open during this time.

Finally, I would like to thank the Public Works staff for all they do, especially for their hard work and dedication during last week's storms and extreme heat.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Member of the public stated the rules here are unconstitutional and that they should be reviewed by the Attorney. Member also stated he is suspicious of moratoriums because they can overlap election years and postpone decisions. Lastly, he mentioned an open meeting law, a local case Cheevers vs. Town of Union stating you cannot do government business at all by yourselves via phone or email with each other and come to conclusions.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Board adjourned the Work Session and entered Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the following:

1. Personnel Police

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Miller the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Approved by

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Debra Wallace, Town Clerk