REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF THE VESTAL TOWN BOARD
November 18, 2026, 6:00 PM

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion approving October 28th, 2026, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

Motion approving the amended minutes with the inclusion of the Supervisor's summary from the November 4, 2026 Public Hearing on the 2027 Preliminary Budget and the 2027 Special Districts Budget.

3. BID OPENINGS

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. SUPERVISOR UPDATES

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

8. PUBLIC WORKS (PADBURY/Greene)

8.1. Resolution for Town Board approval of a request from Scott Groats, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, to award the Rano Booster Electric Service contract to the sole bidder, Electrical Testing Services, 1060 Clark Street, Building 96, Endicott, New York 13760, in an amount not to exceed $40,100.00, with funds to come from a combination of budget lines W8330-3009 and W8340-2100.

8.2. Resolution for Town Board approval of a request from Scott Groats, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, to award the Water Chemicals contract to the sole bidder, Slack Chemical Company, 465 Clinton Street, Carthage, NY 13619-0030, with funds to come from a combination of budget lines W8330-4303 and W8330-4313.

9. FINANCE (MILLER/Greene**)**

9.1 Resolution for the Town Board to approve payment in the amount $2,184.00 to Roemer

Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP, for outside counsel fees for professional services rendered through September 29, 2026. The services are as follows: Police Matter.

9.2. Resolution for approval of a Sewer Department budget amendment to transfer $124,118.00 from Refund of Prior Year Appropriations line S2701-2701 to the Village of Endicott-Waste Treatment line S8130-4581 to cover the Endicott Sewer invoice.

9.3 Resolution for approval of a Water Department budget amendment to transfer $3,000.00 from Main Replacement line W8340-3000 to the Vehicle Maintenance line W8310-4040 to cover line overages.

9.4 Resolution for approval of an Engineering Department budget amendment to transfer $300.00 from Books Periodicals Dues & Subs line A1440-4490 to the Education & Travel line A1440-4030 to cover license fee.

9.5 Resolution for approval of an Engineering Department budget amendment to transfer $875.00 from Taxable Fringe Benefits line A1440-1060 to the Office Supplies & Operating Expense line A1440-4010 to cover Adobe.

9.6 Resolution authorizing the renewal of the agreement with Broome County for the operation and lease of space at the Vestal Senior Center, 201 Main Street, Vestal, for the term 01/01/2027 – 12/31/2027 at no charge to the County and further authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract renewal.

9.7 Resolution authorizing payment to Town Attorney, Daniel D. Reynolds for 13.9 billable hours of legal services rendered at the contract rate of $200 per hour, for a total amount of $2,780.00 regarding the following Article 7 cases:

- EFCA2020001283 (Newbany Corporation): 1.1 hours
- EFCA2020001249, EFCA2021001733, EFCA2022001287, EFCA2023001491, EFCA2024001924, EFCA2025002247, EFCA2026002369 (Brookdale Senior Living Solutions & Emeriweg Vestal): 7.1 hours
- EFCA2022001302, EFCA2023001515, EFCA2024001981, EFCA2025002243, EFCA2026002476 (Vestal Shoppes LLC c/o Brixmor #4067): 5.7 hours

9.8 Resolution approving the following Capital Projects for the 2027 budget year:

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General Fund	Engineering	Rock Road Culvert Design	Hire an engineering consultant to design the Sugar Creek culvert replacement on Rock Road and secure needed right-of-way.	$285,000
General Fund	Engineering	Vestal Public Library Parking Lot	Mill 1.5 inches of worn asphalt, make spot base repairs, and repave the library parking lot.	$140,000
General Fund	Engineering	Vestal Museum Decking & Railing	Remove and replace the aged wood decking and railing around the museum.	$22,000
General Fund	Engineering	Assessor's Office Vestibule Rehab	Repair the entrance vestibule columns and roof; replace doors and windows.	$22,000
General Fund	Engineering	Andrews Road Tower Site Roof	Install a rubber roofing membrane on the communications equipment building.	$10,000
General Fund	Code Enforcement	Scanning Contract	Outside contract to scan and digitize Code Department building records.	$10,000
General Fund	Code Enforcement	Replacing Code Software One Time Implementation Cost	One-time cost to replace the permit and inspection software.	$70,000
General Fund	Police	Five New Rifles	Purchase and fully equip five .223 patrol rifles.	$1,729
Note: The rifles will cost $10,000. $8,271 of the amount is included in the regular budget.				
General Fund	Parks	Vestal Center Park Court Update	Resurface the tennis court and convert the full basketball court into 2 pickleball courts and 1 half-court.	$170,000
General Fund	Parks	Harold Moore Park South Court	Full rebuild: remove asphalt, repair base and drainage, repave, apply Laykold surface, and paint.	$62,000
General Fund	Parks	Ventrac 4520N Compact Tractor	Multi-use compact tractor with heated cab, broom, snow blower, spreader and 72-inch mower.	$66,000
		General Fund Subtotal		**$858,729**
Highway Fund	Highway	Road Reconstruction	Mill and repave various Town roads, with drainage installation and sign replacement as needed.	$1,000,000
Highway Fund	Highway	Tractor & Boom Mower (John Deere)	John Deere 6M105 (105 HP) tractor with 22-ft rear boom mower and 50-inch rotary head.	$205,546
Highway Fund	Highway	Small Bucket Truck (Ford 550 / Versalift)	New Ford 550 with Versalift SST-40-EHN telescopic aerial lift.	$175,173
Highway Fund	Highway	Stainless Steel V-Box Sand & Salt Spreader	Dual-auger stainless steel sand and salt spreader; lower maintenance and larger salt capacity.	$40,100
		Highway Fund Subtotal		**$1,420,819**
Sewer Fund	Water / Wastewater	NYS Route 434 Sanitary Sewer Crossing Replacement	Upsize the sewer crossing under State Route 434 (4800 block, Vestal Parkway East) to serve new development and prevent structural failure.	$1,160,992
		Sewer Fund Subtotal		**$1,160,992**

10. <u>PERSONNEL</u> (MILLER/Greene**)**

10.1 Resolution to hire Garrett Wilson as a full-time laborer for the Water Department at 40 hours per week, with an hourly rate of $22.51 per hour on November 23, 2026, replacing a resignation.

11. <u>PLANNING & ZONING</u> (GREENE/Padbury**)**

12. <u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> (**PADBURY**/Greene)

12.1 Resolution for Town Board approval of a request from Vincent Stavola, Police Chief, authorizing that a reimbursement check from Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in the amount of

$2,076.15 for patrol vehicle repairs be reimbursed back into the Vestal Police Department Vehicle Maintenance budget line 3120-4040.

12.2 Resolution for Town Board approval of a request from Vincent Stavola, Police Chief, authorizing that a check from PERMA in the amount of $4,907.94 be reimbursed to the Vestal Police Department Uniform and Clothing budget line 3120-4180.

12.3 Resolution for Town Board approval of a request from Vincent Stavola, Police Chief, authorizing that a reimbursement check from our insurance carrier in the amount of $1,820.67 for vehicle repairs be reimbursed back into the Vestal Police Department Vehicle Maintenance budget line 3120-4040.

12.4 Resolution for Town Board approval of a request from Vincent Stavola, Police Chief, authorizing that a check from Broome County in the amount of $12,000 for Grant reimbursement for Rail Trail Safety be reimbursed back into the Vestal Police Department budget line A3120-4389, per Resolution #R2026-224.

12.5 Resolution for Town Board approval of a request from Vincent Stavola, Police Chief, authorizing that the funds received by the Town of Vestal for various Traffic Safety Grants, totaling $4,310.89, be reimbursed to Overtime Line A3120-1033. This total consists of three separate reimbursements:

- NYS Governor's Safety - $2,997.04
- Police Traffic Services, Seat Belt- $1,062.57
- NYS Governor’s Safety, Super Bowl HVEC- $251.28

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

RECEIVE AND FILE

- Warrants: 44G, 44C, 44M, 44T, 45G, 45C, 45M, 45T, 46G, 46C, 46M, 46T
- Change of Tenant: New Mannam, LLC, 4000 Vestal Parkway East
- Change of Tenant: Kumon Learning Center, 1500 Vestal Parkway East, Suite 105
- Change of Tenant: Ship Smart Plus, 2508 Vestal Parkway East, Suite 2

14. PETITIONS & PROTESTS

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

16.1 Resolution authorizing the following employees to carry over up to 80 hours of unused vacation time into 2027:
Parks Department:
Felice A. DiRienzo Jr.
Sean White
Catherine M. Krajnyak
Highway Department:
Justin Groats
Benjamin L. Peck
Garrett Plessinger
Jeffrey S. Tomczyk
Catherine Cashman

16.2 Resolution to adopt the Townwide policy on FOIL procedures.

16.3 Resolution to adopt the Townwide IT policy.

16.4 Resolution to extend the term of the Battery Energy Storage Systems moratorium contained in Local Law 11 of 2025 for a period of six (6) months, pursuant to Section 8 of said local law.

16.5 Resolution approving the request of Elizabeth Flynn, Associate Athletics Director for Binghamton University Athletics, to install Binghamton University Bearcat flagpole banners along Route 434 from the Binghamton City line through Vestal to the university. The banners include the Bearcat logo with “One City, One Binghamton”.

17. SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

November 4, 2026 Town of Vestal Budget Hearing

The following Supervisors' Summary was omitted from the posted minutes from the November 4, 2026 public budget hearing.

- The budget is under the cap.
- It was a difficult task: the projected fixed cost increases are incredibly high:
  - **Labor**: over $600,000 (contractual 3%) $585,000 more than $600,000
  - **Medical**: Increase of about $600,000
  - **Electric**: Over $300,000
  - **Financing costs of our three bridge projects (Highway):** about $685,000
  - **Pensions**: $200,000
- The budget is:
  - Under the cap, minimizing tax increases for residents
  - Is realistic and accurate, dollar for dollar what we expect to pay
  - Maintains full services for our residents
  - Maintains a very comfortable fund balance, over 2 million dollars over the recommended minimum amount.
  - Part of a comprehensive financial plan that includes a sound financial plan
  - Includes a plan for all capital expenditures

Included in this budget:

- Investment in capital projects:
  - 1 million dollars in road reconstruction
  - Rock Road bridge repair
  - Repavement of the Library (and Museum) parking lot
  - Rehabilitation of the Assessor's Office vestibule
  - Andrews Tower roof replacement
  - Reconstruction and revitalization of the tennis courts at Vestal Center Park and Harold Moore Park

We are also making targeted investments to equip our personnel with the tools that they need to do their jobs better and more efficiently:

- Better software for our Code department so that they can draft reports in the field and finish them more quickly and efficiently
- New software for our Assessor (Rich Heffener)which will allow him to view current, legally sustainable, 3D images of every building in Vestal, enabling him to assess every property fairly
- New, better equipment fro our Police Department, from tasers to rifles, equipping them with the tools that are essential to ensure the safety of themselves, and our residents.
- Equipment for our Highway and Parks Departments:
  - Truck, Tractor, Mower, Sand and salt spreader
- We will also be developing a coordinated, comprehensive plan for the replacement of vehicles, so that no department is left behind

- Enhanced professional training, allowing our personnel to develop their skills and develop more efficient practices

I truly want to thank all of our personnel for all of their hard work to make this budget possible::

- Our Town Comptroller:
  - an incredible amount of work and
  - establishing a sound financial plan
- Our Department Heads:
  - For their hard work on the budget
  - Communicating their needs to the Board
  - And for their everyday cost consciousness
- All our employees:
  - For all their hard work and service to our residents every day
- Our Town Board:
  - For all their hard work,
  - Prioritizes the needs of every one of our departments, November 4while being mindful of, and minimizing the cost to our residents.

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IT Consulting • Support • Security • Compliance

Addendum to Section 5 of Information Security Overview.

Existing Section 5 title	How it applies in Vestal
Stakeholders and executive management	**Town Board** for policy, funding, and decisions reserved to the Board. **Town Supervisor** for coordination across departments and bringing matters to the Board when its action is needed.
Security Officer	The person **formally designated by the Town** to oversee its cybersecurity program. This function is currently assigned to the **Town IT Lead**. Approvals that require independent review stay separate.
IT Manager	**Town IT Lead**, the person designated to coordinate day-to-day IT operations and technical work. This is a functional label and doesn't create a new job title.
General workforce	Town employees and other personnel already covered by the policy. No change needed.

PYRAMID Business Systems provides technical advice and performs work authorized by the Town within the scope of its agreement

TOWN OF VESTAL LOCAL LAW NO. 11 OF 2025**

A Local Law Imposing a Twelve-Month Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems and Battery Recycling Facilities

Section 1. Title

This Local Law shall be known as the "2025 Battery Energy Storage and Battery Recycling Moratorium Law of the Town of Vestal."

Section 2. Purpose and Legislative Intent

Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the Town of Vestal by the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, to regulate and control land use, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Town Board intends to impose a 12-month moratorium on approval of any application related to the Battery energy storage systems or to battery recycling or refurbishing.

Section 3. Legislative Findings.

The Town Board of the Town of Vestal finds and declares:

1. Battery energy storage systems (BESS) are increasingly proposed throughout New York State, and such facilities raise complex land-use, environmental, fire protection, and public safety considerations, including thermal runaway, hazardous materials release, noise, decommissioning, and potential impacts to nearby residences and sensitive areas.
2. The Town does not currently have comprehensive zoning or safety regulations tailored specifically to BESS, nor has it completed a full evaluation of potential site-specific and cumulative community impacts.
3. The Town Board further finds that emerging battery recycling, refurbishing, dismantling, and materials recovery facilities present similar or greater risks, including hazardous materials handling, potential for fire events, water contamination, transportation and storage of damaged lithium-ion cells, noise, dust, and significant truck traffic.
4. The Town presently lacks zoning, performance, safety, and operational standards governing battery recycling facilities, and has not undertaken a comprehensive study of such uses.
5. The Town Board finds that the potential siting of either BESS or battery recycling facilities without appropriate regulations could threaten the public health, safety, and welfare of Town residents.
6. The Town Board therefore determines that a temporary and limited moratorium is necessary to allow the Town sufficient time to study these emerging technologies and to adopt appropriate zoning and safety regulations.

Section 4. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the Town's police powers under the New York State Constitution and its supercession authority under the Municipal Home Rule Law 10.

Section 5. Definitions

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS):
A system that stores electrical energy for later use, using electrochemical, thermal, mechanical, or other technology, including associated equipment, containers, inverters, pads, switchgear, and fire suppression systems.

Battery Recycling Facility:
Any commercial or industrial operation engaged in the collection, storage, dismantling, disassembly, shredding, crushing, thermal processing, refurbishing, recovery, reuse, or handling of spent, damaged, or end-of-life batteries or battery components, including lithium-ion, nickel-metal hydride, lead-acid, or other battery chemistries.

Section 6. Moratorium Imposed and Scope of Moratorium.

A. During the term of this Local Law, no department, board, or official of the Town of Vestal shall accept, process, review, consider, approve, or issue any application, permit, site plan, special use permit, zoning request, variance, building permit, license, or land-use approval relating to:

1. The establishment, construction, installation, expansion, modification, or operation of any Battery Energy Storage System; or
2. The establishment, construction, installation, expansion, modification, or operation of any Battery Recycling Facility.

B. This moratorium also applies to any inquiry, pre-application submission, sketch plan, conceptual plan, or request for zoning interpretation relating to uses covered by this section.

C. The moratorium applies whether such activity is proposed as a principal use, accessory use, component of another operation, or within an industrial facility.

Section 7. Exemptions

This Local Law does not apply to small-scale residential BESS used solely to provide power to a single-family dwelling, two-family dwelling or townhouse.

Section 8. Term.

This moratorium shall be in effect for twelve(12) months from the effective date of this Local Law, unless extended or repealed by resolution or local law.

Section 9. Penalties

Any person or entity who violates this Local Law shall be subject to the enforcement remedies and penalties available under Town Law and the Vestal Town Code, and including injunctive relief in favor of the Town to cease any action that conflicts with this Local Law.

Section 10. Severability

If any provision of this Local Law is held invalid, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect

Section 11. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.