Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board
November 18, 2026

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

ALSO ATTENDING: Town Clerk Debra Wallace, Town Attorney Daniel Reynolds, and 2 members of the public.

Supervisor Sexton convened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

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

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

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

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 HEARING

5. SUPERVISOR UPDATE

- *Budget passed (See the Town Website for details)*
- *Hometown Hero Banner (See the Town Website for details)*
- *Father/Son Sneaker Ball*

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Member of the public is stating that they believe the banners for Binghamton University is for free advertisement.

7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

8. PUBLIC WORKS (PADBURY/Greene)

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

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

R2026-392 Approval to Award Bid to Electrical Testing Services

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.

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

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

R2026-393 Approval to Award Bid to Slack Chemical Company
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 (MESSINA/Miller**)**

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

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

R2026-394 Approval to Pay Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP
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.

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

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

R2026-395 Approval of Sewer Dept Budget Amendment
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.

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

following was

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

R2026-396 Approval of Water Dept Budget Amendment
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.

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

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

R2026-397 Approval of Engineering Department Budget Amendment
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.

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

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

R2026-398 Approval of Engineering Dept Budget Amendment
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.

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

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

R2026-399 Approval to Renew Lease Agreement on Vestal Sr. Center
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.

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

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

R2026-400 Approval to Pay Reynolds Billable Hours
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

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

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

R2026-401 Approval of Capital Projects 2027

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

2027 Town of Vestal Final Budget - Capitals				
Fund	**Department**	**Project**	**Description & Justification**	**Cost**
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. PERSONNEL (MILLER/Greene)

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

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

R2026-402 Approval to Hire Wilson
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. PLANNING & ZONING (GREENE/Padbury**)**

12. PUBLIC SAFETY (PADBURY/Greene**)**

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

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

R2026-403 Approval of Acceptance of Reimbursement Check in PD (Fiat)
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.

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

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

R2026-404 Approval of Acceptance of Reimbursement Check in PD (PERMA)
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.

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

following was

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

R2026-405 Approval of Acceptance of Reimbursement Check in PD(Insurance)
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.

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

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

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R2026-406 Approval of Acceptance of Reimbursement Check in PD(BC)
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.

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

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

R2026-407 Approval of Acceptance of Reimbursement Check in PD(Grant)
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

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

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

R2026-408 Approval of Vacation Carry Over

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

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Supervisor Sexton, the following was

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

R2026-409 Approval of FOIL Procedures
Resolution to adopt the Townwide policy on FOIL procedures.

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

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

R2026-410 Approval of Townwide IT Policy
Resolution to adopt the Townwide IT policy.

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

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

R2026-411 Approval to Extend Battery Storage Moratorium
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.

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

ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Padbury
Ayes 3 (Messina, Padbury, Greene)
Nays 2 (Sexton, Miller)

Supervisor Sexton stated:
That the flag is Binghamton University logo along with one city, one Binghamton and binghamtonbearcats.com. And I just want to comment that, first of all, we do, you know, BU is a huge part of our community.
There is no question. A lot of faculty live here. Students stay here throughout the, during, when they're in session.

It is, it does, they do, they do definitely, we have an economic benefit from them being here. That being said, we are Vestal and not Binghamton. We are a community not just of BU.

We are a community of incredible groups of people of all different kinds, different professions, different economic standing, different ethnic backgrounds, and different religious beliefs. We are truly a unique community, and we are a community of which BU is one part. And I do not, I cannot support this simply because it would be, all of these banners would be through Vestal seeing one city, one Binghamton, and quite frankly, it's not Binghamton.

So for that, I cannot vote for it. I do appreciate all of it, but in my email today I also said I also believe that my neighbors who work at BU would say that they live in Vestal and not in Binghamton. So that's why I will be voting against it.

But if anybody else wishes to make a statement, go right ahead.

Councilwoman Messina stated:
The banners are not throughout Vestal. They're from the Binghamton line to Binghamton University. They go by the Binghamton housing complex, some restaurants in the

Binghamton housing complex to the university. The sports field for Binghamton University sports complex is on the Vestal campus.

the parents that come in to watch the games stay in Vestal hotels. They eat at Vestal restaurants, so they support the community. I think, its a nice support of those parents having their kids here and coming to support the kids' sports teams to support what the banners are being put up for, and that's to support the sports team.

And I do believe that we should voice the opinion, as I said in Monday's meeting, to the person that requested this that, you know, we're not really okay with the wording. We do want to support the students and the sports teams and the parents, and so I will be voting in favor of this.

Sexton stated:
That I just wanted to clarify that I did send the email to BU, and she did not respond. And it was nicely worded, and it basically said that, you know, we appreciate BU. We appreciate all our residents who, you know, either work in BU or the students who stay here. We appreciate the economic benefits to the community.

However, we are Vestal, and we are not a college town. It is not the only component of our community. And so, you know, I said some of us, some of the Town Board Members had mixed feelings in regards for that reason. I put that forward to her, and she did not respond. I read over it a lot. I think it was said very nicely.
I really believe that BU is a wonderful entity. That being said, I think so are all our residents and all the other components of our community. And I think they're all equally important, and I, you know, for that reason, it rubs me the wrong way to say it feels like they would take ownership of that parkway. And to me, it just feels wrong.

R2026-412 Approval to Install Banners for BU
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”.

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

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

RESOLUTION *under Town of Vestal Code, Chapter 5, Article IV, accepting the report of the Town Engineer regarding 3729 Gates Road (BCTMP 158.08-1-35), determining the property to be unsafe and dangerous to the public, and authorizing service of notice of condemnation.*

WHEREAS, *the Town Engineer, Tom Sullivan, P.E., by memorandum dated November 18, 2026, filed a written report with the Town Board pursuant to Town Code§ 5-91 regarding the dwelling at 3729 Gates Road, Town of Vestal (BCTMP 158.08-1-35); and*

WHEREAS, *the report finds substantial inward displacement of the roof consistent with partial collapse, large perforations of the roof system, and missing or displaced roof covering and sheathing exposing the framing and flooring system to rain and snow, with photographs from September 2024 and November 2026 indicating increasing roof failure; and*

WHEREAS, *the Town Engineer concluded that the structure is unfit for occupation and dangerous to the public, in that persons entering or approaching it could be injured by further roof collapse, flooring failure or falling debris; and*

WHEREAS, *the Town Board has considered said report pursuant to Town Code § 5-92;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Town Board accepts the report of the Town Engineer; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the Town Board determines the building and structure at 3729 Gates Road (BCTMP 158.08-1-35) to be dangerous and unsafe to the public; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that notice of such condition be given in accordance with Town Code§ 5-93, and the Town Attorney and Town Clerk are authorized and directed to prepare and serve the notice on the owner and any other persons having a vested or contingent interest, by personal service or registered mail to the last known address as shown in the records of the receiver of taxes and/or county clerk or register, with a copy posted on the premises if served by mail; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the notice shall include the contents required by § 5-93(b), including a hearing before the Town Board on a date, time and place to be determined, which date shall be not less than five (5) business days from the date of service of the notice; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that a copy of the notice as served be filed in the office of the Broome County Clerk pursuant to § 5-94.*

Town Attorney Daniel Reynolds stated:
That the building is vacant. The building has been vacant for some time. It's been a perennial problem with code. Code has cited the property owner over the years. He was cited pre-COVID.

It's been a problem for about 20 years. It's been vacant for several years. It doesn't look to be habitable at all.

We do have a court hearing coming up on this, just because the code hearings have been scheduled to come on for next week in front of Judge Butler. With the code violations, you essentially get fined as the remedy. This place has been deteriorating over the years.

It seems to be getting worse every year. So at this point, I asked the Town Engineer to give me a report, whether it's safe to the public. You could have first responders there.

You could have people that come to the door. You could have kids running around. The roof could collapse. Somebody could get injured. The Town Engineer has given us a pretty clear report that said it's unsafe to the public. So it's up to the Town Board.

But the suggestion here is that we follow Chapter 5 on unsafe buildings. We've got the procedure kind of laid right out in the Town Code. So essentially what we're doing tonight at the Town Board's action is to accept the report from the Town Engineer.

And we'll have to accept it, meaning to declare this building unsafe, subject to due process, meaning we will serve a notice of a hearing on this property owner. He's got an attorney. He shows up to court with an affidavit.

So we'll put both the property owner and his attorney on notice of a hearing. The hearing would be the notice. It would be filed at the County Clerk's Office. The hearing would be in front of the Board. We'll hear evidence. We'd have our Town Engineer provide evidence and possibly Code as well. And then there will be a determination made.

And the determination would be whether or not it's unsafe and should be demolished. And then we'd have to talk in a future meeting about the cost of demolition. And if it fell to the Town to do it and put out RFPs and that sort of thing, then we would leave the property and do the procedure to try to get reimbursement for that.

But that's the other path that we're taking tonight and we're starting tonight. The reason I wrote kind of a formal resolution is because it's going to support a court action. Yes, okay.

R2026-413 Approval to Accept Report Regarding 3729 Gates Road

Resolution under Town of Vestal Code, Chapter5 Article 4 accepting the report from Town Engineer with respect to property located at 3729 Gates Road (BCTMP 158.08-1-35), considering said report, and determining property to be unsafe and dangerous to the public, and the authorization notice of condemnation to be served on property owner, pursuant to said article

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

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

R2026-414 Approval of Thomas to Shadow Town Engineer
Resolution to allow Bryce Thomas, a senior at Horseheads Senior High School, to shadow Thomas Sullivan, Town Engineer, for a day. He is considering Civil Engineering as a career and would like to learn what the job entails.

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

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

R2026-415 Approval of Permanent Easement 893 Jones Road
Resolution for Town Board approval of permanent easement regarding property located at 893 Jones Road Tax Map No. 118.11-1-17 as part of the Jones Road Perpetual Easement project. Easement purpose and rights: A permanent right of way and easement for the use, operation, maintenance, inspection and repair of a Town drainage ditch, including the permanent right to enter the easement area for those purposes. The easement acquisition cost is $1.00.

17. SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATE

Councilman Padbury's Committee Chair Comments:

Highway Department
The Highway Department will continue its annual leaf collection program for as long as weather conditions permit. Crews will remain in operation until freezing temperatures, significant snowfall, or other adverse weather conditions make continued collection impractical and unsafe.
The department was also recognized by the Vestal Police Department for its assistance during yesterday's Parkway closure, where Highway personnel played a critical role in establishing detours and ensuring public safety throughout the incident.

Parks Department

The Parks Department has completed as much work as possible this season on the installation of the new IP-15 inclusive swing. Concrete footers have been poured, and the swing armature has been installed. With this foundational work complete, the department is well-positioned to return in the spring to install the required safety surface rubber matting and open the swing to the public.

Additional improvements have been completed at Four Corners gazebo. The custom-built railings at the gazebo have been installed, and the decking has been sanded and refinished with a protective water seal to address damage caused by vandalism. Next year, the department plans to continue improvements to the gazebo area, including work on the handicap-accessible ramp, stair railings, and fascia replacement.

Parks crews have also begun installing lights at Four Corners Park in preparation for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Staging and event preparations will continue over the next several weeks to ensure another successful community event.

Engineering Department
The Engineering Department was successful in working with the New York State Department of Transportation to secure an additional $1,000,000 in federal funding for the Main Street Bridge Project.

We thank our state partners for recognizing the importance of this critical infrastructure project and for their continued support in helping move it forward.

Code Department
The Code Department continues conducting preliminary online meetings as part of the process of upgrading the department's code enforcement software system.

Staff also remain actively engaged in ongoing construction inspections and fire safety inspections throughout the Town to ensure compliance, maintain public safety, and support responsible development within the community.

Planning Board
Residents and applicants should note that the Planning Board meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 15th. The Town of Vestal website has been updated to reflect the revised meeting date, and interested parties are encouraged to consult the Town website for meeting information and agenda updates

Zoning Board of Appeals
Residents and applicants should note that the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings on November 26th and December 24th have been canceled. The Town of Vestal website has been updated to reflect these schedule changes, and anyone with matters before the Board is encouraged to review the updated meeting calendar for additional information.

Police Department
The Vestal Police Department would like to extend its sincere appreciation to both the Vestal Fire Department and the Highway Department for their extraordinary assistance during yesterday's Parkway closure, which resulted from a tractor-trailer striking utility lines. The incident required extensive road closures, traffic control measures, and detour routes. The coordinated response and support provided by these departments were instrumental in managing the situation efficiently and safely.

The Police Department would also like to remind residents that the Town's annual Winter Parking Ban goes into effect on December 1st and remains in effect through March 31st. During this period, parking on any Town street is prohibited between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This seasonal restriction helps ensure safe and effective snow and ice removal operations throughout the winter months.

Fire Department
The Vestal Fire Department responded to a total of 56 alarms during the reporting period. Of those incidents, 15 responses were at Binghamton University. The department also provided 3 mutual aid responses, including 2 to Endwell and one to Endicott.

The department was also called upon to assist during yesterday's Parkway closure and was recognized by the Vestal Police Department for its significant contribution to traffic management and public safety efforts during that emergency.

In addition to their regular training schedule and emergency response duties, department members continue to participate in specialized training programs designed to enhance operational readiness and expand the department's capabilities. These advanced training efforts ensure our firefighters remain prepared to respond effectively to a wide range of emergency situations and continue providing the highest level of service to our community.

I would like to thank all of our departments for their continued hard work, professionalism, and dedication to serving the residents of the Town of Vestal.

Councilman Miller's Committee Chair Comments:

The Recreation Department, first of all, we'd like to thank the Parks Department for their work, because a lot of that ties together with what Recreation does with hikes and putting things in parks for children to play on.

So we're very appreciative of the Parks Department for their work. The Mother-Son Speaker Ball, as Supervisor Sexton mentioned, was a great success. A full dance floor of people.

The Recreation Department has a Facebook page that has a lot of photos of the events for anyone interested. And everyone should be ready for the Father-Daughter Ball coming Saturday, February 29th, next year. The Vestal Youth Basketball registration deadline is this Friday, November 20th, the 2027 season that runs January through March of 2027.

Register at vestalrecreation.com. Volunteer coaches are still needed. The Recreation Office has put up their Christmas inflatable decorations in front of the Assessor/ Recreation Building. They're very festive and they're fun to take pictures with, get your children in there, have some fun for a festive family.

They're having their gingerbread house decorating. It's coming November 12th from 1 to 3 in the afternoon. It will be here in this building.

See the website for details, again at vestalrecreation.com. The annual Christmas tree lighting and sing-along will be Friday, December 4th at 6pm. The Recreation Department is facilitating Letters to Santa, Monday, November 23rd through Sunday, December 6th. Letters can be dropped off at Santa's mailbox in the Recreation Department office, or you can hand them to Santa in person at the tree lighting on December 4th.

For IT, as we mentioned tonight, the IT policy will be rolled out once it's approved. They also have an AI policy they're working on that will also be rolled out after approval. The museum sent some information.

They had 415 visitors last September, which is up from 355 visitors in 2025. October saw 259 visitors, up from 184 in 2025. So they are showing an increase in people coming and enjoying the events down at the museum.

They had a formerVestal alumni spend several hours on Saturday cataloging the collection they have and designating locations of boxes and individual items in the basement. So if someone came in, volunteered, helped them get organized, it was very appreciated. They obtained a new remote-controlled large movie screen.

It was installed and has been utilized for two of the historical talks. They used to have a small, just pop-up screen that they used a projector on. Hard to look over people, so now they have a big screen that people can see much more clearly.

The resident made a generous donation of 100 or more records, albums, vinyl, 34-rpm records. The donor only requested that they give them to the public so they are free for anyone stopping by. There might not be many left, but there was quite a few left last week when I visited.

There was a donation by Marie Conti that came in on November 1st. A sign from the back entrance of a roaring fort, which is now Tully's. They have plans to hang it in the back room.

It's a great piece of festival memorabilia. And then on November 5th, the Jamba for Jammers will be playing live bluegrass music. And we're past that, aren't we? It is.

Okay. I'm not sure if I missed the last session or not. Well, it happened.

I'm sure it was great. And she has more cool events that we'll keep updated. And be sure to visit their piece of the town website and also their Facebook page for more information on what events they do have coming up.

They do have some very interesting presentations

They really do an amazing job. They really worked hard on the budget, but they work hard every day. And although not everybody is always happy, I want to say that I get an unbelievable number of nice comments on good things that they do.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Padbury, seconded by Councilman Greene the meeting was adjourned at 7:11P.M. Carried unanimously.

Approved by

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Debra Wallace, Town Clerk