

Annual Audit Meeting of the Verona Town Board

Oneida County, New York

4:30 pm on Thursday, January 23, 2025

Verona Town Office Building, 6600 Germany Road, Durhamville, New York

Board Members in attendance:

Scott Musacchio, Supervisor
 Jeff Kahler, Councilman
 Fred Scherz Jr., Councilman
 Dan Breckenridge, Councilman
 Kenneth Brewer, Councilman

Others in attendance:

Amy Kotwica, Town Clerk
 Tim Dodge, Water Operator in Responsible Charge

Citizens: 0

Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance

A. New Business:

1. **Public Hearing: Approval of the Charter Communications Franchise Agreement per the submitted resolution @ 4:30 pm.**

Councilman Scherz made a motion to open the public hearing at 4:31.

Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

No public Comment

Councilman Scherz made a motion to close the public hearing at 4:32.

Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

Motion to approve the Resolution for Charter Communications Franchise Agreement was made by Councilman Kahler, seconded by Councilman Brewer.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

- 1a. **The Water department budgeted for Andrew to become Water/Sewer Maintenance Worker, looking for Board approval to move him to that title with the correlating pay. He has all his water licenses.**

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve title/pay change.

Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

2. **Discussion & Approval of a resolution to maintain the Blackmans Corners/Route 365 Traffic Lighting fixtures and approach signage once purchased and installed by the NYSDOT.**

Street lights will be 4 on each side as you approach the intersection and warning signs on Blackmans Corners Road coming in from each direction. This will be a town wide expense.

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.

Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

3. Discussion & Review of the Departmental Audit Documents.
 Councilman Brewer made a motion to accept Town Clerks, Judges, Water/Sewer and Supervisors Office Audit reports.
 Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion carries.

4. Discussion & Approval of the December 18, 2024, end of year meeting minutes.
 Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve
 Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion carries.

5. Discussion & Approval of the Town of Lenox Senior Bowling Program for our 2 each Senior Citizens in Verona Beach & Durhamville not to exceed \$750.00.
 There is no budget line for this, the Town of Lenox has a rec board and after the bowling started it was realized that 2 of the participates were no Lenox residents. We should look at the budget to add a senior's line.
 Councilman Kahler made a motion to approve.
 Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion carries.

6. Discussion & Approval to pay the Preload change order of \$34,910.66 for the Water Extension #3 project.
 This is the original amount. There request for additional money was denied.
 Councilman Kahler made a motion to approve
 Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion carries.

7. Discussion and Approval to transfer \$250.00 from 19904.1 to 19204. This will cover the Association of Towns Dues.
 Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve
 Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion carries.

8. Discussion & Approval to pay the 2025 NYSBOC dues in the amount of \$465. This cost was included in our 2025 Budget.
 Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve.
 Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion carries.

9. Discussion & Approval to authorize Court to order 10 boxes of pre-printed postage envelopes from Stamp Fulfillment Services in the amount of \$4,428.40. This cost was included in our 2025 Budget.
 Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve title/pay change.
 Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.
 All those in favor: 4
 Any opposed: 0
 Motion carries.

10. Discussion & Approval for a resolution regarding the Underground Railroad / Harriet Tudman Designation per the submitted document.

Councilman Scherz made a motion to approve.
Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion carries.

11. Discussion & Approval regarding the 50 Forward Volunteer Donation.

They come through every year, they have different amounts – event sponsors
We didn't budget for anything.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve a \$500 donation to the 50 Forward Volunteer Event.
Councilman Breckenridge seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion carries.

We need to be sure we add a line item for Seniors, so these types of things can be covered.

12. Discussion & Approval to allow the Supervisor to sign the City of Rome Water Project IMA Amendment #1 outlining the date/language revisions and waiving the minimum water charge until the new water system is activated.

Met with Rome Mayor about a \$3,700 charge quarterly – the mayor agrees to waive the minimum charge due to the delay with the pipe bridge.

Councilman Kahler made a motion to approve.
Councilman Brewer seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion carries.

13. Discussion & Approval per resolution for the updated renewal of OCWA Consolidated Lease Agreement for the Hamlet of Verona Beach.

Re-up lease agreement to deliver water to Verona Beach – it's a 5-year lease. And the Board needs to each sign on the form.

Councilman Kahler made a motion to approve.
Councilman Scherz seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion carries.

14. Discussion & Approval to allow Bill Lohr, Highway Superintendent to proceed with the finance package for the new F550 & 10-wheel Mac Dump Truck approved for purchase at our 2024-year end meeting.

Purchase as already been approved – we need to approve the financial package that we received.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve
Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.
All those in favor: 4
Any opposed: 0
Motion carries.

Anything new with DOT and our cut in or pipe bridge?

Bridge is designed, 5 agencies that have to approve, then it will be built
All fire department need to know they can not do water rescue unless they are trained. Currently the only FD that is trained is Sylvan Beach.

Apartments on Synder Road / Patrick Road – there is no water – this was added to the IMA for Rome City water, once it's built, it will be the same set up as the Hampton – OIN owns the property – this will be a 2026 build.

Vento want to start there build soon, finalizing the road details.

98 Dollar General is raised up from the road – and water is sitting on the neighbor's yard, they have not completed the drainage yet.

Nation pushing anymore on Snyder Road – A convenance is needed from the two landowners. They don't care about closing the road (dead end). But now that they have to sign something, we don't know if the landowners will still be ok.

OIN property on Spring Road was changed to 9 units.

Verona Beach Maple Leaf will be paying the arrears for the water from the car wash.

B. Adjournment

Councilman Scherz made a motion to adjourn at 5:03pm.

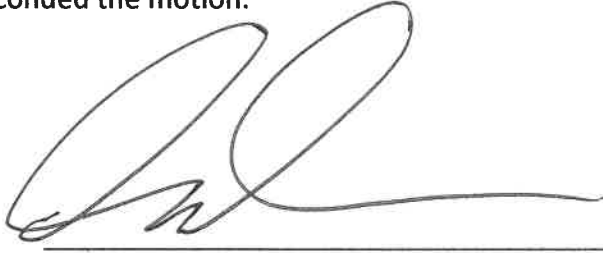
Councilman Kahler seconded the motion.

All those in favor: 4

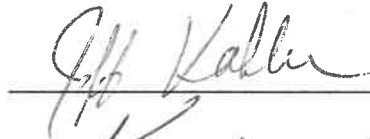
Any opposed: 0

Motion carries.

Scott Musacchio, Supervisor:



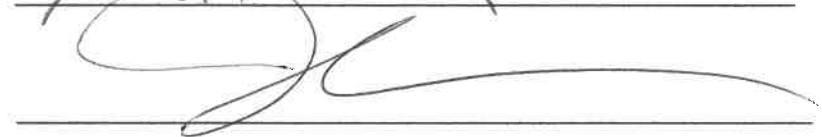
Jeff Kahler, Councilman:



Ken Brewer, Councilman



Fred Scherz Jr., Councilman:



Dan Breckenridge, Councilman:

Absent* 

Amy Kotwica, Town Clerk:

