

April 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 7:00 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; Oneida County Legislator Keith Schiebel, Village of Vernon Mayor Jerry Seymour and 3 citizens.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 7:07 p.m.

Supervisor Watson asked the council members if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the March 13, 2017 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Mayor Seymour asked for an update on the water extension project and Supervisor Watson replied that we are waiting for grants to become available, which should be in the Fall. Also, the building in the Village on the corner of the intersection will cost about \$20,000 to be torn down.

Jeremy Bovair from Allstate insurance made a request to speak to Town employees about insurance benefits, and the Board gave their permission.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Planning Board, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's and Education and Libraries: Bennati thanked Adamkowski for the outstanding job on the Town Newsletter. Also, Mary Kay Junglen from the Sherrill Library apologized for the length of her article, but didn't realize that we would use all of it. County Legislator Schiebel reported: 1) AIM money for the Town of Vernon was \$32,319 for fiscal year 2017, 2) their looking for funding for the water extension project and 3) the Houck Road bridge repair funding is in the budget.

There were no reports from Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessors, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development, Operations, SWOCO, Highway Superintendent and Historian.

A motion to accept the above reports was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve the Oneida County Mowing Agreement for \$375 per mile, not to exceed \$8227.50 was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion regarding the City of Sherrill's desire to secede from the Town of Vernon. The meeting with both local governments went better than the previous meeting, but more information is needed before any decision will be made by the Town.

Oneida County requested flood plain permit, if necessary, for the replacement of the Houck Road bridge and they plan to have it finished by 2018.

NYMIR Annual Meeting is May 5, 2017 in Albany if anyone on the Board is interested.

White Goods Day is May 6, 2017 at the highway garage from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

McDonough requested the Board to pursue allowing certain employees to carry a pistol in the Town Office Building. They decided to have our attorney draw up a written statement to use in the future and discuss it at our next meeting.

Estimate was received from Solar Liberty to remove solar panels from the Town Office Building and to re-install them either on the roof or on the ground.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss Sherrill Secession was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Additions to minutes on file
in Town Clerk's Office.

Julie A. McElroy
Town Clerk

This meeting was digitally recorded and is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NYMIR pamphlet