

April 8, 2019

A special meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 6:45 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building for the purpose of a public hearing for the Town of Vernon Board to consider the adoption of a local law regulating the application, approval, permitting and siting of residential and commercial solar power systems within the Town of Vernon pursuant to Section 261-265 of the New York State Town Law and Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati and Steve Adamkowski. Absent: Mick McDonough and John Peters. Also present: Attorney Evan Rossi, Codes Officer Jody Thieme and 5 citizens. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:45 p.m.

There were no questions or concerns from the public on this matter.

The regular meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at the Town Office Building on the above date with the following persons present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Steve Adamkowski, Council members. Also present: County Legislator Keith Schiebel and 5 citizens. Absent: Mick McDonough and John Peters

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Watson asked the council members if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

NONE

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, and Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski advised that they attended a meeting with the Village of Vernon discussing water supply for the Vernon Center Water project. Currently the village has an allotment of 400,000 gallons a day. With this new project at certain months there is water that will push over that allotment. There is a request to the City of Oneida for more water. We would like to get another 200,000 gallons to cover water usage. Currently the City of Oneida says they are at their max because DEC requires about 25% overage than their supply. With some changes that are being made with other towns, this is a possibility. This is something we should see worked out in the next couple of weeks. County Legislator Schiebel reported on numerous subjects including: 1) Agriculture Highway Safety meeting at Clinton Tractor, Clinton NY on April 26 & 27, 2) Lease agreements between Oneida County and Enterprise Fleet Management, 3) Cooper Street speed limit change request and 4) Historical Society developments

There were no reports from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessors, Education and Libraries, Economic Development, Operations, SWOCO, Historian and Highway Superintendent.

A motion to accept above reports was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to pay bills was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to change the May Town Board Meeting from May 13th to May 6th was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to pass resolution on the new Solar Codes was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No Discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to issue a negative declaration under SEQRA was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No Discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to support community solar was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Annual Budget Appropriation Agreement was received from Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente. This will be tabled until the next meeting when all Board Members are present.

A motion was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski to approve Resolution for Annexation of properties located in Oneida Castle Sewer District. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve a request from the VVS School District to use Town Office Building for polling location Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12:00 Noon – 9:00 pm was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati with serious reservation. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request to hire a maintenance person for Town Office Building repairs to exterior: soffits, fencing and electrical at Veterans Memorial and exterior emergency light was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The first full week of May is brush and weeds pick up. Once you have placed all of your material roadside call the Highway Garage (315)829-2742 and give your address.

The Town of Vernon Offices will be closing at 1:00pm on April 16th for a mandatory employee harassment training session.

The telephone upgrade has been put on hold as TDS informed us the information previously given is not possible with our current equipment and we are currently exploring quotes from other sources.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:48p.m. was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:25p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:26p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jennifer Champney
Town Clerk

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None