

August 14, 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: Highway Superintendent Art Freemire, Assessor Chairman Frank Laguzza and 10 citizens.

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 July 10, 2017 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, Historian, Assessors: Assessor Chairman Laguzza announced that the final assessment tax rolls are available and he summarized the request from Vernon Downs to lower their assessment. Education and Libraries: Bennati stated that he has been asked how the Sherrill-Kenwood Library funds from the Town will be affected if the City of Sherrill Secession takes place and he tells them that he can't answer that at this point. Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski reported that he and Supervisor Watson had a meeting with Mayor Vineall and we told him that we are not doing anything to pursue the secession, so it is up to the City of Sherrill Officials to proceed with it if they choose to. Economic Development: Peters announced that The Old Canning Factory is up and running and Foodland is doing very well. Highway Superintendent: Freemire mentioned that the blacktop should be done this week and the Houck Road bridge repairs should be done in mid-October. County Legislator Schiebel is on vacation.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Operations and SWOCO.

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

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

BUSINESS:

Matt Briggs from Gates-Cole Insurance presented an overview of the Town's Insurance Renewal Policy.

A motion to re-appoint Thomas Gerken for another 5 year term to the Board of Assessment Review was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to contract with Sheila Sreca and Paulette Schiebel to conduct the 2020 Census for the Town was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve a \$2.00 notary fee, which is the maximum, instead of the \$3.00 that was voted on at last month's meeting was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The Town Office Building roof bid will be published on August 17, 2017. Bid information can be obtained prior to the bid opening on September 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Update on FEMA buyout properties includes: deed being received for 3756 Prospect St., closing done on final property for 3760 Prospect St. and the demolition of these two properties is all that's left to finish the process.

A motion to approve the highway department to board up Rodriguez property at 3764 Prospect St. due to unsafe conditions was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Comfort Cleans It to clean carpets and floors in the Town Office Building was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Received VLT check for \$231,788.00 from New York State, which is the same as last year.

Received Mortgage Tax check for \$46,102.39, which is about \$1000 less than what was budgeted.

Disbursed \$1883.02 refund from NYS Fire Insurance to the following fire departments: \$621.39 to Vernon, \$621.39 to Vernon Center, \$414.27 to Oneida Castle and \$225.97 to Sherrill-Kenwood.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Freemire announced that he went to a meeting regarding the winter and spring storms that we had and that we have applied for FEMA funds for them.

Bennati suggested writing a letter to Aldi's to locate in the old Grants building that is for sale. He agreed to transcribe the letter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. 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:

None