

August 15, 2016

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 were Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent and 7 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 18, 2016 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:

Judy Bachmann presented a brief update on several Indian Law cases, which are all in our favor.

Verne LaClair from Vertex Geospatial Inc. indicated that the \$1.5 million grant that was awarded from Senator Griffo's Office is to be shared with the Village of Vernon and someone should get a hold of him to find out how much of that is for the Vernon Center Water Project. He also said that the Town should ask for an analysis on the water surveys from the company that sent them out. Supervisor Watson added that we are looking into getting a grant writer to apply for more grants.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Supervisor's, Codes Enforcement: Peters questioned the expense of having the Codes Officer check on the trailer that was supposed to be removed from the property it was placed on because it is inhabitable, and what we can do about it. They will check with the Codes Office to find out what the remedy is. Education and Libraries: Bennati mentioned that the Vernon Library is making a good comeback, the Sherrill Library is fine and the grass is growing at the site of the Oneida Library. Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski mentioned that he went to the movie at the Village Park and it was really nice and there is another one at the end of this month. Bennati added that there was a good turnout at the City of Sherrill Centennial celebration.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessors, Economic Development, Operations, SWOCO, Highway Superintendent and Historian. A written report from County Legislator Schiebel, who could not attend the meeting, was presented to the Board by Sheila Sreca.

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

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

BUSINESS:

Matt Briggs from Gates-Cole Insurance presented a brief explanation of the Town's insurance renewal policy with NYMIR and compared it to another policy from HCC Public Risk. There was a brief discussion. A motion to renew the insurance policy with NYMIR was made by McDonough, seconded by Bennati. No further discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to re-appoint Thomas Gerken and Don Ackerman to the Board of Assessment Review was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Inter-Municipal Shared Services and Equipment Master Agreement with Oneida County for another 5 years was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Information was received from the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority offering local governments help with demolishing abandoned and dilapidated structures under their Regional Demolition Program, at no charge, which will help tear down FEMA buyout properties.

A meeting has been scheduled for August 29, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. with the Town Board, the Town Attorney and a FEMA representative for homeowners who have questions regarding the FEMA buyout program.

A grant for \$19,661.99 was applied for and received by the highway department from the Department of Transportation's Pave NY Program.

Senator Griffo's Office announced on August 5th that they awarded a \$1.5 million grant under the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act, of which a portion of that will help the Town with the Vernon Center Water Project.

A motion to approve the disbursement of \$25,000 to the CAC was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Peters offered to have a contractor, who is experienced with solar panels, look at and advise us as to how to repair the leaks in the Town Office Building roof.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bennati again suggested pursuing the construction of another Senior Citizen facility in the town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss Personnel 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 8:55 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. McElroy
Town Clerk

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

City of Sherrill draft resolution