

December 4, 2017

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 to consider the creation of a water district to serve the residents of Vernon Center. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent and 4 citizens. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:45 p.m. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing to consider the creation of a water district to serve the residents of Vernon Center dated November 22, 2017 is attached to the minutes. There were no questions. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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; Town Attorney Vince Rossi and 5 citizens.

Supervisor Watson announced a moment of silence in honor of Mark Burke.

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 November 6, 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, Supervisor's, Codes Enforcement and Highway Superintendent: Freemire mentioned that the salt dome elevator has been sold.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessors, Education and Libraries, Economic Development, Operations, SWOCO and Historian. County Legislator Schiebel was at a meeting in Oneida Castle.

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

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

#### BUSINESS:

A motion to approve 2018 Board meeting dates of January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 15, November 5, December 3 and December 17 was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve 2018 Prospect St. Water District Maintenance Agreement was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$4000 from B1990.4 Contingency to B8010.4 Zoning Contractual due to Codes Book change expense and attorney fees for cleanup of private property was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Third quarter sales tax check was received from the County for \$266,613.90.

Fourth quarter franchise fee check was received from Charter Communications for \$9747.98.

There was a brief discussion to decide how much to pay the 2020 Census workers. It was decided to ask them, but cap it at \$15 per hour.

A motion to approve resolution to create Vernon Center Water District was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to name the Town's park pavilion in memory of Mark Burke was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the Oneida Public Library Bond Resolution. Rick Kinsella explained that the purpose of the bond resolution is to protect and serve the bond sales. McDonough stated that since the Board members had to vote yes, then why did they have to vote at all. Rick Kinsella agreed, but legally, it has to be done.

Judy Bachmann thanked the Board for continuing the Land Into Trust litigation and though it did not get heard, 2 new statutes came out of it from Justice Thomas. This helps give direction to CERA as to how they are going to proceed and how to straighten out the mess that the County, New York State and the United States is involved with. She invited the Board members to discuss other options with their attorney.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bennati announced that Rachel Champney, daughter of Deputy Town Clerk Jen Champney, was recognized by Claudia Tenney for her World Championship win in Womens Limited Division shooting with iron sights.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss Oneida Public Library lawsuit was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

#### BUSINESS:

A motion to approve the Oneida Public Library Bond Resolution, contingent on agreement with both parties' attorneys, was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss the Sherrill Secession was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:30 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:

None