

December 9, 2019

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, John Peters, and Steve Adamkowski. Mick McDonough was absent. Also present: County Legislator Keith Schiebel, and 3 citizens.

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

Supervisor Watson asked the council members if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the November 4, 2019 meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Mary LaClair received mail from Sherriff David Clarke, For Secure America Now in Washington, DC that stated Vernon residents have 10 Days to return the enclosed referendum on declaring "Sanctuary City" Status for this part of New York. This raised the question; do we have the ability to say Vernon will not be a Sanctuary for Illegal Aliens? Watson stated this is a good question that he would look into.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, and Supervisor's. Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski reported that the meeting with Congressman Anthony Brindisi to discuss the Vernon Center Water Project went well. He will follow up with Brindisi to see if he has been able to obtain the information the State has on the water issues in Vernon Center. County Legislator Schiebel submitted a report for November 2019 Municipal Meetings. This included authorized spending of \$1 million for flood relief; Oneida County is upgrading positions to bring county employee salaries in line with both public and private sector employees, and information on the traffic diversion program. Adamkowski asked Schiebel about Oneida County receiving a grant for emergency services in the amount of \$800,000.00. Schiebel advised that while that seems like a lot of money Emergency Services are 3 towers short last he heard and that this would cost millions.

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

A motion to accept the above reports was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to accept the 2020 Board Meeting Dates of January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 5, November 2, December 7 & December 28 was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$3000.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to A9060.8 Insurance to to rate increase for 2020 as we pay January's bill in December was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$300 from A1990.4 Contingency to A4189.4 Drug & Alcohol Testing for new hire was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No Discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$400 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance for Bond renewals was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No Discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The Town of Vernon has received the 3rd quarter sales tax check in the amount of \$284,191.65 from Oneida County. Total for 2019 is \$933,535.62. This is approximately \$10,312.17 more than 2018.

DASNY final approval has been received for Highway Truck Grant. Payment reimbursement paperwork is being submitted.

John Peters stated he needs to meet with Vernon Downs and Utica Rome Speedway to have a discussion about Code regulations for mass gatherings. Adamkowski told Peters he was available to attend a meeting along with him also.

Gene Bennati drafted a letter to Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente expressing gratitude for the agreement with Oneida County and to inform him how the Town of Vernon plans on using those revenues.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Adamkowski would like Court Justice Bob Suttmeier to update the Board on the new bail reform changes and what this means for the Town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

.A motion to adjourn at 7:30p.m. was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Champney
Town Clerk

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

COMMUNICATIONS: