

February 13, 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 were Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: County Legislator Keith Shiebel and 1 citizen.

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.

A motion to approve the January 9, 2017 minutes with a correction to the Codes Clerk's salary that was on the agenda for \$14.50 an hour and should be \$15.50 an hour was made by Bennati, 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, Education and Libraries: Bennati reported that he has articles from both libraries for the Town Newsletter. Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski reported that he contacted both villages and the City of Sherrill for articles for the Town newsletter. Also, there is a meeting regarding signs on Monday night. SWOCO: Supervisor Watson stated that they are looking to rent out more land.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessors: (Bennati mentioned that he recruited our new Assessor, Duane Munger, as he is doing very well), Economic Development, Operations, Highway Superintendent and Historian.

County Legislator Schiebel presented a written report on numerous subjects including bond resolutions, free college education, improvements at the airport, sales tax, streamlining municipalities and counties, AIM money and a memorializing petition for cancer insurance for volunteer firefighters. He attended an Association of Counties meeting and sought to be on an Agriculture Committee. He received a correspondence on the water district project and will follow-up on that. Also, he suggested that the Town Supervisors meet with the Village Mayors once or twice a year to understand each other's issues.

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

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

BUSINESS:

A motion to change the March Board meeting to March 13, 2017 was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to hold a public hearing regarding signage revision on March 13, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve permit fee increases from the Codes Office was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Shared Services Agreement with the City of Sherrill for our Code Enforcement Officer was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the highway new truck equipment package that includes a plow for \$79,735.85 was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$2400 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1440.1 Engineer to cover FEMA surveys for Hewitt and Vollmer was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Highway Agreement to Spend Highway Funds was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Request was received from O'Connell & Arnowitz as to whether to petition for Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court at a cost of \$20,000 plus \$5000, to be discussed in Executive Session.

A motion to approve NYS Retirement for Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Letter was received from the Association of Towns opposing the Governor's new "Countywide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plans" that withholds AIM funding from towns, villages and cities. Bennati suggested that we also write a letter to oppose this.

A motion to approve a 3 year contract with Servomation Refreshments, Inc. to install vending machines in the break room at no charge was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Representatives from AFLAC insurance did not show up due to inclement weather.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Adamkowski asked Town Clerk McElroy to send a thank you card to Dave Stirpe for the dinner he put on at Dibble's Inn for the Village and Town employees to benefit the Vernon Volunteer Fire Department.

Also, he checked the highway payroll with our bookkeeper for October 2015 to February 2016 and compared it to the same period this year, and it is \$8714.32 less this year, so we are saving money by plowing the county roads and the county is also paying us to plow them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss the Land Into Trust litigation was made by Peters, 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 8:15 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:20 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:

2017 Conference Sessions