

January 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at the Town Office Building on the above date with the following persons present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters, Council members. Also present: County Legislator Keith Schiebel, Town Historian, Janice Buneo. Gene Bennati, Absent

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 December 17, 2018 meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Town Historian, Janice Buneo asked the Board Members to review the quotes she presented for preservation framing that needs to be replaced on a Plan of the Village of Oneida Castle map from 1852 that was previously hung here at the Town of Vernon Offices and was damaged.

Town Historian, Janice Buneo asked the board members if when she updates the display case if they were okay with her doing a tribute to the Bank of Vernon which is now Community Bank since it has been in Vernon for the last 185 years. The board members all approved of this.

#### REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, and Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski requested articles for the Town Newsletter by early February. County Legislator Schiebel reported: 1) there have been amendments to the capital project at the Oneida County Office Building as the renovations on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor are costing more than originally anticipated, 2) the Airport continues to improve, 3) he feels the meeting with Supervisor Watson, Deputy Supervisor Adamkowski, Oneida County Executive Picente and County Legislator Schiebel at Oneida County went well.

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

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

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

#### BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski to authorize Supervisor to pay all utilities, bank indebtedness and invest funds wisely without prior approval of the Board. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to appoint Oneida Daily Dispatch as the official newspaper for the Town of Vernon was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to designate Community Bank to be used as depository for all Town funds was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to allow Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to attend SWOCO meetings as Town representative was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase tools, equipment and implements in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per purchase in 2018 without prior approval of the Town Board was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski to set the salary for members of the Planning Board and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals at \$110 per meeting attended with Board Chairman of each board to receive \$225 per meeting chaired; members' pay not to exceed \$900 each annually and Chairman of each not to exceed \$2,400 annually, secretary of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to receive \$110 per meeting; pay for members of the Board of Assessment Review will be set at \$175 per day with Chairman receiving \$225. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters to accept the following Highway rates of pay for 2019:

Working Foreman, \$23.75/hr; Heavy Equipment Operator (2), \$23.40/hr; Motor Equipment Operator (3), \$23.10/hr; Mechanic (1) \$23.10/hr; Laborer, minimum wage to \$16.20/hr; Part time laborer, minimum wage to \$16.00/hr. One (1) week vacation after completion of one (1) year's work, two (2) week vacation after completion of two (2) years' work, three (3) week vacation after completion of five (5) years' work, four (4) week vacation after completion of fifteen (15) years' work. Six (6) personal days – non-cumulative. All vacation/personal days to be paid at standard pay rate. Holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday (1/2 day), Memorial Day, week of July 5 (vacation), Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day plus following Friday and Christmas. Health Insurance: 50% during first six months of work. Town pays other 50% if employee signs during first year of employment. Second six months and thereafter the employee will pay 15% of the premium per month. The Town will pay \$20 per month toward dental and vision insurance. The Town will pay one-half of single-person health insurance for retiree with 30 years of service. Noncontributory retirement and disability for Tiers 1 and 2; employees pay 3% for Tiers 3 and 4. Tier 5 and 6 employees pay 3% for entire career. Five days sick leave (per year) accumulative to sixty (60) days. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Peters, seconded by McDonough to accept the following appointments:

Deputy Supervisor - Stephen Adamkowski  
Historian - Janice Buneo  
Deputy Town Clerk – Julie McElroy  
Deputy Town Clerk - Beverley Mackey  
Bookkeeper to the Supervisor - Wendy Coston  
Bookkeeper to the Highway Superintendent - Wendy Coston  
Personnel Director - Wendy Coston  
Deputy Hwy Supt/Working Foreman - Timothy Murphy  
Clerk to Town Justice - Vacant  
Prospect St Water Dist Collector - Wendy Coston  
Prospect St Water Dist Biller - Jennifer Champney  
Prospect St Water Dist Meter Reader and Repairman - Kevin Champney  
Registrar of Vital Statistics – Jennifer Champney  
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics – Julie McElroy  
Beverley Mackey  
Records Management Officer – Jennifer Champney  
Budget Director - J. Randall Watson  
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals - Brian Dam  
Chairman, Planning Board - Michael Sheridan  
Chairman, Board of Assessors - Frank Laguzza  
Assessors' Clerk - Mary Dam  
Attorney for the Town - Vincent Rossi, Jr.

Codes Enforcement Officer - Jody Thieme  
 Building Inspector – Reay Walker  
 Codes’ Clerk - Kaylee Kobler  
 Potash Hill Cemetery Custodian - Elizabeth Eastman  
 Marble Hill Rd Indian Cemetery Custodian - Melvin Phillips  
 Pre-retirement Seminar Coordinator - Wendy Coston  
 Dog Control Officer – Clayton Conover  
 Filley Road Plowing - Kevin Mumford  
 Town Engineer - Delta Engineering  
 Supervisor Committee Appointments:  
 Education and Libraries - Gene Bennati  
 Intergovernmental Relations - Steve Adamkowski  
 Economic Development - John Peters  
 Operations - Michael McDonough  
 No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski to approve the salaries budgeted but not to exceed the following:

Supervisor - J. Randall Watson - \$17,840  
 Deputy Supervisor - Stephen Adamkowski - \$1,302  
 Budget Director - J. Randall Watson - \$2,580  
 Bookkeeper to Supr. - Wendy Coston - \$20,820  
 Bookkeeper to Hwy. Supt. - Wendy Coston - \$3,336  
 Personnel - Wendy Coston - \$2,040  
 Justice - William Croll - \$10,830  
 Justice - Robert Suttmeier - \$10,830  
 Councilperson - Gene Bennati - \$5,290  
 Councilperson - Michael McDonough - \$5,290  
 Councilperson - Steve Adamkowski - \$5,290  
 Councilperson - John Peters - \$5,290  
 Town Clerk – Jennifer Champney - \$28,434  
 Tax Collector – Jennifer Champney - \$6,267  
 Registrar of Vital Statistics – Jennifer Champney - \$3,150  
 Records Mgmt Officer – Jennifer Champney - \$1,665  
 Deputy Town Clerk – Julie McElroy - \$15.00/hr  
 Deputy Town Clerk - Beverley Mackey - \$12.35/hr  
 Assessor, Chairman - Frank Laguzza - \$18,700  
 Assessor - Timothy Wagner - \$17,500  
 Assessor - Duane Munger - \$17,400  
 Assessors’ Clerk - Mary Dam - \$14.45/hr  
 Supt. of Highways - Arthur Freemire - \$57,270  
 Prospect St. Water District Collector - Wendy Coston - \$525/per qtr  
 Prospect St. Water Biller - Jennifer Champney - \$525/per qtr  
 Prospect St. Water Meter Reader - Kevin Champney - \$525/per qtr  
 Code Enforcement Officer - Jody Thieme - \$24.25/hr  
 Building Inspector – Reay Walker - \$19.00/hr  
 Codes’ Clerk - Kaylee Kobler - \$13.00/hr  
 Historian - Janice Buneo - \$750.00/yr  
 Town Engineer - Delta Engineering - \$700/yr  
 Dog Control Officer – Clayton Conover - per schedule  
 Filley Road Plowing - Kevin Mumford - \$395/yr  
 General Office Help (part time depending  
 on experience) – minimum wage to \$14.50/hr  
 Election Workers - to be paid by Oneida County Board of Elections  
 Potash Hill Cemetery Custodian - Elizabeth Eastman - \$650/yr  
 Marble Hill Rd. Indian Cemetery Custodian - Melvin Phillips - \$650/yr  
 No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 1 (McDonough). Motion carried.

A motion to audit Town books on February 11, 2019 at 6:30p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to Schedule Public Hearing on February 11, 2019 at 6:45p.m. for annexation of properties in Oneida Castle was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion on the tax exempt status policy of solar companies in the Town of Vernon. Assessor Chairman Laguzza provided material for board members to review.

A motion to authorize Town Historian, Janice Buneo to spend up to the amount of \$600.00 on preservation framing of the Plan of Oneida Castle map was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No Discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jennifer Champney  
Town Clerk

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None