

January 8, 2018

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; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters, Council members. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; County Legislator Keith Schiebel, Republican Committee Chairperson Paulette Schiebel and 4 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 December 18, 2017 meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Steve Blandino from 911 Restoration of CNY and James Loy from Blue Line Disaster Solutions, Inc. presented estimates and explained their mold remediation processes for the Town Office Building.

Norma Vleer asked if the Board members have had any discussions on solar arrays yet. The Board members responded that they will work on this.

Andrew Catello asked if there is any progress on his request to annex 2 of his properties. Councilman Adamkowski will call our Planning and Zoning Board Chairmen to discuss this.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, SWOCO, Supervisor's, Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski requested articles for the Town Newsletter by early February. Operations: McDonough suggested putting Judge Thomas' descent on the Supreme Court decision in the Town Newsletter and putting it on the Town website so people can see that we did not waste money on this case.

County Legislator Schiebel reported: 1) the 2018 county budget as it pertains to shared services, 2) there will be a workshop with Mohawk Valley EDGE at the City of Sherrill Offices, that is open to the public, to discuss new projects and the funding for them, 3) the Governor's opinion on the changes of the Federal tax structure and 4) he has the same County Committee Appointments as last year, which are Health and Human Services, Economic Development and Public Works.

There were no reports from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessors, Economic Development, 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 Bennati, 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 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to appoint Oneida Daily Dispatch as the official newspaper for the Town of Vernon was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to designate Community Bank to be used as depository for all Town funds was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to allow Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to attend SWOCO meetings as Town representative was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. 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 Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough to set the salary for members of the Planning Board and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals at \$60 per meeting attended with Board Chairman of each board to receive \$175 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 \$60 per meeting; pay for members of the Board of Assessment Review will be set at \$125 per day with Chairman receiving \$175. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough to accept the following Highway rates of pay for 2018:

Working Foreman, \$22.75/hr; Heavy Equipment Operator (2), \$22.40/hr; Motor Equipment Operator (3), \$22.10/hr; Mechanic (1) \$22.10/hr; Laborer, minimum wage to \$16.20/hr; Part time laborer, minimum wage to \$10.75/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 - noncumulative. 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 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Deputy Supervisor - Stephen Adamkowski
Historian - Janice Buneo
Deputy Town Clerk - Jennifer Champney
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 - Morgan Espada
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 - Julie McElroy
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics - Jennifer Champney
Beverley Mackey
Records Management Officer - Julie McElroy
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 - vacant
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 - Karen Nixon
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 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor - J. Randall Watson - \$17,340
Deputy Supervisor - Stephen Adamkowski - \$1,302
Budget Director - J. Randall Watson - \$2,580
Bookkeeper to Supr. - Wendy Coston - \$19,320
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 - \$4,790
Councilperson - Michael McDonough - \$4,790
Councilperson - Steve Adamkowski - \$4,790
Councilperson - John Peters - \$4,790
Town Clerk - Julie McElroy - \$28,434
Tax Collector - Julie McElroy - \$6,267
Registrar of Vital Statistics - Julie McElroy - \$3,150
Records Mgmt Officer - Julie McElroy - \$1,665
Deputy Town Clerk - Jennifer Champney - \$14.75/hr
Deputy Town Clerk - Beverley Mackey - \$12.10/hr
Assessor, Chairman - Frank Laguzza - \$18,300
Assessor - Timothy Wagner - \$17,050
Assessor - Duane Munger - \$17,050
Assessors' Clerk - Mary Dam - \$13.50/hr
Supt. of Highways - Arthur Freemire - \$56,270
Prospect St. Water District Collector - Wendy Coston - \$475/per qtr
Prospect St. Water Biller - Jennifer Champney - \$475/per qtr
Prospect St. Water Meter Reader - Kevin Champney - \$475/per qtr
Code Enforcement Officer - Jody Thieme - \$23.50/hr
Building Inspector - vacant - \$18.00/hr
Codes' Clerk - Kaylee Kobler - \$13.00/hr
Historian - Janice Buneo - \$1500/yr
Town Engineer - Delta Engineering - \$700/yr
Assistant Clerk - Morgan Espada - \$13.50/hr
Dog Control Officer - Karen Nixon - 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 - \$550/yr
Marble Hill Rd. Indian Cemetery Custodian - Melvin Phillips - \$550/yr

No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to purchase new time clock for the highway department from Syracuse Time and Alarm was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 3. Nays 2 (McDonough and Adamkowski). Motion carried.

A motion to approve re-bidding Town Office Building roof replacement and to advertise in the Oneida, Syracuse, Utica and Rome newspapers was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to re-vote Town of Vernon and City of Sherrill 2018 Agreement, contingent on funds of \$350,000 from Senator Griffo, was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to vote on what company to hire for mold remediation was tabled until the next meeting to get a revised quote from Blue Line Disaster Solutions, Inc.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Adamkowski thanked Paulette Schiebel for swearing in the newly-elected Town Officials. Also, he scheduled a meeting with the Board members and the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss solar arrays for January 29, 2018, tentatively.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. 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