

July 18, 2016

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: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent and 2 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 June 13, 2016 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written 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, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, Education and Libraries: Bennati received a monthly report from the Vernon Library and said that they have made a tremendous comeback. Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski reported that he and John Peters went to the SWOCO meeting and there was an updated FEMA meeting, where they found there wasn't too much to be concerned about. SWOCO: Adamkowski and Peters gave a presentation regarding a hole in the landfill from the garbage that is settling. It is going to be taken care of with sand, which will be supplied by the Towns of Vernon and Marshall, and top soil. Highway Superintendent: Freemire mentioned that they are back from vacation and the rest will be discussed in executive session.

There were no reports from Assessors, Economic Development, Operations, Highway Superintendent, County Legislator and Historian.

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

BUSINESS:

Notification of New York State liquor license renewal was received from Black Stallion Restaurant.

Supervisor Watson suggested voting again on a six month moratorium to stop commercial solar power in the Town. After a brief discussion, the Board members decided that they are going to get more information on this before making any decisions.

Mortgage tax check was received for \$39,323.15, which is an increase of \$8341.26 from last year.

VLT check was received for \$231,788.00, which is the same as last year.

Surveys received from residents in possible new water district for a grant application is 73 out of about 180. John Douglas and others will go door-to-door to try to get the required 95%.

An update on Codes issues was presented and there was a list of permit fees from other towns for comparison for the Board members to review.

Supervisor Watson stated that the Codes Office suggested that the Board members have a meeting with homeowners and Attorney Evan Rossi, and possibly a FEMA representative, regarding the FEMA buyout issues because they are getting numerous phone calls from the

homeowners. A motion to hold this meeting regarding FEMA buyout issues was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson advised the Board members that the Town Office Building roof is leaking and needs to be fixed. They will get some estimates.

A motion to approve changing the August Board meeting from the 8th to the 15th was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bennati suggested that they pursue another facility for Senior Citizens that is affordable, like the School Bell Apartments. Supervisor Watson will look into it.

Verne LaClair from Vertex Geospatial, Inc. presented a preliminary engineering report for the proposed new water district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss highway department was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. was made by Peters, 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