

June 12, 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: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; Oneida County Legislator Keith Schiebel, Village of Vernon Mayor Gerald Seymour and 6 citizens.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence and Supervisor Watson announced another moment of silence for Village of Clinton and SWOCO Chairman John (Jack) Lane. 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 May 8, 2017 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, Zoning Board of Appeals, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, Assessors: Chairman Laguzza submitted a report of Grievances, Education and Libraries: Bennati mentioned that the Sherrill Library is concerned about the possibility of secession, Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski reported that he attended a shared services meeting and discussed cooperating with water and sewer projects, SWOCO: Supervisor Thurston announced that they will have a special meeting on Wednesday to appoint a new chairman and Operations: McDonough stated that the highway department is doing an excellent job on taking care of trees and ditches. County Legislator Schiebel presented a written report on a number of subjects that included: 1) Sholtz Road speed zone, 2) Vernon Downs petition, 3) shared services meeting at MVCC, 4) Sherrill Road traffic and 5) Willow Place Development.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Economic Development, Highway Superintendent and Historian.

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

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

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve Rachel Champney as the bus monitor for the Swim Program was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Representatives from Colonial Voluntary Benefits presented their plans to the Board and requested to be able to present them to Town employees. A motion to approve the representatives to discuss their benefit policies with Town employees was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion regarding Sherrill Secession. Adamkowski stated that Mayor Bill Vineall wants to know what action we are taking with it and that they are moving forward with it regardless of what we do. McDonough made a motion to take no action at this time on the secession. There was no second. It was decided to wait for more information.

A motion to approve the annual Code Enforcement Contracts with the Village of Vernon and Village of Oneida Castle was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was a discussion as to who to appoint to complete the 2020 Census for the Town. The Board members will think about it and Supervisor Watson will ask the Assessors.

Update on FEMA-Burkle property has been demolished, Buell property is in the process of being demolished and Hewitt property is set to close on June 8, 2017.

First quarter sales tax was received in the amount of \$205,193.41, which is an increase of \$792.33 from last year.

Estimate from NYMIR for interior repairs to the Town Office Building from the roof leaking is \$2516.06 and \$1682.83, after deductible.

Letter from the Board members in support for Vernon Downs was read by Peters.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Peters suggested continuing a discussion at the next Board meeting regarding storage space for the Historian.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss Personnel 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 8:31 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:41 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:

None