

June 13, 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 and Steve Adamkowski. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; Keith Schiebel, County Legislator and 7 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 May 9, 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:

Jayne Wentworth asked about the outcome of the solar panel seminars that the Board members were going to attend. Supervisor Watson replied that they did attend one of them, but the other one was already full, but there is another one in September. McDonough added that as it stands now solar panels are not allowed in the Town. County Legislator Schiebel mentioned that there is a vote on the agenda tonight regarding a moratorium and the County has found issues with solar projects. Also, the Town of Verona enacted a moratorium on solar, wind and cell towers.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, Assessors: Adamkowski mentioned that Hood has been re-assessed and Supervisor Watson said that we would receive about \$17,000 less in taxes. Also, the ONX3 assessment is going to court. Education and Libraries: Bennati said that Mary Kay Junglen from Sherrill library was very appreciative of the Town's funding. Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski reported that Mary Kay Junglen told her that the Town's newsletter brought in a large number of people to the library and she was very pleased about that. SWOCO: Supervisor Watson reported that Wendy Coston was approved to do payroll for SWOCO as a way to cut costs. Highway Superintendent: Freemire reported that the old pickup is at \$9200 at Auctions International at this time, the new mowing tractor is being assembled and he should hear about the new shed soon. County Legislator Schiebel presented a written report and confirmed a meeting of the Town Board members with the County Executive on June 27, 2016 to discuss contracts.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Economic Development, Operations 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 Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to adopt a 6 month moratorium to stop commercial solar power within the Town of Vernon was made by Bennati. There was no second. Adamkowski and McDonough stated that there is no solar allowed in the Code Book of the Town of Vernon right now. Laws would have to be adopted to allow it. No further discussion. Motion defeated.

A motion to transfer \$3150 from A1990.4 Contingency to A7110.4 Parks contractual for new lawn mower and shed was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Utica-Rome Speedway's Safety Plan for Frogfest and Rodeo was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve spending \$17,000 to pay the engineers and \$13,000 for grant writing for the water district project was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve replacing a check valve for \$1848.67 from the City of Oneida Water Department was made by McDonough, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Notification was received from Mercy Flight Central that they have secured permanent operations at Griffiss International Airport.

2015 Accounting statement was received from NYMIR showing a balance of \$5517 owed to the Town.

Letter from Rossi & Rossi was received regarding withdrawal of application for leave of appeal in the matter of Town v. Cuomo.

Letter from Rossi & Rossi was received regarding the Oneida Public Library Notice of Appeal.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss pending federal litigation 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 8:40 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:45 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