

June 13, 2022

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, Steve Adamkowski, John Peters and Myron Thurston, Council members. Also present: County Legislator, Keith Schiebel and 1 other.

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, 2022 meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Zoning/Planning Board, Codes Enforcement, Supervisors, Highway, County Legislator; Schiebel submitted a written report and highlighted the good news that Briggs & Stratton in Sherrill was approved for \$750,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding. Also, adjusting pay for county employees is being negotiated. Of the 1706 employment positions with Oneida County, around 400 of them are vacant which is causing mandated overtime and wearing on current employees. Schiebel asked if the Town of Vernon had communicated the reason for not signing the Ditching Agreement with Oneida County. He wanted to know if it was due to staffing or the funding that the County offers in the contract. Highway Superintendent Timothy Murphy advised that it was a bit of both of those reasons. The time it would take for the Town Highway workers to complete ditching on the Oneida County roads would take them away from other projects that they need to complete within the town.

There were no reports from Assessors, Education and Libraries, Operations, SWOCO, Intergovernmental Relations and Economic Development.

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

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

BUSINESS:

Oneida County 1st quarter sales tax was received in the amount of \$286,840.47.

Oneida County 1st quarter Compact Agreement was received in the amount of \$31,250.

1st quarter Franchise fee was received in the amount of \$9,515.03.

Town office building parking lot has been paved. There was an issue with the walking trail and Town is awaiting Central Paving to fix and complete finish work of all the paving.

Oneida County Board of Elections advised the 2022 Primary Elections to be held on June 28, 2022 and August 23, 2022 from 6:00am – 9:00pm.

Oneida County Board of Legislators have approved a Resolution for the consolidation of Registrar of Vital Statistics between Oneida Castle and the Town of Vernon. The final process must pass at the State level.

The Board members had a discussion on repair or replacement of deteriorated Veterans Memorial paving blocks. Bennati explained that the blocks that people have previously paid to have engraved have worn from the weather and some are barely readable. Board members discussed reaching out to companies that make headstones. Watson suggested putting a plaque out front that has all of the names listed. Highway Superintendent Murphy mentioned that the patio block that are currently being used only last around 5 years. Thurston recommended they put money in the budget next year to fix the blocks.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. was made by Bennati, seconded by Thurston. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Champney
Town Clerk

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None