

March 9, 2020

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, Myron Thurston, Steve Adamkowski and Council members. John Peters was absent. Also present: Assessor Chairman Frank Laguzza, County Legislator Keith Schiebel, Historian Janice Buneo and 1 citizen.

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 February 10, 2020 meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

#### REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, Highway, Historian: asked for direction of how to get a headstone that was removed from a private cemetery in Oneida Castle and brought to North Carolina. Thurston advised that there was nothing the Town could do as this is a private cemetery. A request for Historian to have editing capabilities to the Town Website was made and a request for \$300 towards document preservation was made by Janice Buneo, Town Historian, Assessors: Laguzza talked about the level of assessment and that when you compare the assessment value vs. the amount properties are selling for the owners are being assessed at a rate of approximately 64.5%. SWOCO: Watson noted that the land is being put up for bid. County Legislator Schiebel reported on a new proposed local law in Oneida County to put cameras on the stop signs of school buses, \$7million was spent on Edic Rd in Marcy in the location of the new Nano Center and Cree, there is a county vehicle surplus and the Nexus Center project is moving forward.

There were no reports from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Education and Libraries, Economic Development, Operations and Intergovernmental Relations.

A motion to accept above reports was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to pay bills was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### BUSINESS:

A head count is needed for those wishing to attend the Oneida County Association of Towns meeting on 3/19/2020 at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit, 5:30pm. No Board members are able to attend this meeting.

A complimentary letter to Highway Superintendent Tim Murphy and crew members was received from town resident Becky Dennee.

A motion was made to accept resignation of Timothy Murphy from Working Supervisor position on 3/9/2020, appoint Timothy Murphy fully as Highway Superintendent on 3/10/2020, accept resignation of George Vencek from Heavy Equipment Operator on 3/9/2020, appoint George Vencek to Working Supervisor on 3/10/2020 was made by Thurston, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve a request to de-standardizing highway equipment was made by Thurston, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A proposal comparison of leasing versus buying a new truck with Tracey Road Equipment was review and discussed. It was clarified that after 7 years the truck would be owned by the Town of Vernon; however, there was an option for the Town to sell the truck back to Tracey Road Equipment for a guaranteed 50% of the purchase price. Motion to approve leasing 1 truck from proposal was made by Thurston, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The Town signed a contract with Oneida County Department of Law to receive a 2012 Chevy Tahoe at no charge to the town.

A motion to accept estimate from Seymour Excavating on Houck Road Culvert repair for \$20,000.00 was made by Bennati, seconded by Thurston. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to hold a Public Hearing on April 13, 2020 at 6:45pm for Local law codes enforcement position was made by Bennati, seconded by Thurston. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Received DASNY Truck Grant check in the amount of \$200,000.

Received NYMIR insurance check for 2007 truck damage in the amount of \$23,734.00.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Sales Tax check was received in the amount of \$231,263.86, which is up \$9,101.06 from last year.

Oneida County Mortgage Tax check was received in the amount of \$44,793.65, down \$3,778.27 from last year.

The Town has received the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Franchise Fee check from Charter Communication in the amount of \$9,860.12.

The Town has received the Oneida County Snow Contract check in the amount of \$78,430.00.

Oneida County 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Appropriation Agreement check was received in the amount of \$31,250.00.

Watson signed Delta Engineer Agreement of bid proposal for paving of Town's parking lot and walking trail.

Office building cleaner, Jackie Adams, resigned from her position as of 3/1/2020.

A motion to accept Sandie Leland from Sandie's Housekeeping to clean the office building for the next 30 days at the rate of \$150 a week was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Paperwork was received for DASNY grant for Vernon Center Water Project. Water rates and where to get water from were discussed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Tim Murphy thanked the board for believing in and working with him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

A motion to adjourn at 8:22p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jennifer Champney  
Town Clerk

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None