

May 10, 2021

A special meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 6:30 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building for the purpose of a public hearing for the Local law, to consider revising the fees charged by the Town for providing various services, and to enact a local law authorizing the Town Board, in the future, to revise fees by mere resolution rather than local law. The fees under consideration are: Sale of Town Code Book, Issuance of Dog Licenses, Issuing Peddling Licenses, Photocopying Town records, Permitting fee for Solar Energy Systems, Issuance of building permits under the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, Issuing of Flood Plain Development Permit, Issuance of a Septic Permit, Issuance of Administration Permit and Temporary Event Permits in Planned Development Districts, Applications for Subdivision Plat approval and Site Plan review, Application for the development of a Mobile Home Park, Application for approval of a sign and an Application for approvals of Towers and Telecommunication equipment and facilities. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Myron Thurston, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Town Attorney Vince Rossi and 1 community member. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:30 p.m. This local law has come about due to the Board members wanting to change the fees for Solar. No further discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

A special meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 6:45 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building for the purpose of a public hearing to consider enactment of local law to transfer the Town Planning Board functions to the Town Zoning Board of Appeals, and thereupon abolish the Town Planning Board so that just a single board would perform the functions of both the Town Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Myron Thurston, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Town Attorney and 1 community member. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:45 p.m. Rossi noted long serving Planning Board Chairman, Michael Sheridan was stepping down. The Town of Vernon was very fortunate to have Sheridan for the years he served on the Planning Board. Thurston mentioned it was very cumbersome to town applicants to have to go through separate boards for Planning and Zoning Boards. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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, Myron Thurston, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: 11 community members.

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 April 12, 2021 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Mike Kazlauskas spoke to the Board in regards to privately owned Carrick Rd. In 1928 the road was established as a town road. Then in 1982 Carrick Road was changed to a qualified abandoned road due to resident Pat Steadman's request as he did not want the road paved. Kazlauskas requested that the Town of Vernon make this road a Town road again so it will be maintained by the Town of Vernon as there are concerns of medical and public safety issues. Supervisor Watson asked how many residences were on the road. Kazlauskas stated that there were currently 7 residences with the potential of approximately 5 other properties. He said the road constantly gets soft and they are working on it. He collects \$200 in the spring and another \$200 in the fall from each of the homeowners on the road to maintain the road. Tena Rugg had signed a waiver of understanding that this was a privately owned road before she received a building permit to build her home. The road is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long. Town Attorney Vince Rossi recalled the waivers that each homeowner had to sign before receiving a building permit. He stated that there are developer procedures that would need to be completed before the town would be able to take Carrick Rd. back. This has been done when Hawthorne Dr. and

Westwind Dr. were established. The road would need to be built to Town specs which are the same as NYS Dept of Transportation. Currently President Joe Biden has opened grants for infrastructure and this may be an option as the Town of Vernon is unable to use taxpayers' dollars to pay for something like this.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Supervisor's and Codes Enforcement, Highway Superintendent and Historian.

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

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

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

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve Resolution of Local Law authorizing Town Board to revise fees in the future by mere resolution was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution of Local Law transferring Town Planning Board functions to Zoning Board of Appeals was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Liquor License applications were received for BD Motorsports Media, LLC.

Letter is being sent to Senator Joseph Griffo requesting assistance with Intermunicipal Agreements.

The 4th quarter 2nd installment of Sales Tax was received from Oneida County in the amount of \$85,700.60.

Delta Engineers and Wendy Coston are working to complete grant application with Northern Border Regional Commission as the deadline is May 14th.

Senator Schumer's office sent an application for 2022 grant requests. Wendy is in the process of filling out an application for Vernon Center Water District.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss Personnel was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board members returned from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. 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