

May 11, 2020

A special meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 6:48 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building for the purpose of a public hearing for the Local law, Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Code and the New York State Energy Code. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Myron Thurston, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Jody Thieme, Codes Officer; Tim Murphy, Highway Superintendent and Town Bookkeeper, Wendy Coston. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:48 p.m. Codes Enforcement officer, Jody Thieme explained that this law is just a formality to allow the Codes Officers to enforce the NYS Fire Prevention and Building codes along with the NYS Energy codes such as fire inspections, permits and also allows them to issue court orders along with stop work orders. The town supervisor supports and approves the codes officer to perform these duties. 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: Jody Thieme, Codes Officer; Tim Murphy, Highway Superintendent; Town Bookkeeper, Wendy Coston and Keith Schiebel, County Legislator.

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 13, 2020 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Thurston, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

John Peters advised that Rural Development has a meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020. We were required to establish a water district and do the engineering for it and then put in funding. This vote will seal the water district. After that the state will come back and give us their recommendations like more fire hydrants or changing the side of the road, etc. We will then have until December to answer them back. The total cost for this project is \$8.6 million. The goal for this project is to start digging in April 2022.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Supervisor's and Codes Enforcement, Highway Superintendent. Operations; Thurston reported Highway Superintendent had calls interested in our totalled plow truck and was able to receive enough money for this truck which comes within \$3,000 - \$4,000 of the value of the truck if it was in good working condition. This was counting the insurance money collected and the amount for the sale of the truck. County Legislator Schiebel reported that Governor Cuomo announced today that Mohawk Valley region has met the criteria and can begin reopening Phase 1. Under these guidelines this includes; Construction, Manufacturing, Wholesale, Trade, Select Retail for Curbside Pickup Only, Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing. Schiebel expects sales tax revenue to exceed the projected 4% loss.

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

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

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

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve Resolution of Local Law for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Code and the New York State Energy Code was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Thurston. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution to amend PDET permits and fees for Fireworks to \$50 administration and \$250 deposit was made by Thurston, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution declaring the intent of the Town of Vernon Town Board to act as Lead Agency for Vernon Center Water District was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution authorizing the Town of Vernon Supervisor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding – revision no. 1 April 2020 with the Village of Vernon for the proposed Vernon Center Water District was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. There was a discussion as to whether this was revision 1 or 2. It was determined that revision no. 1 was the correct version. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve cancelling the Town of Vernon Summer Swim Program due to COVID-19 was made by Bennati, seconded by Thurston. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Oneida County 2020 Mowing Agreement was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried

Town of Vernon Highway Department sold the totaled 2007 Mack Truck to Assabet Mack Service Company for \$15,000.

A motion to approve sending a letter stating the Town of Vernon will do anything they can to assist with this project was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. There was a discussion of Utica-Rome Speedway's plans for the future. The current owners are looking to establish a Drive-in Movie Theater at the location of the Speedway. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

A motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. 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