

May 14, 2018

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, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: County Legislator Keith Schiebel, Attorney Evan Rossi 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 April 9, 2018 meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Andy Catello requested a zoning change from agricultural to commercial on his Route 5 property. Supervisor Watson responded that he should start by seeing the Codes Office for an application for a variance. Also, the Board is looking into changing the zoning on main highways.

#### REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, and Highway Superintendent: Freemire mentioned that they picked up a lot of brush.

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

County Legislator Schiebel presented a written report on the highlights from the April County Legislators' meeting.

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 approve Highway Superintendent Freemire to sell an old truck and other equipment on auction site was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Elmwood Place Bridge bids will be opened on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Adamkowski offered to be present for that.

The Board members will hold a meeting with the Codes Officers, Planning Board, and Assessors to address the possibility of re-zoning the main highways in the Town for local business growth. Attorney Rossi suggested hiring a consultant for advice on this.

Solar panels have been removed and Continental Construction has started replacing the roof on the Town Office Building and should be completed in 2 weeks.

The Board members will also hold a meeting to discuss Codes for solar arrays.

RER Energy Group representatives gave a presentation on an opportunity for a solar array across from the Town Office Building.

A Single Audit for 2017 FEMA monies that was required by NYS Homeland and Security Emergency Service was conducted by Bonadio & Co. CPA on May 7<sup>th</sup> and should be completed in 3-4 weeks.

A motion to change the June Board meeting to June 13, 2018 was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to hold a memorial service to name the Vernon Town Pavilion in honor of Mark C. Burke on June 13, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to accept an anonymous donation to straighten the Veterans' Memorial flag poles was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request from Community Bank for the use of the Town Office Building to host a workshop on June 29, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. for Senior Citizens on awareness of financial fraud was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request from the Oneida County Board of Elections for the use of the Town Office Building for the State/Local Primary on September 13, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. and the General Election on November 6, 2018 from 5:15 to 9:45 p.m. was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Request was received from Rossi and Rossi for the Town to give a quitclaim deed for a rectangular piece of land near the Vernon Center Presbyterian Church. McDonough responded that the Town does not own this property. Peters said that he will look into it further.

A motion to approve Vernon Public Library contract payment of \$6250.00 was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Letter of intent to retire Town Clerk position on June 14, 2018 was received from Julie McElroy.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss Personnel and Sherrill Codes Contract was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. McElroy  
Town Clerk

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None