

May 6, 2019

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; Steve Adamkowski, Mick McDonough and John Peters. Bennati was absent. Also present: 10 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 8, 2019 meetings. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Watson. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Janice Buneo spoke on behalf of the Vernon National Historical Society. The Historical Society is asking the Town Board of The Town of Vernon to designate \$50,000 per year for the next five years for a total of \$250,000, for the express purpose of erecting a town facility at its Peterboro Road facility to permanently house the Vernon Historical Society and its artifacts. The requested size of the building would be forty foot by seventy foot.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, and Supervisor's, County Legislator- Keith Schiebel (provided a written report), Intergovernmental Relations; Adamkowski reported that he went door to door for several hours trying to get residents to complete the Vernon Center Water District surveys. However, was not able to get as many as he would have liked during that time. He has spoken with Catherine Rees at RCAP Solutions and discussed using the information from the last completed census for the remaining residents. Another public hearing will be scheduled for the Vernon Center Water District within the next few weeks to discuss this further. SWOCO; There is meeting scheduled for May 7th. Leo Carney, the grounds keeper for SWOCO passed away and they're looking to fill his position. Also, the new lawn mower was delivered.

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

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

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

BUSINESS:

A motion to schedule a special meeting to vote on the Oneida County Agreement on May 15, 2019 at 7pm, was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the Oneida County Mowing Agreement, was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to accept Steven Drake's resignation letter from Board of Assessment Review, was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to appoint Robert Moher to Board of Assessment Review, was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion as AXA Advisors, LLC requested to hold an informational session for all Town employees on available financial planning options. Seeing there has not been much interest from the employees in the past the board asked Freemire to speak to the Highway employees to see if they are interested before approving this.

A motion to approve request to have the Town Office floors stripped and waxed, was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve quote of \$1480.00 from Lagoy's Home Improvement for general maintenance at the Town Office Building, was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Oneida County Association of Towns meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019, 5:30pm at the Franklin Hotel, Rome, NY. The cost is \$20.00 per person. RSVP by May 10th.

A motion to approve settlement refund of \$1,133.57 from National Grid after Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation completed an audit of its street lighting facilities resulting in an overcharge to the Town of Vernon, was made by Peters, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The Town of Vernon has received \$78,430.00 from Oneida County for Snow Removal Agreement.

Town Board members discussed new website companies for the Town of Vernon and decided only to change the email over to a gmail account so in the future if there are problems with the website being down it does not affect the email within the building.

A copy of the City of Utica's resolution supporting Senator Griffo and County Executive Picente Jr. in rejecting legislation amending the real property tax law changing the tax status of certain golf courses was received.

A motion to enact a Resolution supporting Senator Griffo and County Executive Picente Jr. in rejecting legislation amending the real property tax law changing the tax status of certain golf courses, was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board members discussed PMG Management Group coming to the Town of Vernon to present a proposal for LED lighting for Town office building and Highway building. It was decided that the Town Board did not feel this was necessary.

A motion to approve request by Oneida Zonta Club to display their torch celebrating 100 years in the Town Office Building from May 13th – May 17th, was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:14p.m. was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:32p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:33p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 4. 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:

Oneida County Association of Towns