

May 8, 2017

A special meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 6:46 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building for the purpose of a public hearing for the 2017 fire contracts. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; County Legislator Keith Schiebel and 12 citizens. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:46 p.m. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing to consider changes to the Town Local Law as it relates to signs dated April 25, 2017 is attached to the minutes. Peters read the Local Law draft line by line and the Board members made a couple minor changes. There were no questions. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 7:02 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; Oneida County Legislator Keith Schiebel and 12 citizens.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 7:02 p.m.

Supervisor Watson asked the council members if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by McDonough, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Joseph Brognano questioned a denial he received from the Codes Office for a pole barn on his property regarding a footage discrepancy. Supervisor Watson will look into this and call him back.

Rick Kinsella from the Oneida Public Library requested the Board to act on the revised bonding resolution for the new library.

Barry VanDreason requested funds for Little League equipment for this year. The Board had agreed to these funds when they prepared the budget.

Mary Kay Junglen from the Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library thanked the Board for the annual Town Newsletter because it is a great resource for the library.

Tim Ahrens from Forefront Power requested the Board to re-explore the solar project for Sholtz Road. After a brief discussion, the Board asked him for more information on the details of the project. Tim Ahrens agreed to prepare a presentation and answer any questions they have.

#### REPORTS:

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

County Legislator Schiebel presented a written report on the highlights of the Board of Legislators Meeting on April 17, 2017.

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

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

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

#### BUSINESS:

A motion to adopt resolution for new local law for signage, with the changes that the Board discussed during the public hearing, was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve cleaning the floors and carpets in the Town Office Building by Comfort Cleans It was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve paying library contracts for Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library for \$13,000 and Vernon Public Library for \$5500 was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Letter was received from Anne Eastman requesting the removal of a few trees at the Twitchell Cemetery. Highway Superintendent Freemire offered to take care of this.

A motion to approve purchasing a new replacement power washer for the highway garage was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Request was received from Town Historian for a safe and secure storage area. The Board members will look into this.

A motion to hire another lawyer who will send briefs from 3 different states to the Supreme Court to assist with our Land Into Trust litigation was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Peters suggested asking Vernon Fire Dept. or Vernon Bank for a secured space for the Historian.

Bennati requested writing a letter to a real estate developer in Syracuse who specializes in building assisted living facilities to possibly build one in our town. He will draft the letter.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss Vernon Downs Lawsuit 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 8:55 p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Julie A. McElroy  
Town Clerk

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

None