

November 2, 2020

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 year 2021 fire contracts. Council members present were: Gene Bennati, Deputy Supervisor; Steve Adamkowski, John Peters and Myron Thurston. Supervisor Watson was absent. Also present: Town Bookkeeper Wendy Coston. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Bennati at 6:30 p.m. The Notice of Public Hearing dated October 9, 2020 is attached to the minutes. The fire contract amount for Oneida Castle #1 is \$28,443 and Oneida Castle #2 is \$39,717, Sherrill-Kenwood is \$36,853, Vernon is \$83,955 and Vernon Center is \$84,314. There were no questions. 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 for the 2021 fiscal budget beginning January 1, 2021. Council members present were: Gene Bennati, Deputy Supervisor; Steve Adamkowski, John Peters and Myron Thurston. Supervisor Watson was absent. Also present: Town Bookkeeper Wendy Coston. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Bennati at 6:45 p.m. The Notice of Public Hearing upon Preliminary Budget dated October 9, 2020 is attached to the minutes. There were no questions. 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 were Gene Bennati, Deputy Supervisor; Steve Adamkowski, John Peters and Myron Thurston. Supervisor Watson was absent. Also present: Town Bookkeeper Wendy Coston.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Bennati at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Bennati asked the council members if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the October 5, 2020 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Deputy Supervisor Bennati commented that thanks to all departments and our bookkeeper we were able to cut our budget by 13.25% for 2021. Thurston wanted to add that some of the money that we cut out of our budget was budgeted money in case we needed it but not expended.

#### REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Highway Superintendent Murphy was working but handed in a written report. Deputy Supervisor Bennati mentioned that he found sand without clay and people commented that they are happy with it. Also, he has done an outstanding job. Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's Report and Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski talked to a City of Sherrill representative who requested shared services with our dog control officer and he will look into that.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Assessors, Education and Libraries (Deputy Supervisor Bennati mentioned that he has not still not received a report from the Vernon Public Library), Economic Development, Operations, SWOCO, County Legislator and Historian.

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

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

#### BUSINESS:

A motion to approve 2021 Fire Contracts was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve 2021 Town Budget was made by Peters, seconded by Thurston. Thurston mentioned that there is no tax increase. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to change permit fees for Tier 3 permits to \$2000 for Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and \$2000 for Planning Board meetings up to 2 meetings per board, and additional meetings at \$800 fee per board per meeting for a single application was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$4000 from B1990.4 Contingency to B1910.4 Unallocated Insurance to cover unemployment insurance was made by Thurston, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Check was received for \$64,337.45 for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter sales tax, 2<sup>nd</sup> installment.

Check was received for \$1620.00 from Empire Livestock for sale of 1997 Ford pickup.

Liquor license application notice was received for Say I Do Events LLC, formerly Premier Wedding Venues.

Highway Superintendent Murphy signed a shared services agreement with the Department of State Transportation.

A motion to approve an aerial survey for the Vernon Center water project to be done by Barton and Loguidice for up to \$9000 was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Deputy Supervisor Bennati commented that he hopes that the members that are on the Board now consider staying on for years to come because we work so well together.

Adamkowski mentioned that the highway department did a good job and worked hard planting the trees that he provided for the Town Park.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. McElroy  
Acting Secretary

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

None