

November 3, 2016

A special meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 6:15 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: Town Attorney Vince Rossi and County Legislator Keith Schiebel. No one attended from the public. County Legislator Schiebel asked if the fire tax rate is flat across the town and Supervisor Watson replied that it is. There were no other questions. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:15 p.m. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing upon Preliminary Budget dated October 18, 2016 is attached to the minutes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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 to consider changes to the Code Book regarding Sparkling Devices. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Codes Officer Jody Thieme, Town Attorney Vince Rossi and County Legislator Keith Schiebel. No one attended from the public. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing upon Preliminary Budget dated October 20, 2016 is attached to the minutes. Town Attorney Rossi gave the Board members a packet of information on the New York State Uniform Code on Sparkling Devices that already exists and regulates their use and storage, so he doesn't feel there is any need for a local law because this already applies to the Town. There was a brief discussion. Attorney Rossi is going to look into a couple of questions that Codes Officer Thieme asked him. There was also a discussion regarding unsafe structures on Sholtz Road and Townline Road. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

A special meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 6:50 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building for the purpose of a public hearing for the year 2017 fiscal budget beginning January 1, 2017. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; Town Attorney Vince Rossi, County Legislator Keith Schiebel and 3 citizens. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thurston at 6:50 p.m. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing dated October 18, 2016 is attached to the minutes. The fire contract amount for Oneida Castle #1 is \$27,851 and Oneida Castle #2 is \$35,592, Sherrill-Kenwood is \$30,228, Vernon is \$78,955 and Vernon Center is \$79,314. 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: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; Oneida County Legislator Keith Schiebel and 3 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 October 17, 2016 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

James Brown addressed the Board members with a water issue that he is having at his Vernon Center home that is on the circle. He has about a foot of water in his yard and his basement gets flooded when it rains hard because there are no drainage ditches. Highway Superintendent Freemire responded that he will take care of it in the Spring.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Supervisor's, SWOCO, Codes Enforcement: There was a discussion regarding a permit that was issued for residential solar and Attorney Rossi will look into it. Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski mentioned that he had a meeting with City of Sherrill Mayor Vineall and they will discuss it in Executive Session.

County Legislator Schiebel reported on 1) the county's budget, 2) the plow contracts, 3) departmental meetings, 4) the Houck Road bridge and 5) revenue sharing.

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 Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

BUSINESS:

A discussion to increase permit fees was initiated by Adamkowski, who had a meeting with the Codes Officers to present their recommended increases. A motion to increase the building permit fee for a commercial building to \$200 plus any required engineering costs was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried. A motion to approve changes to the permit fees as follows: fire inspections to \$15 for each apartment, new house to 5 cents per square feet, 2 family house to \$150, replacing a mobile home to \$75 and commercial addition to \$150 plus any required engineering costs was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 1 (McDonough). Motion carried.

A motion to approve 2017 Fire contracts was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve 2017 Budget was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson requested a resolution for the Kraeger property. A motion to pass a resolution stating that "The Town Board, after review of the report submitted by the Code Enforcement Office, has resolved the property at tax map 333.000-1-3.8 hosts two unsafe structures under Vernon Code paragraph 45 "Unsafe Structures," and that the Town Board believes in order to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the Town's residents, the structures must be demolished and all the debris removed, the cost of which shall be borne by the property owner as a tax levy, which will bear interest at 9% until paid." was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$10,000 from B1990.4 Contingency to B8020.4 Planning to cover asbestos testing of FEMA properties to be reimbursed was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$125 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance for bond renewals was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Reimbursement was received from NYS Division of Homeland Security for FEMA appraisals in the amount of \$3379.50.

Received certificates of participation for NYMIR Safety During Snow & Ice Removal for Garrett Burke, Mark Burke, Mike Janowski, Ian Kraeger and George Vencek.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss Government Relations 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 8:29 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. 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