

November 4, 2019

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 2020 fire contracts. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, John Peters and Steve Adamkowski. Mick McDonough was absent. Also present: 3 Citizens. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:30 p.m at which time he asked if there were any comments on the proposed fire contracts, which is attached to the minutes. The fire contract amount for Oneida Castle #1 is \$27,867 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 year 2020 fiscal budget beginning January 1, 2020. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Mick McDonough was absent. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:45 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing 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: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; County Legislator, Keith Schiebel and 2 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 7, 2019 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Robert Sblendorio asked the board on behalf of Janice Buneo what needed to be done to get the \$500 reimbursed to the Vernon Historical Society for the glass negative. Watson advised him that we needed an invoice in the amount of \$500 with a receipt for the glass negative.

Sblendorio told the board that the Vernon Historical Society has restructured and the Matt Lenhart is now the president and Keith Schiebel is handling finances.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Supervisor's, Historian, Codes Enforcement. SWOCO; Watson reported change of Board members, County Legislator Schiebel reported that it has been budget season and there are two public hearings coming up. Shared Oneida Nation monies is on page 38 or 43 of budget. Bennati thanked Schiebel for his help connecting with Pastor Katie Yahns who will be doing the prayer at The Veterans Day Ceremony. VVS students will sing the National Anthem.

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

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 Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve 2020 Fire Contracts was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve 2020 Town Budget was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 3 (Bennati, Watson, Peters). Nays 2 (McDonough, Adamkowski). Motion carried.

At 7:26pm McDonough left the meeting.

A motion to approve the Town of Vernon to reduce the number of Judges from 2 to 1 was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve 2020 Rome Humane Society Contract was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve 2020 Cemetery contracts: Twitchell \$650; Indian \$750 was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Court Clerk Annual contract with Village of Vernon for 2020 was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Received 3rd Quarter Appropriation Agreement in the amount of \$31,250.00 from Oneida County.

Received grant money from DASNY in the amount of \$50,000 for the Interior of Town Office Building and \$74,673.72 for the roof.

Highway Department has hired Paul Burns as a Motor Equipment Operator.

Vernon Center Water SAM Grant Application for \$50,000 was completed with Chelsea Brouty and Jesse Semanchik from Barton and Loguidice.

There was a brief discussion on finding someone to complete landscaping this Fall and contracting for 2020. Peters is going to reach out to Dan Decker to see if he is interested.

Peters will have some recommendations of new codes for events within the Town of Vernon prepared for the December Board Meeting.

A motion to approve SUNY Upstate mobile mammography van to come to Vernon Town Office Building to offer free screenings to community members was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bennati was disgusted that McDonough showed up to the meeting just to vote “No” for the budget after not attending any of the meetings since the primary elections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

A motion to adjourn at 7:35p.m. was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jennifer Champney
Town Clerk

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

