

November 6, 2017

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 2018 fire contracts. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough and Steve Adamkowski. John Peters was absent. Also present: Attorney Evan Rossi and 4 citizens. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:30 p.m. at which time the Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing upon Preliminary Budget dated October 18, 2017, which is attached to the minutes. The fire contract amount for Oneida Castle #1 is \$27,836 and Oneida Castle #2 is \$37,467, Sherrill-Kenwood is \$32,103, Vernon is \$80,830 and Vernon Center is \$81,189. Supervisor Watson explained that \$1875 was added to each department for fuel reimbursement because not all departments were turning in their receipts. 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 2018 fiscal budget beginning January 1, 2018. Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; Attorney Evan Rossi and 5 citizens. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:45 p.m. at which time the Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing dated October 18, 2017, which 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; and 15 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 16, 2017 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:

Rick Kinsella from the Oneida Public Library encouraged the Board to approve the bond resolution for the proposed new library. Adamkowski responded that they have the votes to approve it and just need to get the paperwork done for the next Board meeting.

Mary Kay Junglen expressed her appreciation to the Board for their support of the Sherrill-Kenwood Library.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Supervisor's, Historian, Codes Enforcement: McDonough stated that the Codes monthly reports show that Terri Williamson is not picking up any of the work at Sherrill and would like it to be addressed. Supervisor Watson said that he will talk to him. Highway Superintendent: Freemire mentioned that they are getting ready for winter and the salt dome elevator and Sickle mower are advertised on Auctions International.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessors, Education and Libraries, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development, Operations and SWOCO. County Legislator Schiebel was absent due to attending the County Budget meeting. Republican Committee Chairman Paulette Schiebel mentioned that there is nothing new going on.

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

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

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve 2018 Fire Contracts was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve 2018 Town Budget was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 1 (McDonough). Motion carried.

There was a brief update of the proposed Vernon Center Water District given by Verne LaClair and Frank Tallarino. Attorney Evan Rossi requested the proposed cost for each individual in the district, with and also without, any grant funding. A motion to approve a resolution to order a public hearing at the next Board meeting for the water district extension was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve estimate from Comfort Cleans It to clean windows at the Town Office Building for \$195 was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding the estimate from BlueLine Disaster Solutions, Inc. inspection for mold remediation. McDonough suggested taking care of the mold, tarring the roof and putting up tarps for the winter until the roof is replaced in the spring so they can get more estimates. The Board members agreed.

Supervisor Watson announced that the Town Offices would be open on Election Day and on the Friday before Veterans Day.

A motion to approve Twitchell and Marble Road cemetery contract payments was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve estimate to replace hot water tank in the Town Office Building for \$863 was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bennati reminded everyone of the Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in front of the Town Office Building. Katie Yahns and Keith Schiebel's V.V.S.F.F.A. students will recite readings and there will be refreshments afterwards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss Sherrill Secession was made by McDonough, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. was made by McDonough, 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