

October 16, 2017

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: Highway Superintendent Art Freemire, Town Attorney Vince Rossi and 10 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 September 11, 2017 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Al Robinson asked if the Town would expand the proposed sewer project in Oneida Castle to include Pratt Drive. Supervisor Watson will propose this to the Oneida Castle Trustees.

Mike Hennessy presented a 2013 agreement between the State and the Seneca Indians and explained its' contents in hopes that the Town would understand that the impacted areas should get a lot more money, if it is forced to make an agreement with the County.

Bruce Linton, Matt Howard and several other neighbors of James Mills complained about the disgraceful appearance of his property and the numerous bags of garbage that are piled in his yard, which has been going on for about 2 years. The Town Board explained that James Mills has not shown up for his Court appearances and they will discuss it more in the business portion.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor, and Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski stated that he and Supervisor Watson will be attending a meeting with the City of Sherrill Commissioners and Senator Joe Griffo to discuss Sherrill secession.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Assessors, Education and Libraries, Economic Development, Operations, SWOCO, Highway Superintendent and Historian. County Legislator Schiebel was absent due to a prior commitment.

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

BUSINESS:

There was a lengthy discussion regarding James Mills' property in Vernon Center. A motion to have the highway department clean up this property, with the permission from the Court, with the cost either added to the tax bill or (preferably) added to the fine, if James Mills does not comply within 10 days from the hearing date, was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve purchase of air purifier for the Town Office Building due to mold spores being present from the roof leaking was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried. The Board will also hire someone to get rid of the mold.

A motion to deny roof bid from Lawrence Rieben & Sons for \$97,400 was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$9,000 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1420.4 Attorney was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve resolution for Town of Vernon Court JCAP grant was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Twitchell and Marble Road cemetery annual contracts @ \$550 each was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to schedule public hearing for 2018 Fire Contracts on November 6, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to schedule public hearing for 2018 Budget on November 6, 2017 @ 6:45 p.m. was made by McDonough, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Letter was received from Attorney Neil Gingold concerning salt contamination of private water supplies on upper Churton Road.

A motion to approve salt dome elevator to be put up for auction by Highway Superintendent Freemire was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried. A motion to also approve Sickle mower to be put up for auction by Highway Superintendent Freemire was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Final demolitions have been completed for the Hewitt and Vollmer properties in the FEMA buyout program.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bennati reminded everyone of our Veterans' Day Ceremony on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m. and V.V.S. F.F.A. students will be participating in the readings.

Peters requested an update on the Demenezes property on State Route 5 that had Codes issues. Bennati responded that it is still not completely cleaned up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss Personnel was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson announced that no further business would be conducted.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:58 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 9:10 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