

October 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at the Town Office Building on the above date with the following persons present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Myron Thurston, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters, Council members. Also present: Wendy Coston, Bookkeeper; Dan Butterman, Assembly 122th District Candidate and 1 community member.

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 12, 2022 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Dan Butterman, Assembly 122th District Candidate, introduced himself. Dan resides in Oneonta and has a wife and 3 girls. He and his wife are both musicians. Family candle business for 51yrs with 80 employees in the 90's. He would like to repeat this story by bringing people back to NY. Works in insurance at NYCM in Edmenston. Dan has a master's degree in Business. He enjoys problem solving and Politics to Dan is not a viscous game however he feels like it is more of a problem-solving game and he hopes to help people. The biggest challenge is getting people to come back to NY. Thurston asked if this was his first run in politics. Dan believes it has always been there as his parents were involved in politics and he was on the ballot in 2020 as a candidate in the 121<sup>st</sup> district. Wendy Coston asked what he believes will be his biggest challenge to overcome in this district. He believes getting people to come back to NY will be a challenge and it is a major challenge because there is not just one solution to it. IT will require working on things like infrastructure, housing, energy, schools and business development. Dan Butterman understands the diversity in NY and the difference in views between upstate and downstate. Downstate has the majority of votes. In the past few years, he has seen the legislature pass bills that were not necessarily good for upstate such as the bail reforms and gun laws. Those were driven by downstate issues with them being a statewide decision. This has created problems for upstate NY. He feels that working with downstate members to draft bills that will also work for upstate will be a challenge.

#### REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Supervisor's, Codes Enforcement, and Highway Superintendent.

There were no reports from Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessors, Operations, Education and Libraries, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development, SWOCO and County Legislator.

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

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

#### BUSINESS:

The Town Budget Workshop has been changed from October 6<sup>th</sup> to October 4, 2022 at 5:00pm.

A motion to schedule Fire Contract Public Hearing for November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to schedule 2023 Budget Public Hearing for November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve annual Cemetery contracts for Twitchell at \$750 and Indian Town at \$750 was made by Peters, seconded by Thurston. Peters suggested that we get quotes next year from landscapers to see what their quotes come in for. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

AIM check from New York State was received in the amount of \$32,319.

CHIPS, PAVE NY, EWR and POP checks were received from New York State in the amount of \$186,447.20.

A motion to transfer \$20,000.00 from A1620.4 Building to A1440.4 Engineer for Vernon Center Water District was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$9,000.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1440.1 Engineer was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$10,000.00 from A1420.4 Contingency to A1440.1 Engineer was made by Thurston, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request to issue a letter of no objection from the Town of Vernon for Mason Jar outdoor seating area along with a 30-day notice waiver reflecting the sidewalk café was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried

A check was received in the amount of \$47,642.40 from NYMIR for the plow truck that was damaged back in the spring of 2022. Tracey Roads Collision will bill us for the repairs when completed.

A motion to approve the Oneida County two-year term agreement with a \$6,600.00 per mile rate for the 2022-2023 snow season, and a \$6,700.00 per mile rate for the 2023-2024 snow season was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Thurston. Highway Superintendent Murphy also approved this agreement. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bennati would like to find out exactly what bridges the Town of Vernon is responsible for in the City of Sherrill. Thurston remembers that previously it has been looked up and it is clear that only two of the bridges are our responsibility. Coston printed out information from NYS DOT that has their definition of bridges and culverts. Murphy believes that the span of a culvert has to be a certain size to then be classified as a bridge.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Intermunicipal Agreements and Personnel at 7:23p.m. was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board members returned from Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. 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