

September 11, 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, Oneida County Legislator Schiebel, Town Attorney Evan Rossi and 13 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 August 14, 2017 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Rick Kinsella, President of the Oneida Public Library, presented the Board with a packet of information on the proposed new library and answered any concerns that were asked of him. The Board members will discuss this in Executive Session.

Janice Buneo stated that Doris Piper has offered a building that she owns to store all the historical articles that are in a storage unit right now, but she is requesting that the Town's Attorney draw up a document that states that any items moved into that building belong to the historical society. The Board agreed to do that.

Jim Brown from Vernon Center thanked Highway Superintendent Freemire for helping with the drainage issue in the Vernon Center circle. He also questioned why there has been nothing more done to continue the request for commercial solar arrays in the Town and the water extension project. The Board replied that they are still working on both of these issues.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement and Supervisor.

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

County Legislator Schiebel reported on numerous items including: 1) a Post-Flooding Training Program that is tomorrow night and a Municipal Leaders Meeting on September 19th, 2) Houck Road bridge expense for \$77,000 to have someone on sight was passed, 3) approval of Youth Bureau Resource allocation for Vernon was \$898, 4) funding was approved for Solid Waste Authority for organic waste from institutions and 5) Shared Services meetings have been very beneficial in creating new shared plans.

A motion to accept the above reports was made by McDonough, seconded by Bennati. 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:

Matt Briggs from Gates-Cole Insurance presented a revised insurance policy. A motion to approve the revised insurance policy renewal was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$12,000 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 transfer \$75,000 from A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds to A1620.4 Buildings to cover roof replacement was not done due to a discussion on the roof bid.

A motion to table the acceptance or denial of the Town Office Building roof bid from Lawrence Rieben for \$97,400 for 21 days was made by Peters, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Oneida Public Library Bonding Resolution will take place in Executive Session.

After attending a seminar on fraud, the Board members decided it would be a good idea to get a time clock for the highway department because this is one of the items the State has on their checklist for initiating an audit. A motion to purchase time clock at the highway garage was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Senator Griffo is going to set up a meeting at his office with our Supervisor and 2 other Board members along with the Mayor and 2 Commissioners from the City of Sherrill to discuss the Secession.

Attorney Evan Rossi explained the tax reduction agreement between the Town of Vernon and Vernon Downs along with the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District, who agreed with it, with a 4 year freeze on the assessed value by either party. A motion to approve the Vernon Downs settlement agreement reducing their tax assessment was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss Oneida Public Library litigation was made by Bennati, 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 8:45 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. 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