

September 12, 2016

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 were Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Art Freemire, Highway Superintendent; Town Attorney Rossi, County Legislator Keith Schiebel and 6 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 15, 2016 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Rick Kinsella, President of the Board of Trustees for the Oneida Public Library, presented new information regarding the proposed new library. They are working with the USDA to try to revise the bonding resolution to reduce the bonding amount from \$6.117 million to \$5.2 million and now they can offer a pro-rata bond for each town so there is no joint responsibility for the bond. Also, because of the legislation that was passed last December, they have the option to bond through DSNY, but it would cost more in administration and higher interest fees.

Cindy Faulkner made a request for the Board members to pass a resolution to call the road she lives on "Gifford Road" (which it should be) and not as "Wells-Gifford Road" (which is what the County calls it) and this is a problem with 911 calls. A motion to pass a resolution to call the section of Gifford Road that is from Potash to Skinner, and is a town road and not a county road, should be named Gifford Road was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, Intergovernmental Relations, Operations: McDonough mentioned that the highway department is doing a nice job sealing the roads. Education and Libraries: Bennati stated that the Vernon Library is keeping him informed and they are doing very well.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessors, Economic Development, SWOCO, Highway Superintendent and Historian. County Legislator Schiebel reported: 1) that there are reports from more agencies being submitted to the County, 2) the Houck Road bridge repair is in the county budget with a quote of \$600,000, 3) Town of Verona discussed solar energy at their last meeting, 4) keep in mind the relationship the Town of Vernon wants to have with the County as they do their budget and 5) there is some ditching and water issues with a resident on Route 31 in Vernon Center.

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

BUSINESS:

There was a discussion regarding a request for financial help from the Town for the relocation of the tenants at Derek Buell's Trailer Park. The Board members concluded that we have done all we can at this point and it is the tenants that are not doing what they are supposed to do. But, because the responsibility ultimately falls back on Derek Buell because he is the property owner, Attorney Rossi will contact him. A motion to not give the tenants financial help with relocating at this time was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No further discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request from Star Performance Dance Centre to hold a Soup/Bake Sale at the Town Office Building on Election Day was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The 2nd quarter sales tax check was received in the amount of \$219,006.26.

The process of auditing the Town books has been started by Sarah Marshall, CPA.

Lance Comfort, from Comfort Cleans It, will begin cleaning the floors and the carpet in the Town Office Building on September 30th.

Budget Workshops are scheduled for October 3rd and October 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Watson announced that we need 25 or 30 more surveys for the Vernon Center Water District project and they are going to go door-to-door to get them.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bennati reminded the Board members to bring their information packet when they meet with the judges.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss Code issues and Personnel was made by Adamkowski, 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 8:35 p.m. A motion to adjourn at 8:39 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