

September 12, 2022

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, Steve Adamkowski and Myron Thurston. John Peters was absent. Also present: Highway Superintendent Tim Murphy and 2 residents.

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 8, 2022 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Thurston, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Anthony Peppenelli asked if there's a date for breaking ground on the Vernon Center Water Project. The Board replied that it's a long process but we expect to get the bids out between and January and April and, hopefully, break ground by next Fall.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, Highway Superintendent and SWOCO: Supervisor Watson stated that the budget went up to 2%, but we're looking into renting out the land.

There were no reports from Assessors, Education and Libraries, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development, Operations, Historian and County Legislator.

A motion to accept the above reports was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Thurston. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

The 2023 Tentative Budget is complete and on file in the Town Clerk's office.

The Town Budget Workshop is scheduled for October 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Mortgage tax was received from Oneida County for \$93,200.78, which is a decrease of \$1,371.00 from last year.

The 2nd Quarter Sales tax check was received from Oneida County for \$313,810.41, which was an increase of \$11,984.31 from last year.

Franchise fee from Charter Communications was received for \$9,884.90.

The change in the terms of office for the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent from 2 years to 4 years will be on the November ballot to be voted on.

A motion to approve a resolution for "The Board of the Town of Vernon to authorize the Vernon Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-2023 grant cycle up to \$30,000" was made by Thurston, seconded Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$20,000 from A1620.4 Building to A1440.4 Engineer was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Thurston. No further discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Watson stated that a resident called with a request to install a street light at the intersection of State Route 31 and Townline Road. NYS DOT advised that it is not warranted at

that location. The Town Board agreed with the NYSDOT and also mentioned that the resident lives in the Town of Verona, not the Town of Vernon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Intermunicipal Agreement and Personnel at 7:15 p.m. was made by Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board members returned from Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

A motion to vote on extending Intermunicipal Agreement was made by Bennati. No discussion. Roll call vote was taken:

Thurston	Nay
Bennati	Nay
Adamkowski	Nay
Watson	Nay

Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Additions to minutes on file
in Town Clerk's Office.

Julie A. McElroy
Acting Secretary

This meeting was digitally recorded and is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None