

April 8, 2024

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, Steve Adamkowski, John Peters, Council members; Keith Scheibel, County Legislator. Myron Thurston absent. Also present: 9 community members.

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 March 11, 2024, meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Resident Nate Richter thanked the board for the funding they approved for the CAC at the March meeting.

Shawn Gwilt, Village of Vernon Officer in Charge, spoke to the board members regarding bailiff services for Town Court days. The hourly rate for each bailiff is \$50 per hour with a minimum of 3 hours per day. Once the new magnetometer is installed at the Town 2 bailiffs will be required for court.

Vernon Library President Lori Klopfer advised that the library has been granted approval to be added to the ballot of the Sherrill City School tax rolls. The budget will be up for vote in the amount of \$60,000 either in May or June. The date has not been set at this time. The library has requested that this vote be held on a separate day from the school budget vote, so this has no impact either positive or negative on their budget. Once they have a date scheduled the library will send out mailers with the information to the voters.

Vice President of the VVS Chamber of Commerce, Kaylee Sierson was present with information on the newly established VVS Chamber of Commerce. The mission of the VVS Chamber is to foster economic growth, support local businesses and cultivate a vibrant community by providing resources. President, Emily Schieferstine and Executive of Public Relations, Justin Eaton were both present. The commerce is looking for individual members to join the board. They are requesting that the Town join. A monthly newsletter will be put out through the VVS District. They requested the town send something to be added to the newsletter. A farmers' market is currently being organized in Vernon Center. Members would like to host a Fall Festival and are looking into holding a Christmas light walk along the walking path of the Town Office building.

#### REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor, Education and Libraries; Bennati advised that Bill Loveland will be leaving the Sherrill library and has accepted a position at the Canastota Library. The Sherrill library will be hosting a recruitment campaign to fill the vacancy. Highway Superintendent: Murphy noted that the new truck was in. Also, there are seven dead trees in the town that are going to be removed by a local company. County Legislator Schiebel submitted a report and highlighted opioid settlement funds that are being distributed, charging stations, and bonding projects.

There were no reports from: Zoning/Planning Board, Intergovernmental Relations, Operations, Assessors, SWOCO, and Economic Development.

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Board members entered executive session to discuss Personnel and Contract Agreements at 7:13p.m.

Board members returned from Executive Session at 7:40p.m.

#### BUSINESS:

A Resolution was received from the Village of Vernon abolishing the Office of Village Justice Court as of March 31, 2024.

A motion to approve request to sign revised Agreement with Village of Vernon for use of land for Vernon Center water Pump Station was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Vernon Town Justice Suzanne Bellinger request to increase Clerk to Justice pay \$1.00 per hour after 90-day probation period was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve resolution to modify budget increasing payroll for Clerk to Justice was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution to give jurisdiction to the Village of Vernon officers to arrest and maintain order during court proceedings to contracted Court Bailiffs was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution to Transfer \$8,280.00 from Contingency A1990.4 to Justice Contractual A1110.4 for payroll increase and contract of Court Bailiffs was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request to allow Town Supervisor to sign NYSDOT Use and Occupancy Permit #21927 for Vernon Center Water District Tower was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the resignation of Peter Makarchuk as of April 11, 2024, was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request made by VVS Lacrosse for funding up to \$600.00 for equipment was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Peters clarified that a receipt is required for the Town to issue a payment. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request made by VVS Chamber of Commerce request to use the building for monthly meetings at 6:30pm on 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26, 10/24, 11/7, 12/5, was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Peters clarified that a receipt is required for the Town to issue a payment. Motion carried.

\$31,250.00 was received for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Oneida County Agreement.

JCAP Grant monies were received from State of NY in the amount of \$6,537.81.

A motion to approve Highway Superintendent to spend town highway funds for paving was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. Ayes 4. Nays 0. No discussion. Motion carried.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Shawn Gwilt, Village of Vernon officer in charge, mentioned that the Village of Vernon has a drug take back box. They can be brought to the Village Clerk or the Police department to be put into the locked box.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. was made by Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. 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