

December 26, 2022

A special meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 6:30 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building for the purpose of a public hearing to consider a Local Law to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the Town of Vernon to change the zoned district currently in effect for premises owned by 5661 NY% LLC located at 5661-5669 State Route 5, Vernon, New York, described on the Tax Maps of the County of Oneida as Tax Map Parcels 324.000-1-63.3 and 324.000-1-63.1 from a zoning designation of Commercial to a designation of Commercial Manufacturing. This change would expand the permitted uses on the property in question to include manufacturing. The property owner's proposal seeking the zone change is to allow the customization and selling of Amish sheds and the manufacture and selling of wooden outdoor items.

Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Myron Thurston, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Tim Murphy, Highway Superintendent. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:30 p.m.

Watson advised that they are unable to vote on this at tonight's meeting as the Town Lawyer has advised the property owner has not completed all necessary paperwork. Thurston mentioned that this is already commercial and this change is just a legality.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

A special meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 6:45 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building for the purpose of a public hearing to consider the enactment of a Local Law prohibiting on-street parking on Highland Avenue in the Town of Vernon year-round, and also prohibiting on-street parking on any Town Road from November 1st to April 1st to enable snow removal on Town Roads during the winter season.

Council members present: Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Myron Thurston, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Tim Murphy, Highway Superintendent and 1 community member. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 6:45 p.m.

The codes office has received a written complaint signed by several home owners regarding a resident parking several commercial business vehicles on Highland Avenue. Watson added that this resident was parking on the FEMA parcel and was asked not to do so. He is now parking partially in the roadway. Board members agreed that this needs to be addressed and passing this vote will do so. This Local Law will also address any parking on the Town roads during the winter season.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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, Myron Thurston, Steve Adamkowski and John Peters. Also present: Tim Murphy, Highway Superintendent and 1 resident.

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 December 6, 2022 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Resident Nate Richter asked if there was an update on the Vernon Center Water District. Watson said that the engineers are going around surveying. Peters added that they are taking core sample for a geological graph. It is anticipated that this goes up for bid in April/May, then awarded in August/September. Phase 1 will include the water tower, phase 2 is installing the lines throughout the

district, and phase 3 will be finishing up. Richter asked if the Village of Vernon has enough water for this project. They currently pay the City of Sherrill for an excess amount of water used that they are not able to get from the City of Oneida. Once the waterlines from Rome to Oneida are complete then the water needed for this project will be secured. Thurston added that for years there wasn't enough water in Oneida System to expand. Richter mentioned that the DEC says the dam has a safe yield and won't allow Oneida to pull extra water.

Thurston mentioned that he was at a meeting/dinner at Vernon Downs and he ran into Art Wood. They had a conversation on the greenhouses for the marijuana. Currently the holdup is due to licensing at the state level. He stated that Mr. Gural also wants to produce food in these greenhouses. He doesn't care less about the marijuana and would rather produce food for the food banks. They are looking at building four greenhouses. The gas lines have been approved.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals.

There were no reports from Town Clerk, Codes Enforcement, SWOCO, Supervisor's, Highway Superintendent, Assessors, Education and Libraries, Intergovernmental Relations, Operations, Economic Development 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 Thurston, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve Local Law prohibiting on street parking on Highland Avenue year-round and prohibit on street parking Townwide from November 1st – April 1st was made by Thurston, seconded Bennati. Board members discussed finding out about penalties and street signs. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Board members discussed updating outside lighting for the building and adding wall outlets in the court/board room. Thurston mentioned that we should update to LED lighting. Adamkowski will has a recommendation for an electrician that he will get the information on.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Supervisor Watson will not be here for the January meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. was made by Peters, seconded by Thurston. 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