

July 11, 2022

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 and John Peters, Council members. Myron Thurston was absent. Also present: County Legislator, Keith Schiebel; Planning/Zoning Chairman, Brian Dam and 8 others.

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 June 13, 2022 meeting. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Sharon Mattice received a letter from the Codes Office advising that the property they are using for a trucking business is located in an Agriculture Zoning District and the property can not be used for this due to Zoning regulations. Zoning Board Chairman Brian Dam advised the board members that this is property has been used for this business for 30yrs and is considered a non-conforming use business as the business was established before the zoning laws were in effect. Supervisor Watson advised that the Codes Officer was only following up to a complaint. Mattice was advised to bring documentation to the Codes Office of how long the business has been there.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk advised that NYS Dept of Health has approved an Order of Consolidation between the Village of Oneida Castle and Town of Vernon Registrar of Vital Statistics appointing the Town of Vernon as a single primary registration district, Zoning/Planning Board Chairman; Brian Dam advised OYA has finished paperwork with their lender for their solar project on Route 5 at the Bailey Farm. He would also like the Town Board to look into changing the zoning for Vernon Downs from PDET(Planned Development Entertainment) to PDET/PD(Planned Development Entertainment/Planned Development) so the plans of greenhouses and solar that Vernon Downs has for the future will not be delayed. Dam also added that the Quiet Meadows Solar 2 ribbon cutting celebration will take place at the Quiet Meadows Solar Farm 2 site, located at 4426 Sholtz Road, Vernon, NY on July 27th at 10:30 am. Codes Enforcement, SWOCO; Watson advised they had their annual cookout. They are also discussing ways to make money from the property such as Solar which would relieve the towns from the financial responsibility, Supervisors, Highway, Education and Libraries; Bennati mentioned that the Town of Vernon is now free of financial responsibilities for the Sherrill Kenwood Library after the vote to add their budget to the Vernon Verona Sherrill School District taxes. Bennati added that there was an article in the Rome Sentinel stating that there is a law suit against the library, previous Librarian MaryKay Junglen and the School. He has met the new Librarian and believes he will do a good job. County Legislator; Schiebel submitted a written report and highlighted a resolution to salute Oneida Counties' dairy farmers as June was Dairy Month. Approval of Board of Elections request to purchase voting tabulation hardware and software from Clear Ballot Group Inc. Also, the corrections officers and sheriffs' contracts have been settled. Economic Development; Peters noted that he had drove around with Highway Superintendent Timothy Murphy and Delta Engineers to work out some of the details for the Vernon Center Water District. They do not plan on trenching for the water lines as equipment that will drill underground will be used to install lines.

There were no reports from Assessors, Operations, and Intergovernmental Relation.

A motion to accept 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 Peters, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to approve NYMIR Insurance proposal for 2022-2023 with a slight increase of \$2747.50 bringing the total to \$36,309.96 was made by Bennati, seconded by Peters. Board members mentioned that they are very happy with Gates Cole Insurance. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$45,000 from DB5130.2 Machinery Equipment to DB 5111.4 Improvements Resurfacing to cover increase in paving cost and additional crusher run was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve request to spend no more than \$3000 to paint interior walls, pavilion bathrooms and exterior doors was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Received notice of Liquor License renewal for Black Stallion.

Town office walking trail paving has been completed along with all finish work except for striping.

Town office building new floor installation was completed.

Received Charter Communications Franchise fee for 2nd quarter of \$231,788.00.

A motion to spend up to \$8,800 on the replacement of 6 windows in the front of the Building was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. Watson will update board members of quotes as they come in the next week or two. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:46 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