

May 8, 2023

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, John Peters and Myron Thurston. Also present: Highway Superintendent Tim Murphy, Oneida County Legislator Keith Schiebel and 9 residents.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, 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 April 10, 2023 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Thurston, seconded by Peters. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Cubby Lagoy and other members of the Back Country ATV Club explained their club and that they would like to travel ½ mile of Wood Road, at a reasonable speed, to access their trail system and area businesses. They have liability insurance, support from law enforcement and strict by-laws with zero tolerance. The Board members responded that they would take the next step and discuss this with our attorney, then the following step would be to have the public give their response.

REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Supervisor's Reports for March and April, Codes Enforcement, Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski announced that the memorial trees will be planted in the park tomorrow morning. SWOCO: Supervisor Watson reported that a meeting is scheduled for June 13 with an engineering firm to discontinue testing at the site because it has been 30 years. Also, a solar array is being constructed across from the Town building and the landfill may be able to have solar on part of it to re-coop some of the expenses that have been paid all these years. Highway Superintendent: Superintendent Murphy reported that the brush pickup has been successful, crack fill is done and paving will start Wednesday morning. County Legislator Keith Schiebel presented a written report to the Board from their May meeting highlighting the approved 2023 Oneida County Tourism contract, a lease for a new home for the Child Advocacy Center, the purchase of 200 new voting machines, employment still being a concern and short falls in the State budget. Also, Cooper Street detour signs are up and the 2024 IIHF Women's World Championship will be held in Utica, NY. Peters questioned when the County will fix the washout of the shoulders on Churton Road and his response was that he would work on it.

There were no reports from Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessors, Education and Libraries, Economic Development and Operations.

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 Adamkowski, seconded by Thurston. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

A motion to hold a public hearing to discuss Vernon Center Water District on June 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. was made by Peters, seconded by Thurston. No discussion. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Adamkowski expressed his gratitude to the highway department for the nice job they did with the brush pickup at his house.

Highway Superintendent Murphy stated that the solar panels from the Town building and the old chipper are at the auction site.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

A motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. was made by Peters, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 5. 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