

The April 9, 2014 Bethel Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, Meeting Room.

Council members present: Vicky Simpson
Lillian Hendrickson
Dawn Ryder
Bernie Cohen

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Allan Scott, Sullivan County Industrial Dev. Agency.

Allan Scott and Jenn Fladd were present to give an update on update on local projects and county. Ms. Fladd announced that the red meat packing facility broke ground in October, architect working on design, then going to bid. She also explained the Revolving Loan Program – there is one specifically for argi-businesses

Mr. Scott updated the other projects; Kutchers (Viera); Concord (casino) and Sutphen East at airport is hiring and looking to add 12,500 square feet.

Executive Session

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to go into executive session at 7:50 pm to discuss a personnel matter with Jim McBride, Sewer Superintendent, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to a roll call with 5 ayes and 0 nays as follows:

Dawn Ryder aye
Bernie Cohen aye
Daniel Sturm aye
Vicky Simpson aye
Lillian Hendrickson aye

Motion by Bernie Cohen to resume regular meeting, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Audit of Bills

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Nos.</u>
General	\$128,440.04	4267 - 4315
Highway	\$125,591.27	2702 - 2740
Sewer District	\$171,524.23	1957 - 1985
Sewer Rehab	\$2515.00	1076 - 1077
Planning & Zoning Escrow	\$2273.35	1035 - 1037
Light District	\$2319.63	1076 - 1077

Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve monthly audit of bills, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Revenue is up 3.7%/ Expenses down .9%

Motion by Vicky Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Building Department Monthly Report

2014 March Fees: \$1,559. 2013 March Fees: \$6,500.

2014 March Construction: \$726,700
2013 March Construction Fees: \$115,700

Motion by Dawn Ryder to receive and file, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Discussion on unsafe structure at 21 Taconic Trail

Mr. Sturm has received notice that the NYS Dept. of Labor has issued a Stop Work Order due to asbestos. The project needs to re-bid to their specifications. Include asbestos abatement measures.

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to re-bid removal of unsafe structure, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Certificate of Appreciation from Sullivan West School District

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Bill Crumley and Highway Department crew for all their hard work this winter keeping roads open for Sullivan West Central School District by Nancy Hackett, School Superintendent. The Town Board presented on her behalf.

Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Total: \$3,924.21
State: \$ 184.45
Town: \$3,739.76

Motion by Vicky Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Seek sealed bids for liquid sodium hydroxide

Sewer Superintendent is requesting Town Board to seek sealed bids for liquid sodium hydroxide; 4,000 gallons to be delivered. Motion by Bernie Cohen to seek sealed bids, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Bid results for removal of bio solids

Sealed bids for opened and publicly read on April 8, 2014 for the removal of bio solids at the Kauneonga Lake Sewer Plant. Present were Lori Hastings and J.P. Mascaro.

Spectraserv: 2 years \$148.00 per ton
J.P. Mascaro: 1 year \$124.63 per ton
2 year \$127.75 per ton

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to award low bidder J.P. Mascaro at \$124.63 per ton for one year, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

BLDC Sullivan Renaissance Grant Award

Mr. Sturm read correspondence from Sullivan Renaissance awarding the BLDC \$5000. for continuation of the Bethel Corridor Beautification Program. Letters will be going out to businesses along 17B.

Town Board Comments

Mrs. Hendrickson announced the Green Committee is meeting with the Bethel Lions for a NYSEERDA presentation along with the town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board.

Mrs. Simpson stated she attended the Matt McCauley Taekwondo Tournament it was well-attended and very impressive, great program. The Parks and Recreation Directors are setting up interviews for summer jobs.

Mrs. Simpson asked if Mr. Sturm could get in touch with the Department of Environmental Conservation to check milfoil formation.

Authorize Letter to NYS regarding tax mandate relief

Mr. Sturm stated that the NYS Budget has problems for local municipalities. The tax cap can be unsustainable and unfair while prices are going up. The State wants towns to condense, consolidate, cut, but not State. The State needs Medicare relief, like other states so it is not a county burden; revise tax exempt laws 420-a and give real tangible tax relief. Motion by Bernie Cohen to send a letter to the state, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Set Town Board Work Session

Work session on 4/17/14, 1:00 pm at Sewer Plant

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to set up Work session for April 17, 2014 at 11 a.m. at the Sewer Plant, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Manny Safer, Bethel Senior Committee, stated he has a U.S. Flag that flew over Washington, D.C. on 12/31/2013, for all Veterans.

Adjournment

Motion by Vicky Simpson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk