

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of December 10, 2014 was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center Meeting Room.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audit of Bills

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve monthly audit of bills, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Nos.</u>
General Fund	\$241,234.39	4809-4810, 4812-4886
Highway Fund	\$282,433.54	3032-3091
Sewer Fund	\$34,587.18	2142-2168
Light District	\$2,352.01	1090
Sewer Rehab	\$123,519.10	1083-1084
John Driscoll Scholarship	\$25.00	1008

Building Department Monthly Report

Building Department report has been received by the Town Supervisor for the month of November as follows:

2014 Nov. Fees \$ 2,254.
 2013 Nov. Fees \$ 4,771.

2014 Nov Construction \$ 231,000
 2013 Nov Construction \$ 1,247,800

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Memo from Building Dept. regarding condition of 5 Hilltop Rd.

Correspondence has been received from Building Department regarding the condition of 5 Hilltop Road, Kauneonga Lake. The building is in disrepair and a state of collapse and requesting an engineer report to determine repair or removal. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to authorize Engineer Report, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Town Clerk's monthly report for November has been filed with the Town Supervisor as follows:

Total Nov. Fees: \$6,290.94
 State Share: \$2,249.70
 Local Share: \$4,041.24

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Notice from NYS Dept. of Transportation for culvert pipe replacement

Notice of Complete Application from NYS Dept. of Transportation has been received for culvert pipe replacement 1,120 feet east of Royce road on the south side of Route 17B. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from Green Committee

Correspondence has been received from the Green Committee thanking the town board for adopted the streamlined solar permit resolution. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Contract with Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development

Contract has been received from Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development to serve as the town’s Climate Smart Community coordinator in satisfaction of pledge element for a one-year period for \$3,000. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Bethel Senior Building Committee

Correspondence has received from the Bethel Senior Building Committee recommending Barbara Gabriel, Jay Meddaugh and Bob Feeney to fill vacancies on the Building Committee. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Supervisor’s monthly report for November has been filed with the Town Clerk. Mr. Sturm briefly reviewed the General Fund and Highway Fund revenue to date. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Public Hearing – 7:45 p.m. 2015 Sewer User Rates

Town Clerk Read legal notice. Motion by Mrs. Ryder to open public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0. There were no comments. Motion by Mr. Cohen to close public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

2014 Budget Modifications Light District

Mr. Sturm explained that electric went up for January, February, and March. Cost was 12¢ per kwh; now locked in for 2 years at 6¢ per kwh.

Lighting

Resolution for Budgetary transfers between fund account codes

Acct Code	Title	Credit (rev)	Credit
5182.4	Street Light .4		\$5,225.00
SL 599	App Fund Balance	\$5,225.00	
		\$5,225.00	\$5,225.00

record appropriated fund balance, Increase Revenues SL 599, increase expenses SL 5182.4

2014 Budget Modifications Sewer District

**Sewer Dept
Resolution for Budgetary transfers between fund account codes**

Acct Code	Title	Credit (rev)	Credit
S2680	Insurance Recoveries	\$29,569.00	
S8130.4	2014 Plant fire .4		\$29,569.00
		\$29,569.00	\$29,569.00

- 1) Account revenue from insurance
- 2) Add rev to expense code

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

2014 Budget Modifications Sewer District

**Sewer Dept
Resolution for Budgetary transfers between fund account codes**

Acct Code	Title	Debit	Credit
S-1910.4	Insurance		\$9,074.00
S-9030.8	Soc Sec Medicare		\$600.00
S-1670.4	Central Print & Mail .4	\$8,400.00	
S-8110.4	Admin .4	\$674.00	
S-9010.8	State Retirement	\$600.00	
		\$9,674.00	\$9,674.00

- 1) Tranfers between expense account codes.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

**Sewer Dept
Resolution for Budgetary transfers between fund account codes**

Acct Code	Title	Credit (rev)	Credit
S599	App. Fund Balance	\$50,000.00	
S-8130.4	Sewage & Disp .4		\$50,000.00
		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

- 1)record appropriated fund balance, Increase Revenues S910, increase expenses S58130.4

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Approve seeking sealed bids for town pool refurbishment

Mr. Sturm announced that the town will be seeking sealed bids for new vinyl liner, piping, drains. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve seeking sealed bids, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Response from NYS Dept. of Transportation

Correspondence has been received from NYS Dept. of Transportation in response to Fred Albrecht’s letter. The DOT will continue to monitor the conditions of the road. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Renewal contract with Town of Thompson for dog shelter services

Signed contract has been received from the Town of Thompson for secondary dog shelter services as they may need. Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve contract, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Set 2015 Sewer User Rates

Mr. Sturm explained that the 2015 rates are not increasing and this procedurally must be done each year. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the 2015 sewer user rates, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0 as follows:

- Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District year-round \$427.32 per unit annually
- Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District seasonal \$339.92 per unit annually
- Kauneonga Lake Route 17B Sewer District Ext. year-round \$600.72 per unit annually
- Kauneonga Lake Route 17B Sewer District Ext. seasonal \$513.32 per unit annually

and/or as further provided in Chapter 257 of the Town of Bethel Code.

Correspondence Happy Footer’s Square Dance Club

Correspondence has been received from the Happy Footers Square Dance Club thanking the Town for allowing them to use the Duggan School. The Club is disbanding after many years of existence. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

2014 General Budget Modifications

**General Fund
Resolution for Budgetary transfers between fund account codes**

Acct Code	Title	Debit	Credit
1010.4	Town Brd .4		\$500.00
1110.1	Town Justice .1		\$5,000.00
1110.4	Town Justice .4		\$7,000.00
1220.4	Town Supervisor .4		\$1,500.00
1410.1	Town Clerk .1		\$600.00
1410.4	Town Clerk .4		\$2,500.00
1460.4	Records Management .4		\$145.00
1620.4	Town Hall .4		\$6,000.00
3010.4	Public Safety .4		\$4,500.00
3120.4	Police .4		\$13,000.00
3510.4	Animal Control.4		\$2,500.00

3650.4	Demo of unsafe bldgs		\$18,225.00
5132.4	Highway Garage .4		\$12,000.00
7140.1	Playgrounds & Rec .1		\$7,000.00
7140.4	Playgrounds & Rec .4		\$5,000.00
7180.4	Special Rec Facility		\$1,500.00
7550.4	Celebrations		\$3,000.00
8160.1	Refuse & Garbage .1		\$4,900.00
8660.4	Purchase of Real Property		\$320.00
1620.1	Town Hall .1	\$3,500.00	
1910.4	Insurance	\$6,000.00	
1990.4	Contingency	\$7,000.00	
3120.1	Police .1	\$30,000.00	
3310.4	Traffic Control	\$1,000.00	
7180.1	Special rec .1	\$2,000.00	
7310.1	Youth Program	\$2,288.35	
8020.4	Planning Contractual .4	\$5,000.00	
8160.4	Refuse & Garb. .4	\$5,000.00	
9010.8	Retirement	\$33,401.65	
		\$95,190.00	\$95,190.00

1) Transfers between expense account codes.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Opinion and Order from U.S. District Court Yasgur Road v. TOB

Opinion and Order has been filed by the U.S. District Court for the action commenced by Yasgur Road Productions and Jeryl Abramson against the Town of Bethel, BetteJean Gettel, Gregg Semenetz, and Daniel Sturm for depriving their rights to equal protections. The court has found the complaint fails to state a viable “class of one” equal protection claim and dismissed the complaint in its entirety. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Cancel December 24th Town Board Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to cancel the December 24, 2014 Town Board meeting, Town Board Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Schedule 2015 Re-Organizational Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to set 2015 Re-Organizational meeting for January 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, Meeting Room, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk