

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of July 9, 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 Vicky Simpson to approve monthly audit of bills, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Nos.</u>
General Fund	\$208,137.87	4485 - 4556
Highway Fund	\$148,106.18	2829 - 2867
KL Sewer District	\$ 35,086.28	2027 – 2049
John Driscoll Scholarship	\$ 500.00	1007
P & Z Escrow	\$ 507.50	1043
KL Light District	\$ 3,449.92	1081 - 1085

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Supervisor’s monthly report for June has been received. Mr. Sturm reviewed the General Fund - received 96% of Revenues; 53.2% of Expenses expended.

He also reviewed the Highway Fund – the past winter was tough and it was tough on our Highway budget. In March, the Town Board did a \$75,000 budget transfer to the maintenance of streets 5142.4 code earlier this year to ensure that we would be able to meet our snow removal thru November and December 2014. The \$75,000 came from code 5110.4 which decreased to \$325,000. This does not include chips paving of \$379,000 this year.

Without that budget transfer, snow removal code 5142.4 would have exceeded the budgeted amount for the year. We have spent \$188,814 on snow removal thus far. Our starting budget was \$171,000 for the whole year. The maintenance of streets (5142.4) also includes road surfacing, patching & repairing, ditching, culvert pipes, fuel, rental equipment, mowers, tree work, etc. We knew that this code as well as all codes had to be carefully monitored and adhered to for the rest of the year.

We have experienced flooding & road damage this past week on Wednesday night and Thursday. We’re still estimating and tallying the damage to repair these issues. We are committed to repairing all as we have done previously when storms and floods are encountered. We exercised a State of Emergency as required to re-coop some of that expense; it is not a guarantee and at best a 50/50 chance or maybe a little better odds.

So after careful analysis of our highway budget as we have been doing monthly, there are some potential codes that are now projected to be overspent.

I do not want to be put in a position where I did not notify the Town Board and the Highway Superintendent of these findings. Now is the time to recognize and react to any potential shortfall issues.

- Code 5110.1 (Maintenance of Streets Payroll) is projected to be over by \$8,000.
- Code 5130.1 (Machinery Payroll) is projected to be slightly over by \$7,122.83
- Code 5140.4 (Miscellaneous code) is close to being projected as over.
- Code 5130.4 (Machinery Code) is close to being projected as over by \$2,000.

Code 5110.4 (Maintenance of Streets contractual) is not projected over yet but is close to being so.

This is not a time to panic. This is a time to be careful and spend our time and money wisely. In the past 8 years that I have seen Supervisor we have always found a way to buy needed equipment, fix bridges and dams, continue road repair and snow removal, fight floods, correct damages and not exceed our budget unless planned ahead of time by the Town Board. Working together we will continue to see that all needs are met.

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

Building Department Monthly Report

2013 June Fees	\$5650.
2014 June Fees	\$3417.
2013 June Construction	\$433,200
2013 June construction	\$532,000
2013 Total Construction	\$6,392,900
2014 Total Construction	\$2,024,500

Motion to receive and file monthly Building Department report for June, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Total:	\$6187.48
State	\$ 595.16
Local	\$5592.32

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

Correspondence from USDA regarding home loans, etc.

Correspondence has been received from USDA regarding services they offer at the Middletown Office such as home repair loans, technical assistance for water and sewage, community facilities, business development, distance learning and broadband.

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

Motion by Dawn Ryder to set up meeting about Broadband with USDA and Mr. Sturm (BLDC), seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Taconic Re-bid results

Sealed bids were received, publicly open and read at the Town Clerk's Office on July 9, 2014 for the removal of the unsafe structure at 21 Taconic Trail with Lori Hasting present as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Enviro Pure	\$68,500.

Town Clerk noted she searched the NYS Dept. of Labor database for licensed asbestos contractor in zip code 127 (Sullivan County) and submitted specifications to all four contractors on list.

Motion by Vicky Simpson to reject bid and to re-bid to reach a broader area such as tri-state area/Orange County, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Drug Take-Back Day

Mr. Sturm announced the Prescription Drug Take Back Day that will be held on July 26th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Bethel Sr. Center. Sponsored by SC Rural Health Network, SC Public Health and Recovery Center.

Resolution to support RUPCO Green Jobs -Green New York Program

Resolution of the Town of Bethel, County of Sullivan, State of New York to Support RUPCO Green Jobs -Green New York Program (RUPCO Green Jobs Green New York Partnership Pact)

WHEREAS, RUPCO with the mission of creating homes, supporting people, and improving communities, is a constituency-based organization (CBO), making it easier for homeowners, renters, landlords, not-for-profits and small businesses to participate in energy efficiency programs offered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and as lead CBO for the Mid-Hudson Region, has been awarded a contract by NYSERDA to build an effective residential energy efficiency program that uses the high quality standards of the state's Green Jobs - Green New York (GJGNY) Program combined with activation of local trusted sources for word-of-mouth outreach;

WHEREAS, it is understood that the NYSERDA-administered GJGNY is a statewide program to promote energy efficiency and the installation of clean energy technologies to reduce energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support sustainable community development, and create opportunities for green jobs;

WHEREAS, the GJGNY Program provides New Yorkers with access to energy audits, installation services, low-cost financing, and pathways to training for various green-collar careers;

WHEREAS, the GJGNY Program delivers services in targeted communities with the support of CBOs to recruit residential, small businesses, not-for-profits (NFP), and multi-family building owners into the energy audit and financing programs, and encourage individuals to take advantage of clean energy training opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel Town Board wishes to participate in the GJGNY Program to extend the benefits of energy efficiency to the residents, small businesses, not for profits, municipalities, and multi-family building owners throughout the Town;

WHEREAS, the GJGNY Program solicits local community participation in order to maximize the outreach in driving demand for energy upgrades of homes;

WHEREAS, the GJGNY Program provides a robust toolkit of resources, including staff and print and online materials, available to the partner municipalities who support and participate in the GJGNY Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel Town Board hereby adopts the RUPCO Green Jobs Green New York Partnership Pact, which states as follows:

RUPCO and the Town of Bethel will work together to identify the key community resources, to wit, a Municipal Energy Liaison, Energy Advocates, and Local Trusted Sources, to support the short and long-term success of the RUPCO–Town of Bethel Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to appoint a Municipal Energy Liaison or Liaisons from among municipal staff or civic volunteers, with the understanding that the Liaison will

serve as the chief point of contact between the RUPCO staff and the Town of Bethel and its residents and civic associations and groups interested in promoting residential energy efficiency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Liaison will work with the RUPCO GJGNY Outreach staff to identify local Energy Advocates, who typically will be homeowners in the community who completed a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR assessment and implemented energy upgrades to achieve savings, and whose role will be to assist the Liaison in identifying local civic groups, both formal and informal, also known as Local Trusted Sources, whose members may be interested in learning about residential energy efficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Energy Liaison and local Energy Advocates will collaborate with the RUPCO staff in opening doors with civic groups for presentations about the GJGNY Program information, and any other outreach methods that the Municipal Liaison, Energy Advocates, and Local Trusted Sources may find effective in tailoring the GJGNY Program to this municipality.

On motion by Town Board Member Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Town Board member Vicky Simpson, the resolution was adopted by 5 ayes and 0 nays on the 9th day of July, 2014.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Mr. Sturm appointed Cirino Bruno as Municipal Energy Liaison.

Correspondence from Civic Association of Smallwood re: Fireworks

Correspondence has been received from the Civic Association of Smallwood requesting fireworks Labor Day weekend for Smallwood Lake. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file correspondence, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0. Mrs. Hendrickson would like same person as Kauneonga Lake fireworks. Mrs. Simpson stated it's a good way to end summer, good for community.

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

Correspondence sent to NYS Gaming Siting Comm. from Sheldon Feld

Sheldon Feld, White Lake, has sent correspondence to the NYS Gaming Siting Commission to support placement of casinos in Sullivan County. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Response to Sheldon Feld from NYS Gaming Siting Commission

The NYS Gaming Siting Commission responded to Mr. Feld's letter indicating there will be public hearings and to attend. Motion by Bernie Cohen to receive and file, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Town of Bethel Declaration of State of Emergency

Declaration of a Local State of Emergency
Town of Bethel

July 2, 2014

A State of Local Emergency is hereby declared in the Town of Bethel effective at 2:00 p.m. on July 2, 2014.

This State of Local Emergency has been declared due to severe thunderstorms causing flash flooding, road damage, wind damage, and downed trees from its effects on July 2, 2014 and July 3, 2014. This situation threatens the public safety.

This State of Local Emergency will remain in effect until rescinded by a subsequent order. As the Town Supervisor of the Town of Bethel, I, Daniel Sturm, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive law to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this Town.

I hereby direct all Departments and agencies of the Town of Bethel to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

Motion by Vicky Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0. Mr. Sturm noted that the Town maybe eligible for State Emergency Management Organization

Correspondence from Scharma Picard

Correspondence received from Scharma Picard, Indian Field, thanking the Town Board, Town Clerk and Code Enforcement for helping resolve the noise issue with the Boy Scout Camp. Motion by Vicky Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk