

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of October 8, 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.

**Moment of Silence – Gerald “Jerry” Rhyne**

**Resolution of Respect in Memoriam to Jerry Rhyne**

*Resolution of Respect  
In Memoriam to*

*Gerald “Jerry” Rhyne*  
May 26, 1924 – September 27, 2014

**Whereas**, Almighty God in his wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst one of our public officials who served the Town of Bethel with honor and dignity, *Gerald “Jerry” Rhyne*,

**Whereas**, Jerry was past chief of Kauneonga Lake Fire Department, member of the Bethel Lions Club and Monticello Kiwanis Club, and former member of Evergreen Cemetery Board, and

**Whereas**, he was Town of Bethel Highway Superintendent (1970-1982), he served on Town of Bethel Board of Assessment Review (1984-2000), former School Board member for Monticello Central Schools, a former Boy Scout Leader and a member of the Liberty Diner Coffee Club. During his years of service he served our community with a strong work ethic, and had always exhibited those qualities essential as a public servant, and he worked with dedication and devotion; and

**Now Therefore Be it Resolved**, that the Town of Bethel Town Board expresses their most sincere sympathy at the passing of ***Gerald “Jerry” Rhyne*** on September 27, 2014, and extends their condolences to his family and friends and in respect of his memory cause this Memorial Resolution to become a part of the official minutes of the Town of Bethel and to be published in the *Sullivan County Democrat*.

Dated: October 8, 2014

Daniel Sturm, Town Supervisor  
Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk  
Victoria Simpson, Councilwoman  
Lillian Hendrickson, Councilwoman  
Bernard Cohen, Councilman  
Dawn Ryder, Councilwoman

**Correspondence from Maser Consulting to connect to the KLSD as an outside user**

Correspondence has been received from Maser Consulting representing Trans-Hudson Management Corp. for redevelopment of Section Block Lot 34-3-1 into a Dunkin Donuts. Maser Consulting is requesting the Town to enter into an agreement/contract as an Out-of-District User for the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Justin Dates, Maser Consulting, was present to discuss the plans for the old Bank of America building located at the corner of Schultz Road and Route 17B. There will be

a pump station and force main; building is 30' lower than line. Currently before Planning Board with preliminary plans, need approval from Town Board for sewer connection as a condition before the Planning Board.

Mr. Sturm noted that all costs are to be paid by applicant to connect. He also noted that Trans-Hudson has been sent draft contract for their review and approval.

Mrs. Ryder asked who will own pump station. Mr. Dates - we will, also need DOT approval; it will be in their right-of-way. Mr. Sturm mention that Maser will be re-appearing at Planning Board on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Audit of Bills**

Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0 as follows:

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Check No.</u></b>
General Fund	\$130,776.85	4690-4739
Highway Fund	\$300,359.75	2948-2982
Sewer Fund	\$48,971.24	2095-2116, 2119-2120
Light District	\$ 2,111.91	1088
Planning & Zoning	\$ 9,515.95	1050-1052

**Supervisor’s Monthly Report - September**

Mr. Sturm reviewed the Supervisor’s monthly report for September. General Fund expenses 3.5% lower than 2013. Highway Fund revenue same as 2013. Anticipating more revenue. Spending is flat.

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

**State Comptroller’s 2013 Fiscal Stress Score**

New York State Comptroller’s Office has released fiscal stress scores for local governments. The fiscal score released for the town of Bethel based on the 2013 Financial Update Documents is 3.3%. Mr. Sturm noted that the lower the better. The average Sullivan County town is 11%; the Mid-Hudson average is 10%.

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

**Correspondence from Auctioneer regarding Item #11 – Monroe Sander**

Correspondence has been from Auctions International indicating that the bidder for Item #11 (1996 Monroe Sander) is refusing to pay. The auctioneer would like to know if the town will accept the next highest bidder of \$2,225 which is the same bids for the other sanders. Town Clerk explained if the town re-bids it may come in lower or no bid at all. Motion by Bernie Cohen to accept bid in the amount of \$2,225 for Item #11, seconded Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

**Resolution to change Lynn Lane to Lynn Drive**

**Whereas**, Town Road 116 located off Horseshoe Lake Road (CR141) in the Town of Bethel is named Lynn Lane, and

**Whereas**, this road has been referenced for a period of over ten years and known as Lynn Drive,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Town of Bethel Town Board hereby approves the renaming of Lynn Lane (TR116) to now be known as Lynn Drive, as depicted on the attached official Town of Bethel Highway Map.

Motion by Vicky Simpson to change Lynn Lane to Lynn Drive, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

**Town Clerk's Monthly Report - September**

Town Clerk has submitted report for the month of September as follows:

Total State, County & Local:	\$7,757.79
Total Local Shares:	\$4,954.50
Total Non Local Revenues:	\$2,803.29

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

**Bethel Motor Speedway 2015 Renewal Letter**

Correspondence has been received from Tracy Chirico, Business Operations Manager Bethel Motor Speedway, requesting to appear for the Town Board for their 2015 renewal license. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Motion by Dawn Ryder to set Public Hearing for November 12, 2014 at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

**Highway Foreman Truck Discussion**

Mrs. Hendrickson had two questions, 1) What is definition of non-working foreman? 2) Why does foreman take home truck?

Billy Crumley, Highway Superintendent, Foreman has always taken truck home; until it had a fuel tank; starting taking home again when no fuel truck. Takes home for emergency purposes, instead of going to barn, then to scene.

Lillian Hendrickson – wants Town Supervisor to check into it.

**Resolution to authorize execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement**

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the employees of the Town of Bethel Highway Department are represented for collective bargaining purposes by New York Public Employees Local Union No. 750, Council 66, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (hereafter, the “Union”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Union and the Town of Bethel (the “Town”) have in the past reached agreement (hereafter, the “collective bargaining agreement”) regarding terms and conditions of employment, including wages, compensation and benefits for the bargaining unit employees of the Town Highway Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the current collective bargaining agreement is about to expire and the Town and Union representatives recently concluded negotiations, which negotiations

produced a revised collective bargaining agreement which has been approved by the Union membership; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of a summary of the proposed revised collective bargaining agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the action contemplated by this Resolution is a type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (6 NYCRR § 617.5[22]) and no further environmental review is necessary.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the proposed revised collective bargaining agreement is approved and the Supervisor of the Town of Bethel is hereby authorized to sign and deliver it and implement its terms on behalf of the Town of Bethel; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Motion by Town Board member Bernard Cohen, seconded by Town Board member Vicky Simpson, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

		AYE	NAY
Bernie Cohen	Voting	X	
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	X	
Dawn Ryder	Voting	X	
Vicky Simpson	Voting	X	
Daniel Sturm	Voting	X	

Duly adopted by 5 ayes, 0 nays the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

**Accept 2015 Tentative Budget and set public hearing**

Mr. Sturm, Budget Officer, has filed the tentative budget with the Town Clerk on October 1, 2014. Mr. Sturm reviewed the 2015 tentative budget as follows:

- General Fund 1.7% increase; within 2% tax cap.
- Health Insurance may go up 2 to 7%; other plans in county going up 10%.
- Careful spending, adding Court Clerk in 2013 and 2012 sewer laborer. No other full-time employee hired other than replacing Highway Employee. Contribution to health insurance premium for new employees.
- Bethel Woods pays for sewer extension; each year increases payment based on EDU's.
- Fewer tax cuts, no cuts to programs
- Highway Dept. added 2 part-timers
- Added to snow removal, machinery, safety and training
- No new bonds in 2014.
- General Fund Bond expiring next year
- 2015 new bond for leachate DEC work

Vicky Simpson - Great budget, under tax cap and the fiscal score of 3.3 % during difficult economic times and doing a fine job. Confident in his ability to save money.

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

Motion by Vicky Simpson to set 2015 Preliminary Budget public hearing for October 22, 2014 at 8:15 p.m., seconded Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence Myron Rock (update on Pine Grove Road crosswalk)**

E-mail has been received from Myron Rock, Smallwood Civic Association, following up on the crosswalk at Pine Grove Road and Mountain Lakes Road and the reduction in speed limit. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0. Mr. Sturm noted that a letter was sent in May 2013 and again in July 2014 with no response from the County Dept. of Public Works.

**Resolution to lower area speed limit in hamlet of Smallwood**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, STATE OF NEW YORK TO ESTABLISH A LOWER SPEED LIMIT IN THE HAMLET OF SMALLWOOD**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bethel Highway Superintendent on behalf of the residents of Smallwood are requesting a lower maximum speed limit on certain roads within the Hamlet,

**WHEREAS**, speed limit reductions have already been granted for the Smallwood area on Town Roads 103a-103z of 30 mph, and

**WHEREAS**, the residents are requesting an area speed limit of 20 mph, and

**WHEREAS**, more specifically Pine Grove Road (TR48), and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file a TE-9 with the Sullivan County Commissioner of Public Works requesting a lower maximum speed limit of 20 in the Hamlet of Smallwood.

**Correspondence Fred Albrecht (Route 17B condition)**

Copy of letter written to the Times Herald Record from White Lake resident Fred Albrecht was distributed to the Town Board regarding the unsafe conditions on Route 17B. Motion by Bernie Cohen to receive, file and send to NYS Department of Transportation, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

**Town Board Comments**

Mr. Sturm announced that Mysteryland 2015 will be on the October 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Board. He also mentioned that the Kauneonga Lake Fire department just received a \$2,000 donation for volunteering at the 2014 event.

Mrs. Simpson announced that volunteers are needed for Halloween events.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk