

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of February 11, 2015 was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 pm 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 – Robert Jesse Brown

Mr. Sturm asked everyone to remaining standing for a moment of silence in memory of Robert Brown who passed away on February 9, 2015. Mr. Born served on the Zoning Board of Appeals from 1986 through 2013.

Audit of Bills

Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve monthly audit of bills, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0 as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check No.</u>
General Fund	\$3,845,324.75	4943-5033
Highway Fund	\$473,955.70	3127-3172
Sewer Fund	\$59,751.78	2182-2188
Leachate System	\$88,192.45	1028-1029
Planning & Zoning Escrow	\$3,678.20	1057-1060

Supervisor’s Monthly Report – January

Supervisor’s monthly report for January 2015 has been received. Mr. Sturm reviewed the reports as follows:

General Fund expenses are down 9%. General Fund Revenue – flat.

Highway Fund revenue – too early to report.

Highway Fund expenses – Snow removal payroll, snow removal contractual which includes salt could go over projects for the year if spending continues.

Mr. Sturm indicated to Mr. Crumley that they can meet weekly or whatever is convenient to review expenses.

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

Building Department Monthly Report

Building Department report for the month of January has been received as follows:

January 2015: \$6981

January 2014: \$3440

January Construction totals 2015: \$181,400

January Construction totals 2014: \$227,000

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

Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Town Clerk's monthly report for the month of January has been received by the Town Supervisor.

Total: \$3811.99
Local: \$3647.07
State: \$ 164.92

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

Approve request to attend NYS Town Clerks Conference

Town Clerk is requesting approval to attend the 33rd annual Town Clerk's Conference in Rochester, NY on April 26 – April 29 for a total cost \$576. including all classes, meals and lodging. Ms. Sheehan will be rooming with Town of Delaware Clerk as a cost-saving measure.

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to approve conference attendance, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Approve request to attend WWTP 3A Courses for Chris Graffeo

Chris Graffeo is requested approval to attend Waste Water Treatment Plant 3A training at SUNY Morrisville on May 11-22, June 1-5, June 8-12, June 22-25, total for all courses is \$2,800 plus lodging and text books.

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

Correspondence from David Burekhovich, owner 5 Hilltop Road

Correspondence has been received from David and Maya Burekhovich stating he is willing to cooperate with town and to seek sealed bids for removal of his structure at 5 Hilltop Road in Kauneonga Lake. Motion by Bernie Cohen to receive and file, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Public Hearing 7:45 p.m. Unsafe Structure – Hilltop Road

Motion by Bernie Cohen to open public hearing at 7:45 p.m. for the unsafe structure located at 5 Hilltop Road, Kauneonga Lake, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0. There were no public comments. Motion by Dawn Ryder to close public hearing, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to and carried 5-0.

Motion by Dawn Ryder to approve seeking sealed bids and asbestos report, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to authorize Community Development Block Grant application

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States is authorized, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to make grants to states and other units of general local government to help finance Community Development Programs, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Bethel participate in aforesaid Community Development program; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Town of Bethel seeks to make application for a Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) through the CDBG program as administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel Town Board is appointing Rural Sullivan Housing Corporation as sub-recipient; and

WHEREAS, the Town conducted a public hearing on the 28th day of January, 2015 and the 4th day February, 2015, pursuant to advance public notice duly published in the official newspaper of the Town, for the purposes of obtaining citizens’ views regarding community development and housing needs and the Town; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel Town Board hereby authorizes the Town to make application to the New York Office of Community Renewal seeking CDBG funds for the purposes set forth above and in the attached Application; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Supervisor of the Town of Bethel is hereby identified as the official representative of the Town of Bethel to fulfill the purposes expressed in this Resolution along with Rural Sullivan Housing Corporation, sub-recipient; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Supervisor of the Town of Bethel is authorized to sign the Application, or a version that is substantially similar thereto, on behalf of the Town of Bethel and submit said Application, and all understandings and assurances contained therein, to the New York Office of Community Renewal and to act in connection with the submission of the Application, to complete any remaining tasks associated therewith or to provide any such additional information as may be required to complete the Application or for the receipt of CDBG funds; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Bethel shall administer and conduct the grant in compliance with Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Fair Housing Act, and other applicable laws; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Bethel as a cooperating unit of local government hereby adopts and will enforce:

- a) a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

b) a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within jurisdictions; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the execution and delivery of the Application for grant funds is a type II action under SEQRA in accordance 6 NYCRR 617.5(b)(7) and the proposed action is not subject to environmental review.

Motion by Councilwoman Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Councilman Bernard Cohen, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

Dawn Ryder	Voting	aye
Bernard Cohen	Voting	aye
Vicky Simpson	Voting	aye
Daniel Sturm	Voting	aye
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	aye

Duly adopted by 5 ayes, 0 nays the 11th day of February, 2015.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Correspondence from Soil & Water Conservation District

Correspondence has been received from the Soil and Water Conservation District confirming Wilfred Hughson’s attendance of District meetings. Mr. Hughson is requesting to use these meetings as approved training for Planning Board credit hours. Motion by Vicky Simpson to allocate 2 credits for 2014 to Mr. Hughson, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Noise Permit Application – Bethel Motorspeedway

Noise Permit application has been received from Bethel Motorspeedway. Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Approve Renewal Contract with Auctions International

Auctions International contract has been received and is up for renewal. Motion by Dawn Ryder to approve, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Public Hearing – Taxi License Application

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to open public hearing at 8:00 p.m. for taxi license application from Teresa Layton, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0. There were no public comments. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to close, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Taxi License Application

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to approve taxi license application for Teresa Layton, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Town Board Comments

Mrs. Hendrickson reported that the inside of the Sewer Administration building should be done in 3 weeks.

Mrs. Simpson announced the youth events.

Mr. Cohen indicated the Highway Department is running smoothly.

Mrs. Ryder announced the Desert Extravaganza, Literacy Fundraiser, on March 15th.

Highway Superintendent Comment

Mr. Crumley, Highway Superintendent, read a letter in response to the Town Board letter of January 28th indicating he is an elected official in complete charge of his department and that he is aware of his obligation to remain within budget constraints. Also, that it is his responsibility to use the highway budget in a way that he feels is best for Bethel citizens and to provide the best possible road care and maintenance. He concluded that sensible discussion, mutual respect and understanding is what is needed. Mr. Crumley also distributed a newspaper article from the *Times Herald Record* dated February 10, 2015 relating to salt budgets.

Public Comment

Gary Rohrs thanked Highway Dept for keeping roads clear and roads have been the best in all his years.

Ray Schum stated Billy is doing a fine job, safety first, great job, over budget? So, what.

Judith Maidenbaum agreed about roads being better, roads are great! Look at figuring out ways to make more money without raising taxes. Need to look at recouping dollars from Mysterland and ticket sales.

Gary Rohrs asked if the sand mine will help Highway Dept. in the future?

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk