

**Bethel Local Development Corporation**

**February 24, 2015**

The Bethel Local Development Corporation (BLDC) meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sturm at the Duggan Community meeting room on February 24, 2015.

Present: Daniel Sturm  
Lillian Hendrickson  
Bernard Cohen  
Victoria Simpson  
Dawn Ryder  
Fred Michel  
Christopher Cunningham

Mr. Sturm began the meeting at 7:05 and wanted it noted for the record that there was a quorum.

**Financial Report**

Mr. Cunningham reviewed the financial report.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file financial report, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

**Reappointment**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to reappoint Mr. Michel as Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0 with Mr. Michel recusing himself.

**Approve minutes**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve the 6/11/2014, 6/26/2014, 9/23/2014 and the 11/3/2014 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

**Manager Report (2014 Year End Report)**

**Farmers Market** – After an initial outreach by Sullivan County Area Farmers Markets (SCAFM) it was decided due to lack of interest by vendors not to have the market.

**Reserve at Smallwood** – The biggest thing that took place was the transfer of the 60 acres to the Town for mining purposes. The mining permit has been obtained.

Mr. Sturm suggested having a work session in the summer with the public to discuss the reserve.

**KLMS Grants I & II** – Mr. Cunningham stated that all inspections are done

**17B Corridor Beautification Grant program** – Mr. Cunningham stated that 5 projects were funded. One is complete and all others should be done by June 2015.

**Citizens Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)** – Mr. Sturm stated that this is one of the best programs and uses money privately raised for the people in Bethel. In

discussion with Dr Abramson it was decided to re-activate the program due to the harsh winter. Donations were solicited and by December of 2014 the BLDC had \$2430.00 for the program and \$750.00 had been disbursed. Special recognition should go out to Dr. Abramson for his efforts in raising money.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to send a thank you letter to Dr. Abramson, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the Year End report, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

### **New York State Regulatory Requirements**

Mr. Cunningham stated that the BLDC is in compliance.

### **Golf Cart**

Mr. Sturm stated that the golf cart will be used again this summer to take people from the municipal parking lot to the restaurants and businesses in Kauneonga Lake. He wanted to remind the BLDC members that the golf cart was bought with grant money.

### **Broadband**

Mrs. Ryder said that she is still looking into this important issue.

Being there is no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Cohen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted

Dina Sturm

Recording Secretary