

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of April 27, 2016 was called to order by Supervisor, Daniel Sturm at the Dr. Duggan Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

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

Others Present: Andrew Arias, Cooper & Arias  
Brian Tamke, IDT/SFX Entertainment  
Andrew Clemens-IDT/SFX Ent. Mobility Manager  
Robert McEwan, Attorney for the Town

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Proclamation: International Code Council Building Safety Month**

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to adopt proclamation – International Code Council Building Safety Month – May 2016; seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Presentation: Andrew Arias, Cooper & Arias (2015 Audit)**

Andrew Arias reported General Fund no change to reserve and no change to appropriated fund balance. Unassigned and appropriated General Fund Balance remain constant.

General Fund Balance decreased	\$ 15,000
Total revenues up	\$194,000 (9%)
Total expenses up	\$191,000 (9%)
Highway Fund Total Fund Balance increased	\$ 15,000
Total revenues down	\$ 34,000
Total expenses up	\$ 85,000
Sewer District Fund Balance decreased	\$ 3,500
Total revenues up	\$ 98,000
Total expenses up	\$ 47,000
Sewer Extension District	\$ 1,000
Total revenues down	\$ 400
Total expenses up	\$ 6,900

Mr. Arias recommended annual funding of reserves every year \$10-\$15,000 for Highway Fund.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file 2015 Financial Statements; seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Presentation: David Bodenstein, Mike Preis, Inc. (2016 Ins. Renewal)**

Mr. Bodenstein reported premium for 2015 was \$108,911.90, and premium for 2016 was \$113,976.09. Mr. Bodenstein reported this is the first time in five years we have had an increase.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve insurance renewal for the Town of Bethel, seconded by Mrs. Simpson put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Unsafe Structure Reports:**

**13 West Sullivan Place (Althaus) Tax Map #42.-8-8**

Correspondence has been received from Building Department requesting an engineer report for unsafe structure. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and request an engineering report for 13 W. Sullivan Place, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson; put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**20 W. Sullivan Place (Locicero) Tax Map # 42.-7-21**

Correspondence has been received from Building Department requesting an engineer report for unsafe structure. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and request an engineering report for 20 W. Sullivan Place, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Bob Barrett asked if this was up for County Tax Foreclosure.

**527 Lt. Brender Hwy (Romaniv) Tax Map # 9-1-82**

Correspondence has been received from Building Department requesting an engineer report for unsafe structure. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and request an engineering report for 527 Lt. Brender Hwy; seconded by Mrs. Ryder; put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Junkyard License Report Seven-X**

Inspection report has been received from the Building Department recommending renewal. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve Junkyard License renewal for Seven-X Motors, Mongaup Valley, NY, seconded by Mr. Cohen to approve; put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence - recommendation of part-time/seasonal clerk**

Correspondence has been received from the Building Dept. recommending Kelly Bonnaci to fill the part-time clerk position. Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve appointment of Kelly Bonnaci as part-time seasonal Building Department Clerk at the pay rate of \$12/hour for a maximum of 15 hours per week. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence – request to hire full-time WWTP trainee**

Correspondence has been received from Sewer Superintendent requesting promoting Jared Rhyne from part-time laborer to full-time 3A Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the appointment as a full-time 3A Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee at a salary of \$30,500 a year. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 5-0. Mr. Sturm noted that this position is budgeted.

**Correspondence N. Hodges (Unsafe Structure #38.-1-27)**

Correspondence has been received from Nickelous Hodges, property owner, 1195 Route 17B. Mr. Hodges indicating he has an estimate for removal of the structure. Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence G. Cabrera (Hodges Asbestos Report)**

Asbestos report received from G. Cabrera, Licensed Asbestos Inspector, which indicates the first and second floors and the lath and plaster are presumed to asbestos containing materials. No sampling or testing was performed. Per BJ Gettel both Mr. Hodges and Mr. Decker were in the Building Department and discussed the matter. Pending demolition permit for May 25, 2016 Town Board Meeting. Motion by Mrs.

Simpson to send a letter with a deadline to respond. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Bethel Woods 2016 Traffic Management Plan**

At a meeting of the  
Town Board of the  
Town of Bethel, Sullivan  
County, NY, on the 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 2016.

In the Matter of the

Regulation of Traffic within the Town of Bethel during the  
Bethel Woods Event Series for 2016.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL  
ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel created the created the PA-Performing Arts Center Development zoning district to facilitate the approval, construction and operation of a performing arts center and related uses near and around the original site of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Arts Festival; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to regulations promulgated for the PA-Performing Arts Center Development zoning district, the Bethel Performing Arts Center, LLC received approvals from the Town of Bethel Planning Board to construct and operate a performing arts center known as the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts will commence operation of its 2016 Pavilion performance season on May 19, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, a traffic management plan (the “Traffic Plan”) has been prepared for the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts 2016 event season which recommends implementation of certain vehicle traffic restrictions on Town highways during public events conducted at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts site; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Traffic Plan has been delivered to and reviewed by the members of the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town adopts this Order to assist in the management of vehicular traffic in the Town during the times that the Concert attendees will impact local traffic.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED** by the Town Board of the Town of Bethel, pursuant to the authority set forth in section 1660 of the NY Vehicle & Traffic Law, will authorize the implementation of the temporary measures set forth in the Traffic Plan for category A events, category B events and category C events. A copy of the Traffic Plan is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that notwithstanding the preceding paragraph of this Order,

1. As to each event, the event promoter or organizer will provide advance notice to the Town Supervisor, or his duly authorized designee, whether the event has been classified as a category A, category B or category C event;
2. In every instance where the Traffic Plan provides the following – “Hours of implementation will vary by event date and estimated crowd size, but will generally be between the hours of 8pm to 2am for outbound traffic” – the event promoter or organizer will confer in advance of the event with the Town Supervisor, or his duly authorized designee, regarding the hours of implementation; and
3. The event promoter or organizer will not implement the Temporary Traffic Control Plan for Peak Exit of Bethel Woods Events (also referred to as the “alternate traffic plan”) without first (a) providing notice to the Town Supervisor, or his duly authorized designee, that such alternate traffic plan is planned for a particular event and (b) receiving authorization from the Town Supervisor that such alternate traffic plan may be implemented for the event in question. The event promoter or organizer will provide the notice required by this paragraph 3 at least fourteen (14) days prior to the event in question.

**ORDERED**, that during any event covered by the Traffic Plan, the Town Supervisor, or his duly authorized designee, is authorized to amend any portion of this Order relating to the use of town highways or road closure locations or time periods as local traffic conditions require; and be it further

**ORDERED**, that during any event covered by the Traffic Plan, and in accordance with §1660(8) of the NY Vehicle & Traffic Law, any Town Constable, County Sheriff’s Officer, State Policeman or any other peace officer or the Town Supervisor may order the removal and storage of vehicles parked or abandoned on any town highway or found unattended where they constitute an obstruction to traffic or at any place where stopping, standing or parking is prohibited. The owner or operator of any such removed vehicle shall be responsible for the payment of reasonable charges for such vehicle removal and storage; and be it further

**ORDERED**, that the action contemplated by this Order is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and is not subject to review under SEQRA (*see*, 6 NYCRR §§617.5[a] and [c][16] and [20]); and be it further

**ORDERED**, that this Order shall take effect when adopted.

Motion by Town Board member Vicky Simpson, seconded by Town Board member Lillian Hendrickson, and this Order is 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

**IDT/SFX Entertainment 2016 Mysteryland Traffic Management Plan**

Mysteryland show has moved from Memorial Day weekend to June 10-13<sup>th</sup> 2016. From June 5-9<sup>th</sup> there will be limited access of West Shore Road from Happy Avenue to Hurd Road. West Shore will be closed June 10-13, 2016, same as years past. Best Road, June 5 – 7, 2016 limited access and June 7 –13, 2016 closed. June 13 – June 15, 2016 limited access to breakdown and clean-up.

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, NY, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

In the Matter of the  
  
Regulation of Traffic within the Town of Bethel during the Mysteryland Concert weekend.

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, it appears that ID&T/SFX Mysteryland LLC (the “Promoter”) has received approval from the Town of Bethel Planning Board (the “Planning Board”) to conduct a music concert (the “Concert”) within the Town of Bethel (the “Town”) during the during the dates of June 10, 2016 through June 12, 2016 inclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Promoter is providing camping facilities to serve some of those attending the Concert during the during the dates of June 10, 2016 through June 13, 2016 inclusive for camping (the location of the Concert and any camping facilities approved by the Town of Bethel Planning Board are hereafter referred to as the “Concert Site”); and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that there will be up to 22,000 attendees at the Concert Site during the Concert; and

**WHEREAS**, the Promoter has developed, with participation from state and local law enforcement authorities, a “Traffic and Mobility Plan”, dated March 8, 2016, to assist in the management of vehicular traffic in the Town prior to, during and after the Concert; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town adopts this Order to assist in the management of vehicular traffic in the Town during the times that the Concert attendees will impact local traffic based upon the information provided in the 2016 Traffic and Mobility Plan and its experience derived from the 2015 Mysteryland concert.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED** by the Town Board of the Town of Bethel, pursuant to the authority set forth in section 1660 of the NY Vehicle & Traffic Law, the implementation of the following temporary measures:

1. West Shore Road shall be closed for all motorized traffic (except for local access purposes, emergency vehicles, and approved and credentialed

festival vehicles) from its intersection with Happy Avenue to its intersection with Hurd Road beginning on June 6, 2016 and continuing through June 9, 2016 and beginning again on June 13, 2016 and continuing through no later than 7:00 PM June 15, 2016; and

2. West Shore Road shall be closed for all motorized traffic (except for emergency vehicles, and approved and credentialed festival vehicles) from its intersection with Happy Avenue to its intersection with Hurd Road. Only pedestrians will be allowed on this road to walk from the camping site to the festival area and vice versa. Security will ensure pedestrians can cross safely and emergency and properly credentialed festival vehicles can be let through whenever necessary. The West Shore Road closure shall commence at 5:00 PM of June 9, 2016 and remain closed no later than 7:00 PM June 13, 2016, after which time, West Shore Road access shall be governed by paragraph 1 hereof;
3. Best Road shall be closed for all motorized traffic (except for local access purposes, emergency vehicles, and approved and credentialed festival vehicles) from its intersection with Darling Road to its intersection with West Shore Road beginning on June 6, 2016 and continuing through June 9, 2016 and beginning again on June 13, 2016 and continuing through no later than 7:00 PM June 15, 2016; and
4. Best Road shall be closed for all motorized traffic (except for emergency vehicles, and approved and credentialed festival vehicles) from its intersection with Darling Road to its intersection with West Shore Road. The West Shore Road closure shall commence at 5:00 PM of June 9, 2016 and remain closed no later than 7:00 PM June 13, 2016, after which time, Best Road access shall be governed by paragraph 3 hereof; and
5. During the first 24 hours of the opening of the camping site, there shall be no parking, stopping or standing of any motor vehicle at the following road location: along both sides of Hurd Road from its intersection with NYS Route 17B to its intersection with West Shore Road. This paragraph 5 does not have any application (i) to those vehicles on official business and (ii) unless "No Parking/No Standing" signs are posted and maintained by the Promoter during said 24 hour period; and
6. Commencing at 5:00 PM of June 9, 2016 and continuing to no later than 7:00 PM of June 13, 2016, only properly credentialed festival vehicles and emergency vehicles will be allowed to turn northbound on Hurd Rd. from NYS Route 17B and southbound on Hurd Rd. from West Shore Road, unless otherwise directed by any peace officer directing traffic at these locations, or if no such peace officer is present, as needed; and
7. The traffic light at Rte. 55 and 17-B will be pre-programmed to stay green for 4½ minutes east and west bound on 17-B as long as traffic continues to flow through, then change for north and south Rte. 55 traffic for 30 seconds. If traffic becomes severely backed up, NY State Police or Sullivan County Sheriff's Officers may be dispatched to push eastbound 17-B traffic through the red light. Similarly, if eastbound West Shore Road traffic becomes severely backed up at the Happy Avenue 'STOP' sign, Sheriff's Officers may be dispatched to push traffic through

the 'STOP' sign, NOT permitting a right turn to 17-B, but straight to Kauneonga back roads towards Liberty, or 17-B past the Rte. 55 bottleneck. This traffic light change is pre-programmed by computer and goes in to effect at 10:00 PM on concert nights, and reverts back to its normal cycle normal at 3:00 AM. If local traffic conditions require, but not otherwise, the Smallwood traffic light located at the intersection of Route 17-B and Pine Grove Road will be changed to a blinking yellow from 10:00 PM to 3:00 AM on June 11, 2016 and June 12, 2016. A NY State or Sheriff's Officer will be in place during these hours if the blinking yellow light is in operation; and be it further

**ORDERED**, that the Town Supervisor, or his duly authorized designee, is authorized to amend any portion of this Order relating to the use of town highways or road closure locations or time periods as local traffic conditions require; and be it further

**ORDERED**, commencing at 5:00 PM of June 9, 2016 and continuing to no later than midnight June 13, 2016 and in accordance with §1660(8) of the NY Vehicle & Traffic Law, any Town Constable, County Sheriff's Officer, State Policeman or any other peace officer or the Town Supervisor, or his duly authorized designee, may order the removal and storage of vehicles parked or abandoned on any town highway or found unattended where they constitute an obstruction to traffic or at any place where stopping, standing or parking is prohibited. The owner or operator of any such removed vehicle shall be responsible for the payment of reasonable charges for such vehicle removal and storage; and be it further

**ORDERED**, that the action contemplated by this Order is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and is not subject to review under SEQRA (*see*, 6 NYCRR §§617.5[a] and [c][16] and [20]); and be it further

**ORDERED**, that this Order shall take effect when adopted.

Motion by Town Board member Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Town Board member Dawn Ryder and this Order is 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

**IDT/SFX Entertainment Mysterland Fireworks Application**

Fireworks display application has been received from IDT/SFX Entertainment. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve Mysterland to hold Fireworks June 11, 12, and 13, 2016 at 1 am instead of 2 am. (12:50 – 1 am) ten (10) minutes each display. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson; put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**IDT/SFX Entertainment Mysterland Campground Noise Application**

Noise permit application has been received from IDT/SFX Entertainment. Main venue closes at 1 am. Music in campgrounds runs until 2 am. Measurement and audio reports were done last year.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve noise permit for amplified music in the campgrounds East & West of Best Road between the hours of 10 am – 2 am, June 10 through June 13, 2016. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 5-0,

**Correspondence NYS Dept. of Transportation – 17B No Standing**

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file NYS Dept. of Transportation letter dated April 28, 2016 regarding the missing no standing sign. Seconded by Mr. Cohen; put to a vote and carried 5-0. Note: The Town Board agreed to sign placement on South side of 17B (Mattison Road to Schultz Road). 3048.07(b)(2) – no signs on north side, recommending striping.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to send letter to NYS Dept. of Transportation stating the Town of Bethel's response, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson; put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Resolution to accept State and Municipal Facilities Capital Program and Authorize Execute of Grant Agreement**

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL  
AUTHORIZING (1) THE COMPLETION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A  
STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR  
REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE TOWN JUSTICE COURT  
BUILDING AND THE TOWN SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, (2) THE  
COMMITMENT OF LOCAL FUNDS AND (3) THE EXECUTION OF A  
GRANT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the Town of Bethel has made application for a State and Municipal Facilities Capital Program grant to be awarded by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (hereafter "DASNY") in the amount of \$50,000 (the "Grant Application"); and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the Grant Application submitted by the Town has been received and is awaiting authorization for the issuance of the grant funds for the purposes set forth in the Grant Application, which are limited to (i) renovations and repairs to the Town Justice Court Building and (ii) renovations and repairs to the Town Senior Citizens Center (hereafter, the "Projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bethel Town Board is willing to make the necessary commitment to provide the municipal share of funding for the Projects in the event that the Grant Application is approved;

**WHEREAS**, Town Law §81and §220 provide that the expenditure of funds for the alteration and remodeling of the Town Justice Court and the Town Senior Citizens Center as contemplated by the Town pursuant to this Resolution are subject to permissive referendum requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bethel Town Board declares itself to be the lead agency for the purposes of environmental review under State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") for the action contemplated by this Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to complete any necessary Grant Application requirements in order the secure the funds that may be provided through the State and Municipal Facilities Grant Program for the purposes identified in the Grant Application or this Resolution; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Bethel hereby commits to provide funds in an amount not to exceed \$45,598. as the Town’s contributory share to the completion of the Projects, said funds to be provided from the Town’s Building Reserve Fund; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Supervisor of the Town of Bethel is hereby authorized on behalf of the Town Bethel to negotiate, sign and properly deliver any agreements received from DASNY, or other State agency, related to (i) the Grant Application or (ii) funding for the Projects and to complete any remaining tasks and execute and deliver any necessary documents required to complete the Grant Application, receive the grant funds and implement any necessary agreements; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the action contemplated under this Resolution is a type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) (6 NYCRR §617.5[b] [1]&[2]) and no further environmental review pursuant to SEQRA is necessary; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, as required by NY Town Law §81 and §220, this Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum to be conducted pursuant to NY Town Law §82 and §90 and that within ten (10) days from the date of this Resolution the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of the Resolution, shall contain an abstract of such Resolution concisely setting forth the purpose and effect thereof, shall specify that this Resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum; and shall publish such notice in the Sullivan County Democrat, a newspaper published in Sullivan County having general circulation in the Town of Bethel, and in addition thereto that the Town Clerk shall post or cause to be posted on the sign-board of the Town of Bethel, a copy of such notice within ten (10) days after the date of the adoption of this Resolution.

Motion by Town Board member Vicky Simpson, seconded by Town Board member Lillian Hendrickson 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 a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 subject to a permissive referendum. Effective Date: This Resolution shall not take effect until thirty (30) days after its adoption or as otherwise provided in § 91 of the NY Town Law.

**Adopt-A-Road Application – Foster Road**

Adopt-A-Road application has been received from Tom Hendrickson and Charlie Foster to adopt Foster Road in memory of the Foster, Hendrickson and Bloom families. Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve, seconded by Mrs. Simpson put to a vote and carried 5-0

**Formation of Bethel Arts Council**

Statement from Daniel Sturm, Supervisor, Town of Bethel:

**A Call To The Arts** – In discussing, go the possible formation of a Cultural District.

**Mission Statement:** To form the Bethel Council of the Arts which brings the community, artists, and town government together to promote and foster a cultural environment that benefits from the performing, visual and fine arts.

**Statement of Purpose:** It is well established that learning various forms of art enhance and improve function, ability, well-being, awareness, not to mention social, math and science skills. All across the country in small towns and cities, artists have focused their passion and talents to create vibrant communities with opportunity for young and old alike. The Bethel Council of the Arts will focus on this paring of young and old to share with and learn from each other through expressions of art.

1. A call for members first

**Agenda:**

1. Setting a date, time and place for those who will meet to further the formation of the Bethel Council of the Arts. For example early June, if possible. On a Friday or Saturday. So all can participating.
2. Design, create and schedule an event that establishes a public location for public art. This event is annual and features and art show along with a fund raising effort.
  - a. Arts destination
  - b. Economic development tourism; tap into the energy of the local artists here.

**Resolution of the Town of Bethel Town Board, Sullivan County, New York to create the Bethel Council of the Arts**

**Whereas**, the Town Board established the *Bethel Cultural District Exploratory Committee* on February 10, 2016 to define a well-reorganized area of town in which a high concentration of cultural facilities and programs, the district will serve as an anchor of attraction to help strengthen local economics, create an enhanced sense of space, and deepen local cultural capacity, and

**Whereas**, the formation of the *Bethel Council of the Arts* will bring the community, artists and town government together to promote and foster a cultural environment that benefits from the performing, visual and fine arts; and

**Whereas**, learning various forms of art enhance and improve function, ability, well-being, awareness, social, math and science skills; and

**Whereas**, the Bethel Council of the Arts will focus on paring young and old to share with and learn from each other through expressions of art; and

**Whereas**, the creation of the Bethel Council of the Arts is not subject to SEQRA and is ministerial in nature, and

**Now Therefore Be it Resolved**, The Town of Bethel Town Board hereby creates the Bethel Council of the Arts with the following criteria:

1. to seek letter of interest,
2. to establish number of members,
3. Members to be appointed by the Town Board
4. to adopt Mission Statement

Motion by Dawn Ryder to approve formation of Bethel Council of the Arts, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Bookkeeper request to attend training**

Request to attend Office of the State Comptroller's Advanced Accounting School in Broom County on May 24-26<sup>th</sup>. Class is free; lodging, meals and mileage additional.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve request. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence SC Dept. of Public works approving road closure**

Correspondence has been received from Sullivan County Dept. of Public Works approving the closure of Horseshoe Lake Road. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to close CR141 from through 13 on June 19, 2016 from 9 am to 8 pm for the Kauneonga Block Party. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Press Release from Kauneonga Block Party**

Press Release issued for Kauneonga Block Party on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file press release regarding the events of the Kauneonga Block Party. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence Bethel Motor Speedway**

Bethel Motor Speedway is requesting an amendment to the 2016 permit. Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive, file and schedule a public hearing for May 25, 2016 at 7:45 pm to address using the Friday (once a month) following each of the scheduled Thursday practice dates as a rain date in the event that the weather does not cooperate. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Public Comment**

Judith Maidenbaum requests that the Town of Bethel have a pooper scooper law for dogs.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to recess the regularly scheduled Town Board and enter into executive session at 9:35 pm to discuss a matter of personnel involving court clerk with Robert McEwan, Cindy Barber and Kevin Rhyne. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder; roll call vote:

		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Bernie Cohen	Voting	X	
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	X	
Dawn Ryder	Voting	X	
Vicky Simpson	Voting	X	
Daniel Sturm	Voting	X	

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to close executive session and re-enter the regular scheduled Town Board meeting at 10:30 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder; put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mrs. Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk