

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of February 24, 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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion on Part-Time Building Dept. Clerk Position

The discussion on hiring a part-time Building Department Clerk. Budgeted hours are: three (3) hours per day, five (5) days a week. This position would be part-time and seasonal. At the next Town Board Meeting we will discuss a reimbursement of a grant to help with payroll cost.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to post position for a Building Department Clerk, three (3) hours per day, five (5) days a week, part-time and seasonal, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote carried 5-0.

Request for Attendance at the 34th Annual Town Clerks Conference

Request approval for Rita Sheehan to attend the 34th Annual Town Clerks Conference April 17th – 20st 2016 in Saratoga Springs at a cost of \$573. which includes all seminars, meals and lodging (cost of lodging is reduced for double-room rate).

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve Mrs. Sheehan to attend the Annual Town Clerks Conference April 17-20, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Review Quotes for Utility Terrain Vehicle

Due to a fire last June at the Sewer Plant which destroyed the battery operated car, quotes have been received for a utility terrain vehicle as follows:

Bill Case	\$15,649.90
Cycle Motion	\$16,350.00
Town & County	\$16,194.95

All utility terrain vehicles include: winch, plow, doors, roof, and windshield.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to purchase a Utility Terrain Vehicle from Bill Case \$15,649. 90, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to Appoint Members to Bethel Green Committee

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF BETHEL GREEN COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, in July 2013, the Town Supervisor designated an advisory committee comprised of local officials and community members to consider the Town’s participation in the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation’s “Climate Smart Communities” initiative, its adoption of this pledge, and additional measures that the Town could take to increase its environmental sustainability and lead the community by example;

WHEREAS, the following members are reappointed to the Bethel Green Committee:

Vicky Simpson
Jeffrey Allison
Karen London
James Crowley

Jennifer Young
Wendy Robinson
Tom Wasserman
Paul Reifenheiser

WHEREAS, the following member is appointed by the Town Supervisor:

Dawn Ryder

Adopted the 24th day of February, 2016.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve resolution and appoint members to the Bethel Green Committee, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Mrs. Simpson thanked Jeffrey Allison and Karen London for all their hard work.

Resolution to Appoint Members to Bethel Internal Green Team

Resolution of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York to appoint members to the Bethel Internal Green Team as part of the Climate Smart Community Pledge

Whereas, the Climate Smart Community Certification Manual encourages local governments to create an internal green team and involve staff members from all relevant departments in the climate action planning and implementation process, for developing both a government and community climate action plan; and

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Town of Bethel Town Board hereby reappoints members to the Bethel Internal Green Team:

Vicky Simpson, Chairwoman
Dawn Ryder, Town Board Member
Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk
Michael Collins, Sewer Superintendent

Further Resolved, that the Town of Bethel Town Board hereby appoints the following new members to the Bethel Internal Green Team:

Bette Jean Gettel, Code Enforcement Officer
Patrick Cunningham, Highway Superintendent

And Be it Further Resolved, that the Bethel Internal Green Team shall meet at least 3 times per year, prepare agendas and minutes, and advance its mission to support the development and implementation of energy efficiency, climate action, and sustainability strategies.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve the resolution to appoint members to the Bethel Internal Green Team, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from NYS DOT re: Expansion No Standing Zone

Motion to receive and file letter from NY Department of Transportation sent to Pink E's Lighthouse requesting a **no standing extension** NYS Route 17B, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Dan Sturm has not received a response from NYSDOT as to who requested the no standing extension.

Memo from Town Supervisor to Constables regarding speeding

Mr. Sturm prepared a memo to the Town Constables after the last Town Board Meeting regarding the complaints received about speeders on Ballard Road, Pine Grove

Road, Orange Avenue, Sgt. Andrew Brucher Road, and Route 55. Mr. Sturm will be getting prices for upgrading the current radar system.

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

Correspondence from Bethel Motor Speedway re: 2016 Permit

Request from Bethel Motor Speedway to change from October 22, 2016 to October 29, 2016 rain date November 5, 2016.

October 29, 2016 – gates open at 12 noon 2 – 8 p.m.
One Thursday per month spilt hrs. 2-5 pm and 5-8 pm

4th Thursday each month with Friday to be used as a rain date
(5/26; 6/23; 7/28; 8/25; 9/22)

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve request from Bethel Motor Speedway with the exception of Friday to be used as a rain date (Friday rain date denied), seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to adopt Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

Be it resolved, that the Town of Bethel hereby establishes standard work days for titles not part of a time keeping record system and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activities.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve resolution to adopt Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Memo from ZB Chairman re: Alternate Position Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve request from Zoning Board Chairman regarding an alternate position appointment of James Ahearn for a term to expire December 31, 2018, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Court Clerk Request to Attend Training Class

Mary Prince and Samantha Touwsma have requested to attend training, Middletown, New York on April 18, 2016. Cost is \$149.00 per person. Request submitted from both Judges.

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

Mrs. Hendrickson, what day of the week? Mr. Sturm, Friday. Mrs. Simpson, communicating with people. Mrs. Hendrickson, this is not done by NY State. Mrs. Ryder, this is a general class, not directed for courts. Mr. Sturm, I checked the website. Mrs. Hendrickson, this is too expensive, not clerk training, and on a Friday.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to deny request, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Town Board Comments

Mr. Hendrickson - met with the Sewer Department. The men are doing a good job. The code class was very good.

Mrs. Simpson announced the Park and Recreation Programs.

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Regular Meeting

Mr. Cohen visited the Town Barn this week. Trucks passed inspection.

Mrs. Ryder announced a Zoning Board Meeting March 21, 2016 regarding a variance for a billboard in Monguap Valley, NY.

Public Comment

Bob Barret - the State Senator and Assembly should take action the State's stand that a felon could be hired in a school.

Mr. Sturm stated the Town is reviewing our hiring practices for camp. We have already in place background checks through the criminal justice system.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk