

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of January 27, 2016 was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Strum 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.

Presentation – Marion Vassmer – 53 years as Birth & Death Registrar

Marion Vassmer was honored with a plaque from the Town of Bethel for her 53 years of service as the Birth & Death Registrar for the Town of Bethel. Marion's daughter, Vicky, sister, grandchildren, great grandson and nieces and nephews were present in honoring Marion's 53 years of service.

Certificate of Appreciation from County Legislator Cora Edward

BetteJean Gettel received a Certificate of Appreciation from County Legislator Cora Edwards for her help with the Sullivan County Electrical License Board. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Certificate of Appreciation, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Notice of Violation – 96 E. Thompson Place (SBL #43-6-28)

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve engineering report for SBL#43-6-28 (notice of violation on 96 E. Thompson Place), seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Approve purchase of (3) Dodge Ram 5500 4WD on state contract

Mr. Sturm has received a request from the Highway Superintendent to purchase 3 new truck. Mr. Sturm indicated he always asks himself "is it needed and can we afford it" and the answer is yes. Mr. Sturm indicated the town will purchase now and bond later in the year. Sanding and plowing at the same time, means less trips, greening the fleet, reducing carbon footprint, less fuel. Mr. Sturm is committed to reducing energy and costs. The foreman, mechanic and highway superintendent are recommending this truck:

2016 Dodge RAM 5500 60" CA - 4WD, with 6.4 gas engine \$38,738.80

Combo dump and sander \$45,763.00 TARCO HR steel model T2000 8.5 (lower than state contract) \$45,763

Total - \$84,501.80 x 3 = \$253,505.40

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve the purchase of three (3) Dodge RAM 5500 4WD, gas engines from Robert Green on state contract \$116,216.40 and (3) combo sander/dump bodies from RTS (lower than state contract) \$137,289; for a total of \$253,505.40, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Approve purchase of Caterpillar Backhoe Loader

Highway Superintendent is recommending the purchase of a 2016 Caterpillar Backhoe Loader 410F2. Mr. Sturm explained that the Town has been renting a backhoe loader and spending between \$25-\$30,000 per year on renting. To purchase on state contract would be \$108,500.00.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to purchase 2016 Caterpillar Backhoe Loader form H.O. Penn on State contract for \$108,500; seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

May bond all or a portion of all four (4) pieces, will know by the end of the year.

Notice of Grant Award from Office of Court Administration

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file notice of grant award from Office of Court Administration in the amount of \$10,000. for security cameras and to send a thank you letter to Mary Prince, Court Clerk, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Junkyard License Renewals

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and authorize Building Department to conduct inspections for the following junkyard license renewals, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0: Seven-X Motors, Shapiro & Sons, Charles Hendrickson, Irma Lymar, William Ross and Lema.

SC Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0. The plan is available at the Town Clerk's office and on the County website.

Retirement letter from Marguerite Brown, Sole Assessor

Retirement letter has been received from Marguerite Brown, Sole Assessor. Mrs. Brown has enjoyed her 36 years with the town and will be retiring on July 15, 2016. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file retirement letter from Marguerite Brown, Sole Assessor, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Dan Sturm suggested to the Town post for the position in the Times-Herald Record, Sullivan Democrat, NYS Assessor's Association website with a deadline of February 29, 2016.

Correspondence from Sheriff Schiff

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file correspondence from Sheriff Michael A. Schiff regarding support of the Town Constables during the funeral of Detective Corporal, Debra Hall, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

8E. MFCP grant award for Senior Center Justice Court Improvement

Notice of Grant Award has been received from Senator John Bonacic. The grant is from the State and Municipal Facilities Capital Program in the amount of \$50,000 for renovations of the Senior Center and Justice Court. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file and send thank-you letters to Senator Bonacic, Mary Prince, Court Clerk; and Gregg Semenez, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to send a thank you letter to Senator Bonacic, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

No Standing Extension Request – Route 17B

No Standing Extension Request has been received from the NYS Department of Transportation to extend from Mattison Road east to current no parking zone. MR. Sturm reported he was unaware of the request and has called the DOT with no response from them. Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Approve 2 credit hours of training for Planning Board & Zoning Board

Dawn Ryder would like to give another presentation on the Bethel Code Book. Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve two (2) credit hours of training for the Planning Board and Zoning Board for the Bethel Code Book on February 22, 2016, from 5-7 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Donation from Ethel B. Crawford Library

The Ethel B. Crawford Library has donated two desks to the town that are no longer needed in the old building.

Approve Resolution for Official Undertaking

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
REQUIRING AND APPROVING THE
OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, various sections of New York State Town Law and Public Officers Law require that certain officials execute an Official Undertaking; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel hereby requires the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Justices, Constables, and Highway Superintendent to execute said Official Undertaking as required by said laws.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel approve the document, attached hereto, entitled "Town of Bethel Official Undertaking of Municipal Officers" as to its form and manner of execution and the sufficiency of the insurance, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that said Official Undertaking containing the notarized signatures of those named municipal officials be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, as well as, the original copies of the insurance policies indicating the sufficiency of the sureties to indemnify the Town against losses which may arise from failure of such officials to properly discharge their duties.

Motion by Councilwoman Vicky Simpson seconded by Councilman Bernie Cohen, and upon a roll call vote the Town Board voted as follows:

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

Duly adopted by 5 ayes, 0 nays the 27th day of January, 2016.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve Resolution for Official Undertaking of Municipal Officials, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Town Board Comments

Mrs. Hendrickson reported there was a drill by White Lake Fire Company on for ice extrication. She also reported that the Sewer meetings with engineers will be starting soon. Also, that there is free income tax preparation at the Ethel B. Crawford Library and RSVP program.

Mrs. Simpson commented that she was happy to live in the Town of Bethel, great place to grow up, a great town. Was very thankful for the town remembering the 53 years of service by her Mom as Birth and Death Registrar. She grew up as her Mom being Registrar.

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,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk

January 27, 2016

Regular Meeting