

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of July 13, 2016 was called to order by the 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.

Audit of Bills

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve monthly audit bills, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried -0 as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Nos.</u>
General Fund	\$ 293,636.48	6141-6234
Highway Fund	\$ 214,436.27	1059-1093
Kauneonga Lake Sewer	\$ 158,335.63	1031-1051
Capital Special Projects	\$ 141,099.00	1038

Supervisor's Monthly Report – June

Mr. Sturm reviewed the supervisor's monthly report for June, 2016. General fund 2nd quarter – mortgage tax has not been received; revenue about flat; and expenses 2-3% down. Motion b Mrs. Ryder to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Building Department Monthly Report – June

2016 June fees	\$ 10,924.00
2015 June fees	\$ 5,663.00
2016 Construction total	\$1,299,700.00
2015 Construction total	\$ 3,277,400

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file building department monthly report for June, 2016. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from Phillip Jacobs re: Gabriel Road

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file correspondence from Phillip Jacobs regarding the Gabriel Road bridge concrete blocks in lieu of a guardrail. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0. It was noted that Mr. Sturm will discuss the matter with Mr. Cunningham, Highway Superintendent, tomorrow (July 14, 2016) and the Town Engineer.

Town Clerk's Monthly Report - June

Total fees	\$10,155.87
State fees	\$ 1,180.69
Town fees	\$ 8,975.18

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Town Clerk's Monthly Report for June, 2016. Seconded Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Training Certificates from SC Planning Special Use Permits

The following Town of Bethel Planning and Zoning Board members attended a one (1) credit hour education training in Special Use Permits: Dan Brey, Susan Brown-

Otto, Cirino Bruno, Richard Conroy, James Crowley, Jr., Victor Kask, Jesse Komatz, and Stephen Morey.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve the one (1) credit hour education training in Special Use Permits for the eight Town of Bethel Planning and Zoning Board members. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and approved 5-0.

Training Certificates from SC Planning Enforcement in Zoning

The following Town of Bethel Planning and Zoning Board members attended a 1.25 credit hour training in Enforcement of Zoning: Dan Brey, Susan Brown-Otto, Cirino Bruno, Richard Conroy, James Crowley, Jr., Victor Kask, Jesse Komatz, and Stephen Morey.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve the 1.24 credit hour education training in Enforcement of Zoning for the eight Town of Bethel Planning and Zoning Board members. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and approved 5-0.

Training Certificates from SC Planning Effects of Committed Code Enforcement

The following Town of Bethel Planning and Zoning Board members attended a one (1) credit hour education training in Effects of Committed Code Enforcement: Dan Brey, Susan Brown-Otto, Cirino Bruno, Richard Conroy, James Crowley, Jr., Victor Kask, Jesse Komatz, and Stephen Morey.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the one (1) credit hour education training in Effects of Committed Code Enforcement for the eight Town of Bethel Planning and Zoning Board members. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and approved 5-0.

Appoint Assessor Trainee

Mr. Sturm stated that the Town is going to appoint Dan Gettel as a full-time Assessor Trainee at an annual starting salary of \$35,000 a year, to be qualified by July 17, 2017 as Assessor. Mrs. Hendrickson stated that they reviewed all applicants. Mrs. Simpson stated that Mr. Gettel is extremely competent, reliable and highly qualified. Mrs. Ryder indicated she was thankful Mrs. Brown is staying on to train; reviewed all applicants also. Mr. Cohen stated Dan Gettel is very competent and will work well together.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to appoint Dan Gettel as a full-time Assessor Trainee at an annual starting salary of \$35,000 a year, increase as he becomes qualified to be completed by July 17, 2017. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Review Bids for Ford Utility Police Vehicle

The following mini bids were received through Office of General Services in response for a 2017 Ford-model Interceptor Utility Vehicle as follow:

Beyer Ford PC#66676:	Total NYS contract price	\$32,032.34
Van Bortel Ford #PC66688:	Total NYS contract price	\$31,606.13
Webster Ford D/B/A Henderson Ford #PC66744:		Total NYS contract price \$35,425.01

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Utility Police Vehicle as follows: Van Bortel Ford #PC66688, Mini-Bid # 16060179, Model – Utility Police Interceptor, Make/Year - Ford 2017, Total NYS Contract Price \$31,606.13. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

SC Residential Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file notice from Sullivan County Division of Public Works that it will host two residential Household Waste Collection Events. First is scheduled for Sunday, 7/17/2016 from 10 am to 3 pm. The second is scheduled for Saturday, 8/27/2016 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Location – Monticello Transfer Station. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Taxi License Renewal – Mom’s Taxi Service

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve taxi license renewal for (1) 2006 Dodge Caravan and (1) 2005 Dodge Suburban for one year for Teresa L. Layton d/b/a Mom’s Taxi Service. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to send letters to other taxi services operating within the Town of Bethel. Send letters to Sureway Taxi, Swan Lake Taxi, Yellow Cab Taxi, Mountain Taxi, etc.. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Noise Permit Application – Camp SHMA

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve noise permit application for Camp Mogen AV (Camp SHMA) as follows:

7/16/2016	Sat.	10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. sports
7/20/2016	Wed.	8:30 p.m.– 1:00 a.m. concert
7/23/2016	Sat.	10:00pm – 1:00 a.m. sports
7/30/2016	Sat.	10:00pm – 1:00 a.m. sports
8/06/2016	Sat.	10:00pm – 1:00 a.m. sports
8/11/2016	Thurs.	10:00 pm – 1:00 a.m. sports
8/14/2016	Sun.	10:00 pm – 12:00 a.m. sports
8/20/2016	Sat.	10:00 pm – 1:00 a.m. sports
8/27/2016	Sat.	10:00 pm - 1:00 a.m. sports
Mid-August		2:00 pm TBD - Weekday carnival

Note: speakers will face away from neighbors, and will be adjusted as needed.

Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Notice of Public Hearing – Town of Lumberland Comprehensive Plan

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Town of Lumberland notice of public hearing for August 10th and lead agency status on their comprehensive plan. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Update on Sale of a portion of real property on Ballard Road

Mr. Sturm gave an update on the sale of part of the property on Ballard Road connected to the Forest Reserve. Town has received a check in the amount of \$99,025. for the developable portion of the former Smallwood Golf Course property. It will now on the tax roll, about 38 acres but only about 15 or 18 was buildable the rest was wetlands.

The new owner is able to build one home – single family and is planning to have some farm animals. He would need Planning Board approval to subdivide if he wants more than one house. Up to two or three at the most. No plans.

So to sum up the project. The property was purchased for \$55,000 December 2011, and have invested about \$70,000 to date, for a total of \$125,000. The Town received a check for \$25,000 for doing a conservation easement to protect this 124 acre environmentally sensitive property, which is being enhanced with walking trails and other features to encourage recreational use of the property. This property is now open to all residents.

Correspondence – Swinging Bridge Property Owners Association

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file a thank you letter from Swinging Bridge Property Owners' Association for the use of the Duggan facility for their annual meeting. They also made a donation of \$100 to an appropriate town organization or activity. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote 5-0. It was a consensus of the Town Board members that the appropriate organization/activity should be the youth group.

Road Expenditure Agreement

An agreement between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York and the Town of Bethel Town Board members is as follows: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. **Permanent improvements.** The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways:
 - (a) On the road commencing at Pine Grove Rd and leading to Circle Place, a distance of 1544 feet; there shall be expended not over the of \$9,200.00; type 7 top; width of traveled surface 16 feet; thickness 1-1/2 inches; subbase asphalt – type 3, binder was put in for base 300 feet at 2 inches.
 - (b) On the road commencing at Cliff Street and leading to Orange Avenue a distance of 902 feet there shall be expended not over the sum of \$5,800.00. Type 7 and type 6, width of traveled surface 14 feet; thickness 1-1/2 inches; subbase asphalt; 150 feet – type 3 binder for base.
 - (c) On the road commencing at Markley Lane and leading to Pine Grove Road a distance of 1590 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$12,500.00; type 6; width of traveled surface 17 feet; thickness 1/5 inches; subbase asphalt.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to the approve road expenditures as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Asbestos Report Lee Cole Road – SBL#9.-1-4

Belcon Construction, LLC reported that EMSL Analytical, Inc. completed an inspection and found no asbestos. The next step is to send out bid letters for removal of structure(s). Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to seek sealed bids for the removal of said structure(s). Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Adopt Standard Workday Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve for RS 2417-A, Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials in accordance with New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System and to post for 45 days. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Smallwood Civic Association

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and fill e-mail from Smallwood Civic Association thanking the Town Constables and the Bethel Animal Control Officer in the capture and removal of two baby raccoons. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson and directing the Town Clerk to send the Town Constables a thank-you letter, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Solar Farming Draft Local Law

Mr. Sturm directed that a draft of Local Law No. 1 of the year 2016 regarding Solar Farming be sent to the Green Committee for review. Also, requesting that they meet by the end of the month with Rob McEwan, Attorney for the Town. Motion by Mr. Cohen the send information to the Green Committee for review. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Request to close Silver Lake Road 7/17

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve request from Camp Chipinaw to close Silver Lake Road for visiting day on July 17, 2016 between 8 am and 5 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Update on electronic lighted signs

Mr. Sturm has Rob McEwan, Attorney for the Town, reviewing the Town Code for Signs on State Route 17B. It does not appear to comply with that particular section of the code 345-23(o). B.J. Gettel will ask for the sign to be reviewed by the Planning Board. Mrs. Ryder thanked Mr. Sturm for sending this to Rob McEwan for review.

Public Comment

Bob Barrett asked about Dan Gettel's seat on the Planning Board. Mr. Sturm checked with the Association of Towns and the Attorney for the Town. Mr. Gettel is only a trainee and even when he is appointed as Assessor there is no conflict.

Mark from Woodstock Oasis stated there is an issue with the parking lot at the Bethel Post Office; doing a lot of improvements on the building and ground. Going to pave and stripe the parking lot. Pot holes are 24 feet wide. Can you please try to do something with DOT? Mark called DOT today. Mr. Sturm stated that the Town has had success in the past. We could send a letter. Mark please report back on how you make out with DOT.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Ryder moved to adjourn the Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk