

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of July 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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sturm announced members of Boy Scout Troop 101, Rock Hill, NY, were present to observe the meeting for a required patch.

Engineer Report for #35.-5-4 (Rt. 55 & Central)

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file engineer report dated July 18, 2016 from Glenn L. Smith, P.E. regarding The Villas at White Lake and set a public hearing for Central Avenue & Route 55, SBL #35.-4-4 for August 10, 2016 at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Terry Forman re: Lee Cole Rd

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file letter dated July 13, 2016 by attorney, Terry S. Forman, requesting a three week abeyance for SBL #9-1-4 regarding the unsafe structure(s). Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set Public Hearing SBL #37.-1-70 (7 Mattison Rd) 8/10 7:45

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to schedule a public hearing for August 10, 2016 at 7:45 p.m. for the unsafe structure located at 7 Mattison Road, SBL #37.-1-70. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set Public Hearing SBL #9.-1-82 (527 Lt. Brender) 8/10 7:55

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to schedule a public hearing for August 10, 2016 at 7:55 p.m. for the unsafe structure located at 527 Lt. Brender Highway, SBL #9.-1-82. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set Public Hearing SBL #42.-8-8 (13 W. Sullivan) 8/10 8:05

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to schedule a public hearing for August 10, 2016 at 8:05 p.m. for 13 W. Sullivan Place, SBL #42.-8-8. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set Public Hearing SBL #43.-6-28 (96 E. Thompson) 8/10 8:15

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to schedule a public hearing for August 10, 2016 at 8:15 p.m. for 96 E. Thompson Place, SBL# 43.-6-28. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to support *Think Differently*

Resolution to Adopt the Think Differently Initiative to Assist Individuals with Special Needs and their Families

WHEREAS, the “Think Differently” initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs; and

WHEREAS, our state and communities are stronger because of our diversity and differences; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) over 55 million people, or approximately 19% of Americans, have a type of disability or special need; and

WHEREAS, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them unique can also keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand their differences or uniqueness; and

WHEREAS, it is important to promote and provide guidance to those with special needs on how to access publically supported services available to them in the community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage and educate the community and businesses on ways they can make facilities and services more accessible and on how to train staff to welcome and support special needs customers and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this initiative is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities by supporting community events that expand family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, adopting the “Think Differently” initiative is an important statement that our Town officials, business owners and residents can make to show their support for the differently-able children and adults with special needs, and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel residents and business owners to adopt the “Think Differently” initiative so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support those living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs.

Motion by Town Board member Mrs. Dawn Ryder to adopt “Think Differently” resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernie Cohen, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

		<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	

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

Correspondence from James Cutroni – RD Zoning Change

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file correspondence submitted by Valley Daycare, LLC to address amending current laws on the zoning regulations of land in area RD. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

The daycare looked two (2) years in RS Zone and there no properties. Mr. Sturm asked the Town Board to review and discuss at our next Town Board Meeting of August 10th

Correspondence NYS DOT – Re: 17B No Parking

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file letter dated July 5, 2016 from NY DOT regarding no standing sign request for NYS Route 17B and NYS Route 55, White Lake, NY. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Note, the Sullivan County Residency will install these new signs as their resources allow. As discussed on May 3, 2016, the new signs will be out of the travel way.

Appoint Daryl Yates as full-time Constable

Mr. Sturm explained that Daryl Yates was appointed provisionally as full-time in November, 2015. Mr. Yates has met all Civil Service requirements. Salary has been budgeted. Mr. Yates is doing a great job.

The town will now have three (3) full-time; one (1) part-time; two (2) boat constables; and two (2) trained volunteers that ride with a constable. Also we have two (2) new police vehicles.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to appoint Mr. Daryl Yates as full-time Town of Bethel Constable effective immediately. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from SC Govt. Center

Correspondence from Sullivan County Sheriff's Office indicating the side doors at the government center will be locked; they will be used for exiting only. The front and back doors are to be used as the entrance effective July 22nd.

Sullivan Renaissance Grant

Binders due August 1st; Presentation August 5th; Judging August 6th; Awards Ceremony August 8th 6p.m. at Bethel Woods. The Forest Preserve Walking Trail will be done, parking area and entrance all done by the Highway Department. The grant is \$100,000. (a four-part enhancement project). The Health Committee is being formed and a meeting this week.

Public Comment

Bob Barrett spoke about Toronto Reservoir which has been deemed unsanitary by NYS Department of Health and no swimming is allowed. FERC license requires public access. Signs were just posted. Also, road washed out. The Town Board indicated this is the first they have heard of it and will take a look.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Simpson moved to adjourn the July 27, 2016 Town of Bethel Town Board Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk