

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of June 22, 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
Bernie Cohen
Dawn Ryder

The meeting was opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

Monthly Building Report - May

2015 May Fees	\$ 6,193.
2016 May Fees	\$ 3,570.
2015 Monthly Construction Total	\$312,900.
2016 Monthly Construction Total	\$694,700.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file monthly building report, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Correspondence Lee Karasik – re: Kauneonga Lake Sidewalks

Correspondence has been received from Lee Karasik regarding the handicap sidewalk cuts in Kauneonga Lake. Mr. Karasik has Cerebral Palsy and found the sidewalks inaccessible with his motorized scooter. The curb cuts were either unsafe, too high or improperly cut. Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file e-mail correspondence from Lee Karasik. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Mr. Sturm stated that curb cuts are the responsibility of the County. We need to send the County a letter asking to meet to discuss and remedy the situation. If it is something the Town can do, we will. Mrs. Simpson, we need to send the letter. Mrs. Ryder also said send a letter to Scott Samuelson.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to send a letter to Sullivan County DPW asking to meet/discuss and remedy the situation and copy Scott Samuelson, District 1 County Legislature. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Yeomans Junkyard License Renewal Inspection Report

Junkyard License report for Yeomans has been received from the Building Department and they are recommending renewal. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve renewal Junkyard License for Yeoman’s per the field inspection report by the Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Yasgur Road Noise Permit Application

Mr. Sturm said that last year the hours were Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 midnight and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No problem this year with extra hours. We have not had any complaints and the permit has not been abused.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve noise permit for August 11th (noon to 2 a.m.), (August 12th) 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.; August 13th (10 a.m. to 2 a.m.) and August 14th (10 am. to 10 p.m.) Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

7:45 p.m. Romaniv SBL#: 9-1-82 (527 Lt. Brender Hwy)

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to recess the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting and open the scheduled public hearing for 7:45 p.m. for the unsafe structure located at SBL #9.-1-82. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0. Mrs. Sheehan, Bethel Town Clerk, read the legal notice as published in the Sullivan County Democrat.

No comments.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to close the public hearing and reenter into the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Authorize Asbestos Report for SBL #9.-1-82

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to authorize an asbestos inspection report (in accordance with engineering report by Glenn L. Smith, P.E.). Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Approve seeking fuel bids with Town of Liberty

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to authorize joining the joint municipal bid for fuel, gasoline and diesel with Town of Liberty. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Bethel Eagle Dedication Press Release

Mr. Sturm read the Bethel Eagle dedication press release which is Saturday, July 2nd. Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file press release for the dedication of the "Bethel Eagle" located at the Bethel Town Hall by our local artist/woodcarver Paul Stark and donated by Allan Abramson, Larry Belling, Carlos Berger, Gary Borer, Ron Burakoff, Richard Gebel, Andrew Gold, Howard Hirsch, Doug Phillips, Steve Rubin, Scott Samuelson, Peter Scaturro, Daniel Silna, Arthur Sinensky, David Steinberg, Ken Steinglass, Hal Teitelbaum and Hal Wachtel. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Bethel Healthy Community Steering Group Press Release

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file press release for a Bethel Healthy Community Steering Group focusing on physical activities, healthier food choices and educating young people on the importance of their health choices to make Bethel a healthier community. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

8:00 p.m. Althaus SBL#: 42.-8-8 (13 W. Sullivan Place)

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to recess the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting and open the scheduled public hearing for 8 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0. Mrs. Sheehan, Bethel Town Clerk read the legal notice as published in the Sullivan County Democrat.

No comments.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to close the public hearing and reenter into the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Authorize Asbestos Report for SBL #42.-8-8

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to authorize an asbestos inspection report (in accordance with engineering report by Glenn L. Smith, P.E.) for the unsafe structure located at SBL #42.-8-8. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Bethel Council of the Arts Organizational Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file press release of the Bethel Council of the Arts Inaugural Meeting to be held on July 16th. The Bethel Council of the Arts has been formed to foster a cultural environment, uniting the voices of the community, its artists, and the town government. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Correspondence Paula Kay re: Zoning Amendment

Correspondence has been received from Paula Kay, attorney for Basil & Barns. Mrs. Kay is asking for a zoning amendment to include Extended Stay Hotel/Motel in the RD Zoning District. The amendment would include adding the definition and amend the bulk table. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and send to town attorney. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

8:15 p.m. Copeland SBL #43.-6-28 (96 E. Thompson Place)

Motion Mrs. Ryder to recess the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting and open the scheduled public hearing for 8:15 p.m. for the unsafe structure located at SBL #42.-6-28. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0. Mrs. Sheehan, Bethel Town Clerk read the legal notice a published in the Sullivan County Democrat.

No Comments.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to close the public hearing and reenter into the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Authorize Asbestos Report for SBL #43.-6-28

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to authorize an asbestos inspection report (in accordance with engineering report by Glenn L. Smith, P.E.) for the unsafe structure located at SBL #43.-6-28. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0

Town Board Comments

Mrs. Ryder mentioned the electronic sign at the River Edge Restaurant and the Gateway Design standards Gateway Design Standards. Mrs. Ryder stated that the use variance was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals for the electronic sign initially requested. The River Edge then down sized and changed to a standard type sign and met the building department approval for the current sign.

Mr. Sturm said the sign is under review by the building department. The sign sign code needs to be looked at, not site plan review. Also, under 4' x 4', on wheels and not advertising other businesses. Mr. Sturm suggested that Mrs. Ryder review the sign code.

Public Comments

Judith Maidenbaum expressed the desire of having a boat regatta in August and a lake swim.

Ms. Maidenbaum stated that the odor from the Hofstee Farm at the art opening for The Artisans Gallery was terrible. It drove people away from the opening. People are sick in that area. Mr. Sturm stated that any complaints regarding the odor must call the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the NYS Department of Health.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Simpson moved to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 9 p.m., seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk