

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of October 26, 2016 was called to order by Supervisor, Daniel Sturm at the Dr. Duggan Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Present: Vicky Simpson
 Lillian Hendrickson
 Bernie Cohen
 Dawn Ryder

Highway Department Road Agreements

Agreement between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board. 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. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$515,140.03 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 146.22 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.
2. 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 Andrew Brucher Road and leading to Cliff Street, intersection a distance of 6,261 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$30,000.00, type 7 top, width of traveled surface 20 feet, thickness 1 inch then sealed, subbase asphalt, patch paved and top coat seal – tar and chip (Pine Grove Road).
 - b) On the road commencing at Town of Liberty Line and leading to Lee Cole Road intersection a distance of 560 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$7,900.00, type 6 shim and type 7 top, width of traveled surface 18 feet, thickness 1 inch type shim and 1 inch type 7 top, subbase asphalt, T&L shim type 6 and type 7 for top 2 courses (Old White Lake Turnpike).
 - c) On the road commencing at Central Avenue and leading to Dead End, a distance of 1700 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$17,500.00, type 7 top, width of traveled surface 17 feet, thickness 1-1/2 inches, subbase asphalt (Lake Shore Drive & Central).
 - d) On the road commencing at Spring Street and leading to Thompson Place a distance of 2619 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$19,000.00, type 6, width of traveled surface 14 feet, thickness 1-1/2 inches, subbase asphalt (Highland Avenue).
 - e) On the road commencing at Central Avenue and leading to Lake Shore Drive a distance of 2,619 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$4,000.00, type 7 top, width of traveled surface 14 feet, thickness 1 inch, subbase, asphalt (Maple Ave.)

Bid Results for Lee Cole Road

No bids were received on 192 Lee Cole Road, Swan Lake, NY removal of unsafe structures, SBL#9.-1-4 at the 11 a.m. bid opening on October 25, 2016.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson table removal of the unsafe structure at SBL#9.-1-4. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

World Pancreatic Cancer Day Resolution

Resolution declaring November 17th as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York

WHEREAS in 2016, an estimated 53,070 people in the United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest cancers, and 41,780 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer surpassed breast cancer this year to become the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and it is projected to become the second leading cause by 2020;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just eight percent;

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages, and 71 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis;

WHEREAS approximately 2660 deaths will occur in New York in 2016;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women across the world;

WHEREAS there will be an estimated 418,451 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed worldwide in 2020;

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of the Town of Bethel, County of Sullivan in the State of New York are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Bethel, County of Sullivan in the State of New York designate November 17 as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in the County of Sullivan.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve Resolution declaring November 17, 2016 as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in the Town of Bethel, County of Sullivan of the State of New York. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Response from Kirsten Gillibrand

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file letter dated October 13, 2016 from Senator Kirsten Gillibrand regarding FERC/Toronto Reservoir requesting a review and written response from their office. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Farm Grant Announcement

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file correspondence dated October 20, 2016 announcing that the Farmland Protection Grant Sullivan County was awarded on behalf of Pellah Farms (Bethel Creamery) in the Town of Bethel. This land trust will permanently protect 196 acres, operated as part of Bethel Creamery, associated with Pellah Farms. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to send Mr. Franklin a letter of congratulation on being awarded the Farmland Protection Grant. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Health Department Correspondence Re: Administrative Tribunal

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file correspondence dated October 18, 2016 from the NYS Department of Health regarding Administrative Tribunal meeting for October 19, 2016 has been adjourned. If and when this hearing is rescheduled, the town will be notified. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Sullivan Renaissance Grant Award

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file letter dated October 13, 2016 from Sullivan Renaissance awarding the Town of Bethel a grant of up to \$2,500. for a Technical Assistance Grant for the preparation of a "Parks Master Plan". The work should be completed no later than December 31, 2016. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve the expenditure of up to \$2,500. on the "Parks Master Plan" project. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Public Hearing: 7:45 p.m. 2017 Sewer User Rates

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to recess the regular scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting and enter into the public hearing scheduled for 7:45 p.m. to set sewer user rates for 2017. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Dina Sturm read the Public Hearing Notice as posted in the Sullivan Democrat Official paper for the Town of Bethel. There were no public comments.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to close the public hearing and re-enter into the regular scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set Sewer User Rates for 2017

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve 2017 sewer user rates as follows (same as 2016):

Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District year-round	\$427.32 per unit annually
Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District seasonal	\$339.92 per unit annually
Kauneonga Lake Route 17B Sewer District Ext. year-around	\$600.72 per unit annually
Kauneonga Lake Route 17B Sewer District Ext. seasonal	\$513.32 per unit annually

Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Municipal Shelter Inspection Reports DL-90

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file NYS Ag and Markets report dated October 18, 2016 on dog shelter services were rated "satisfactory." Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Dog Control Officer Inspection Report DL-89

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file NYS Ag and Markets report dated October 18, 2016 on the Dog Control Officer rated as "satisfactory." Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

2017 Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark Contract Renewal

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve the 2017 Agreement for Animal Shelter Services between the Town of Bethel and the Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark, Inc. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Thank-You to Bethel Constables for traffic control for Vintage Run

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file a thank-you note from the Vintage Run committee thanking the Town of Bethel Constables for traffic control. Job well done. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Thank-You to Bethel Constables and Town Clerk for traffic control for the wedding

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file a thank you note from Lyndley Brainard and Lylee Ranch-Knewsic families thanking the Town of Bethel Constables and Town Clerk ensuring the safety of their wedding guests with traffic control on Route 55. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Rescind previously awarded bids

Motion by Mr. Cohen to rescind the following previously awarded bids scheduled for the removal of unsafe structures as recommended by the New York State Dept. of Labor due to the asbestos reports received from asbestos inspections conducted by Geoff Cabrera.

SBL#9.-1-82; 527 Lt. Brender Highway (Owner – Vladimir Romaniv)

SBL#46.-6-28; 96 East Thompson Place (Owner – Linda and Walter Copeland)

SBL#42.-8-8; 13 West Sullivan Place (Owner – Kurt Althaus)

Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Cancel Town Board meeting scheduled for November 23, 2016

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to cancel the Town of Bethel Town Board meeting scheduled for November 23, 2016. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Cancel Town Board meeting scheduled for December 28, 2016

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to cancel the Town of Bethel Town Board meeting scheduled for December 28, 2016. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Appointment A Healthy Community Steering Group

Mr. Sturm read the press release seeking members for the Town of Bethel Healthy Community Steering Group.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve the appointments to the Bethel Healthy Community Steering Group. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Kelly Bonnaci
Moreen Lerner
Emily Devore – Cornell Cooperative Extension
Kim Phillips
Chad Phillips
Nancy McGraw – Sullivan County Public Health Director
Daniel Sturm
Wendy Brown
July Balaban
David Biren
Mark Carper –SC Division of Planning and Environmental Mgmt.
Hal Teitelbaum – CEO Crystal Run Healthcare
Dr. Jamie Noeth – Owner Body, Mind & Spirit
Denise Frangipane – Director, Sullivan Renaissance

Public Hearing 8:00 p.m. 2017 Budget

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to recess the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting and enter into the public hearing scheduled for 8 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Mrs. Sturm read the legal notice as posted in the Sullivan County Democrat, official paper for the Town of Bethel.

Susan Brown Otto questioned the percentage of increase in Town of Bethel salaries? Mr. Sturm said two percent (2%) increase.

Susan Brown Otto – questioned medical costs? Mr. Sturm stated it is different for the highway and non-highway employees. We take last years premium and add 10% for non-highway employees. The highway department happened to be less.

Marcia Salton thanked the town for a good job.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder 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 5-0.

Adopt 2017 Budget

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

WHEREAS, a Preliminary Town Budget for the fiscal year 2016 was submitted to the Town Board of the Town of Bethel by the Town Budget Officer on September 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board provided due notice of a public hearing for the annual Town budget by publishing timely notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Bethel; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2016, the Town Board conducted a public hearing during which comments were presented and received in connection with the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2017;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed final budget for the fiscal year 2017 is hereby adopted and may be implemented by the Town Supervisor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board determines that the proposed action to adopt a budget is not subject to review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (ECL, Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) (collectively, “SEQRA”) because it is a type II action as set forth at 6 NYCRR §617.5 (20); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall become effective when adopted.

Motion by Town Board member Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Town Board member Bernie Cohen, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

		AYE	NAY
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 26th day of October, 2016.

Approve Dan Gettel to attend class - Exemption Administration

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and approve request from Dan Gettel to attend a one-day Assessor's class on "Exemption Administration" on November 4, 2016. The cost of registration including meals is \$110. Plus mileage. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Town Board Comments

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to send Debra Gabriel a letter of congratulations for being honored at the Jeffersonian Dinner. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Adjournment

The being no further business Mrs. Ryder moved to adjourn the October 26, 2016 Town of Bethel Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk