

The April 26, 2017 Town of Bethel regular Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:40 pm at the Dr. Duggan Community Center meeting room.

Council members present: Vicky Simpson  
Bernie Cohen

Council members absent: Lillian Hendrickson  
Dawn Ryder

Attorney for the Town: Karen Mannino

The meeting was opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

**Luis Alvarez, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature**

Between 7 pm and 7:40 pm Mr. Alverza presented an informational overview of the Sullivan County state of his union address.

At 7:40 pm the Town of Bethel regular Town Board meeting officially opened.

**Presentation #1: Tammy Mangus, Monticello School District 2017 Budget**

Ms. Mangus presented an informational overview of the 2017-2018 Monticello School District Budget.

**Presentation #2: David Bodenstein, Mike Preis, Inc., 2017 Insurance Renewal**

Mr. David Bodenstein presented the 2017 Insurance Proposal for the Town of Bethel.

<u>Premium Summary</u>	<u>2016-17 expiring NYMIR</u>	<u>2017-18 renewal NYMIR</u>
Total	\$116,348.87	\$120,543.44

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve the 2017-2018 insurance premium submitted by Mr. Bodenstein of the Mike Preis, Inc. Insurance Agency in the amount of \$120,543.44. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**Building Department Monthly Report – March**

2016 March Fees:	\$ 3,490.00
2017 March Fees:	\$ 2,957.00
2016 Construction Totals:	\$540,950.00
2017 Construction Totals:	\$636,200.00

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file March 2017 Building Department’s Monthly Report. Seconded by Mr. Cohen; put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**SC School Board Association Outstanding Friend to Education Award**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file letter dated April 6, 2017 from the Sullivan County School Boards Association (SCSBA) congratulating Patrick J. Cunningham, Town of Bethel Highway Superintendent, for the SCSBA Outstanding Friend to Education Award to the Sullivan West’s Highway Superintendents. Awards dinner is May 31, 2017 at the Villa Roma Club House. Seconded by Mr. Cohen put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**Approve the purchase of a Case Loader 521G**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve the purchase of 2017 Case 521G Wheel Loader in the amount of \$142,317.85 under NYS contract PC#67265, Group #40625, Award #22792. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 3-0. Mr. Sturm stated for the recorded we can bond all or a portion of the purchase.

**Approve Auctions International Counter-Offer Items**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve/accept Auctions international counter-offer on the following items:

Lot #1 2001 Chevy Dump	\$6,500.
Lot#7 Gradall Bucket	\$ 800.
Lot#8 Gradall Bucket	\$ 200.

Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**Resolution to amend Town of Bethel Code Chapter A351 – Fees**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TO AMEND CHAPTER A351, FEES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL**

Whereas, various chapters of the Code of the Town of Bethel provide that fees therefore shall be as set from time to time by resolution in the Town of Bethel Fee Schedule Chapter A351; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved, the Town of Bethel Town Board hereby amends the following changes to Chapter A351-1 (Fee Schedule) of the Code of the Town of Bethel:

§ A351-1. Schedule of Fees:

Location in Code	Type of Fee	Amount
Add: §345-17B	New Recreational Facility, Commercial Outdoor, Occasional or Temporary	\$250.00
Add: §345-17B	Renewal Recreational Facility, Commercial Outdoor, Occasional or Temporary	\$150.00

On a motion by seconded by Vicky Simpson, seconded by Bernard Cohen and adopted on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

**Yasgur Road Noise Permit Application**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file, and approve Noise Permit Application from Jeryl Abramson, 34 Yasgur Road, Bethel, NY 12720 for the following period of time:

Aug 10, 2017	noon to 2 am
Aug 11, 2017	10 am to 2 am
Aug 12, 2017	10 am to 2 am
Aug 13, 2017	10 am to 10 pm

There will be two (2) speakers, turned away from neighbors, limiting volumes. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**Correspondence NYS Dept. of Health Re: Town’s FOIL Request**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file letter dated April 10, 2017 regarding the Town’s Foil request #16-08-346 from the NYS Department of Health stating that the Department of Health is unable to respond to the Town’s request as previously given. Estimated completion date to process is now June 20, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Cohen; put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**Approve 2 credit hours of continuing education for SEQOR Class**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve 2 credit hours of continuing educational training for Daniel Gettel and Stephen Morey for SEQRA Basics from the SC Division of Planning and Environmental Management. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**Approve credit for continuing Education for Special Use Class**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve 1 credit hour of continuing education training for Stephen Morey for special use permits from SC Division of Planning and Environmental management. Seconded by Mr. Cohen; put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**Request from town bookkeeper to attend training class**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve request from Erin Lynch, Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper, to attend Advanced Accounting School on May 23-25, 2017 in Wappinger Falls, NY hosted by the NYS Office-State Comptroller. Seconded by Mr. Cohen; put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**Approve Household Waste Clean-Up Day**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve advertisement and Municipal Cleanup Agreement between the Town of Bethel and SC Division of Public Works. Clean-up will be on Saturday, May 6th and Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8am to 4 pm located at the Town of Bethel Transfer Station. Residents only, four free tires, no construction debris. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD TO AUTHOIRZE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2017 COUNTY MUNICIPAL CLEAN-UP**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel will be participating in the 2017 municipal cleanup to improve the appearance of Sullivan County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan has set guidelines and regulation for the Town's who are participating in the program, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel Town Board has authorized the Town Supervisor to sign any and all necessary agreements with the County of Sullivan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel will conduct their annual spring clean-up on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Motion by Bernard Cohen, seconded by Vicky Simpson, and adopted on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

**Resolution to apply for RBDC Grant for Feasibility Study for Bethel Cultural District**

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF A RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG) APPLICATION TO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CREATION OF A TOWN OF BETHEL CULTURAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA) and Rural Development of New York administer the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs by making grants to organizations for economic development, planning, technical assistance or training; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel is interested in engaging a study to determine the feasibility of the creation of the Town of Bethel Cultural District which would link the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts with the commercial corridors on State Route 17B in the hamlet of White Lake and the commercial corridor along State Route 55 in the hamlet of Kauneonga Lake; and

WHEREAS, the creation and operation of the Town of Bethel Cultural District will result in the expansion of current businesses and the development of new businesses thereby creating jobs and enhancing the overall economic vitality of the Town of Bethel; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has embarked on a series of initiatives to improve the health and wellness of all our citizens through the development of exercise and walking programs, public parks and other public spaces, beautification and other supports for local

businesses, community markets and other public festivals and gatherings, and renewable energy and other “green” initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, interest in the arts and culture as a driver of economic and cultural growth in Bethel on the up-swing; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to explore the feasibility of the creation of the Town of Bethel Cultural District the services of a professional consultant will be required at a cost of approximately \$50,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bethel Town Board declares itself as the lead agency for the purposes of environmental review under State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) for the action contemplated by this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Bethel Town Board herby authorized the Supervisor to execute any and all necessary documents to prepare and submit an application under the USDA Rural Development RBDG Program for funding, to accept the award, enter into an award agreement up to \$50,000 and contract to administer the funding secured; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the action contemplated under this Resolution is a type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) (6 NYCRR 617.5[b][1]&[2] and no further environmental review pursuant to SEQRA is necessary; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Motion by Town Board member Vicky Simpson, seconded by Town Board member Bernard Cohen, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Bernie Cohen	Voting	X	
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	Absent	
Dawn Ryder	Voting	Absent	
Vicky Simpson	Voting	X	
Daniel Sturm	Voting	X	

Duly adopted by 3 ayes, 0 nays the 26th day of April, 2017.

**Town of Liberty Planning Board will hold a public hearing**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file Town of Liberty Planning Board notification of a public hearing for special use permit on May 2, 2017 filed by Congregation Iched Anash, Briscoe Rd., SBL:44-1-44 for continued the use as a summer camp. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**Request to attend NYS Local Retirement Seminar**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve Donna Stackhouse to attend NYS Local Retirement System employer education seminar on May 11, 2017 in Middletown, NY. This seminar will provide the necessary updated information on the Retirement System. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 3-0.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion by Mr. Cohen to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson; put to a vote and carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita Sheehan, Town Clerk