

The August 9, 2017 Town of Bethel regular Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Daniel Sturm at 7:30 pm at the Dr. Duggan Community Center meeting room.

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 audit of bills. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Nos.</u>
General Fund	\$161,516.42	7062-7113; 7115-7118
Highway Fund	\$176,280.04	1515-1534
Kauneonga Lake Sewer District	\$ 27,160.78	1264-1265; 1280-1301
Capital Special Projects-Highway	\$ 1,277.89	
Planning & Zoning Journal	\$ 1,790.50	1130-1132

Supervisor’s Monthly Report - July

General Fund .2% higher in revenue to date.
Expenses 5.1% down verse last year.
General Fund verse budget - 96.2% received of budget 62% of budget expended.

Highway Fund – 4.3% higher in expenses paving earlier this year.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file supervisor’s monthly report as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Total fees for July, 2017	\$9,220.42
State Share	\$ 752.92
Town Share	\$8,467.50

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Seek sealed bids for sodium hydroxide

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to seek sealed bids in accordance with the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District request for 4000 gallons Sodium Hydroxide 25% bids. Price must be quoted as price per gallon delivered to Kauneonga Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant, 3626 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, NY 12749. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Wendy Brown

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file thank you letter from Wendy Brown to whoever found John’s wallet and the Bethel Constable Chris McArthy who brought the wallet right to our house. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from Bethel Senior Building Committee

Correspondence dated August 3, 2017 from Mandell Safer, Chairman, Senior Building Committee, recommending Mrs. Diana Rumsey be approved as a new member to the Senior Building Committee.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve Diana Rumsey as a member of the Senior Building Committee. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Noise Permit Application Hector's Inn

Motion be Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve Noise Permit by Bonnie LaGoda for Hector's Inn, 14 Dr. Duggan Rd., Bethel, NY 12720. Bands will be playing on the following dates: 8/10/17; 8/11/17; 8/12/17; 8/13/17; 9/2/17; 9/9/17; 9/16/17; 9/23/17; 9/30/17; 10/6/17. There will be sound stage crew for 8/10 and 8/13/17. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Seek consolidated mini-bid for Ram 3500 Truck

Mr. Sturm explained a fuel truck new is approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000. In 2015, we purchased a used truck for \$8,000. Do we need it? Yes. Can we afford it? Yes. We can pay for the new purchase in several ways:

#1. Storm in March, recovering \$45,000 from Stella Fund or

#2. Add to existing purchases being bonded. Bond expires in November and can rollover without impact in next year's budget.or

#3. Use available operating funds or

#4 Fund balance.

We plan on bonding all or part of this purchase.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to seek sealed consolidated mini bids from NYS Vehicle Marketplace for a Ram 3500 fuel truck according to bid specifications. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Salt Shed Bid Results

Selaed bids were publicly open and read at the Town Clerk's Office on August 8, 2017 at 2 plm. With Ruth Duncan and Dan Gettel present. Only one bid was received from Hybird Building Solutions from Clarence Center, New York in the amount of \$72,253. \$50,000. grant from Senator Bonacic.

The Bethel Highway Department will be doing the demolition, foundation and paving.

\$130,000to \$140,000 minus \$50,000 grant leaving \$80,000 for the Town to cover from the Highway Fund or Operating Fund balance.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the salt shed bid from Hybrid Building Solutions in the amount of \$72,253. and to use the \$50,000 grant money and the Town Highway Fund or Operating Fund will cover the balance. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Road Repair Agreements with Highway Superintendent

Patrick Cunningham has submitted the following agreement for the expenditure of highway moneys.

Agreement between the Town Superintending of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, NY 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 \$586,757.86 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 Pocahontas Tail and leading to North to dead end (North Seminole), a distance of 413 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$3,700.00; Type 6; Width of traveled surface 14 feet; thickness 1.5 inches; Subbase asphalt resurfaced after winter damage. (EWR-extreme winter relief).
- b) On the road commencing at Adirondack Trail and leading to Catskill Trail (Cascade Trail), a distance of 881 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$12,000.00, Type 6 & Type 7 Top; Width of traveled surface 15 feet; Thickness 2 inches; Subbase asphalt. Resurface shimmed with Type 6 then topped with Type 7.
- c) On the road commencing at Bear Trail and leading to Cascade Trail (West Ozark Trail); a distance of 540 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$5,000.00; Type 6 & Type 7 Top; Width of traveled surface 12 feet; Thickness 2.5 inches; Subbase asphalt; resurfaced – shimmed with Type 6 then topped with Type 7.
- d) On the road commencing at Pine Grove and leading to dead end (Berkshire Trail) a distance of .20 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$10,000.00; Type: 1” Type 6 plus 1” Type 7 Top; Width of traveled surface 14 feet; Thickness 2” total; Subbase asphalt.
- e) On the road commencing at Pine Grove Road and leading to dead end (Golf Park) a distance of .29 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$18,000.00; Type 6 & Type 7; Width of traveled surface 18 feet; Thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt.
- f) On the road commencing at Brookside Way and leading to Adirondack Trail (Bear Trail) a distance of .21 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$9,00.00; Type 2” total – 1” Type 6 plus 1” Type 7 top; Width of travel surface 13 feet; Thickness 2 inches; Subbase asphalt; 1” of Type 6 for true and level and 1” of Type 7 Top.
- g) On the road commencing at Pierce Avenue, Smallwood and leading to dead end (Ballard Street) a distance of .12 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$5,200.00; Type 6 Top; Width of traveled surface 14 feet; Thickness 2 inches, Subbase asphalt. EWR-Extreme winter relief. Resurfaced road after winter damage.
- h) On the road commencing at Pine Grove Rd. and leading to Golf Park Road (Pocahontas Trail) a distance of 1260 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$11,000.00; Type 6 Top; Width of traveled surface 14 feet; Thickness 2 inches; Subbase asphalt, Resurfaced road.
- i) On the road commencing at Pocahontas Trail and leading to dead end (South Pocahontas) a distance of 43 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$3,200.00; Type 6; Width of traveled surface 13 feet; Thickness 2 inches; Subbase asphalt. EWR-Extreme winter relief; resurfaced road after winter damage.

- j) On the road commencing at Swiss Hill Road #2 and leading to Briscoe Road County #144 (Hubert Road) a distance of 4529 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$39,986.00; Type cold mix pave; Width of traveled surface 18 feet; Thickness 2.5 inches; Subbase asphalt. Cold mix pavement with a surface treatment of seal asphalt and 1a stone.
- k) On the road commencing at Hurd Road and leading to dead end (Michel Road) a distance of 1128 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$16,000.00; Type cold mix pavement; Width of traveled surface 18 feet; Thickness 3.5 inches; Subbase gravel-crusher run. 3.5 inches of cold mix pavement with a surface treatment of seal coating and 1a stone.
- l) On the road commencing at McKay Road and leading to County Route 141 (Silver Lake Road) a distance of 4045 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$38,399.00; Type mix pavement; Width of traveled surface 18 feet; Thickness 2.5; Subbase asphalt. #1 stone road will be paved with cold mix pavement then surface treated with asphalt and 1a stone.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve the above twelve (12) expenditures of highway money for road improvements. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Letter of support for County Shared Service Plan

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and send a letter of support to Joshua Potossek for the County Shared Services Plan. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Letter from Swinging Bridge POA

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve \$100 donation from the Swinging Bridge Property Owners' Association for letting them use the Duggan facility for their annual meeting and for the donation to go the Bethel Youth Program. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to create a Bethel Visitor Map Committee

Mrs. Ryder read the resolution she drafted for the Bethel Visitor Map Committee as follows:

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE TOWN BETHEL TOWN BOARD
TO ESTABLISH A BETHEL VISITOR MAP COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the 50th Woodstock Anniversary will have many visitors to our area that might have never visited our Town before; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees that the Town of Bethel has many hidden treasures in addition to the Woodstock site location; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been committed to promote and enhance the Town of Bethel. And

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the importance of community and business involvement for projects of this nature; and

WHEREAS, the Visitor Map Committee will design, research, solicit advertisement space, and make recommendations to the Town Board who will then review and approve any expenditures as needed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board seeks letters of interest from both business owners and Individuals to serve on the Visitor Map Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel Visitor Map Committee will be appointed by the Town Board.

Motion by Dawn Ryder, seconded by Vicky Simpson and adopted 5 ayes and 0 nays, the 9th day of August 2017.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to seek volunteers to serve on the Visitor Map Committee to design, research, solicit advertisement space, and make recommendations to the Town Board who will then review and approve any expenditures as needed. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Mr. Sturm stated that Mrs. Ryder will start as Chairwoman. The deadline for letters is August 23, 2017 at 11 am.

Taconic Trail

Sharon Weiser read her letter dated July 10, 2017 to Mr. Jay Bray, CEO of Nationstar Mortgage for the record regarding the situation of 52 Taconic Trail, Smallwood, NY.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file letter from Sharon Weiser dated 7/10/17. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Letter submitted by Mrs. DiDomenico, 64 Taconic Trail, Smallwood, NY addressed to Mr. Jay Bray, CEO of Nationstar Mortgage regarding 52 Taconic Trail, Smallwood. Mrs. Di Domenico stated in her letter that there is a squatter living at 52 Taconic Trail for the last 3 years conducting a fire wood business and the address is in a zoned residential designated area. This matter is now in Supreme Court, Monticello, NY before Judge Schick. As per Judge Schick the mortgage company holder of the property and is responsible to remove all parties squatting at 52 Taconic Trail, Smallwood, NY.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file letter from Mrs. DiDomenico dated 7/6/2017. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Mrs. DiDomenico stated that Judge Schick should have recused himself because he represented Ron Hubert in his personal case. There are trucks without plates on the property. Court Order to stop business. There is glass being broken. There are fires. There is no registration and no plates on vehicles.

Mr. Sturm said this has been going on for three years, took 6 months to a year in local court. We have already spent \$6,000 in Supreme Court. Judge Schick agreed with the Town and had the property cleaned up; six months later junk started again. Judge ordered:

1. Cleaned up, and we did.
2. Remedies – at end of this week new Order to Show Cause to impose penalties of \$1,000 per day.
3. The town has the right to clean up. Judge can order and levy costs to property owner.

Town Clerk to send Weiser and DiDomenico letters to Jackie Ricciani.

Geese on White Lake

Larry Seitelman addressed the Canadian Geese problem on White Lake. The town should file with the USDA to eradicate the geese problem. Also, Larry asked the town to test water for E.coli, parasites, bacteria, viruses and fungus.

Mrs. Simpson said she would be happy to speak with the USDA and to digest what information Larry has distributed.

Mrs. Seitelman asked what she is supposed to do with the 20 pounds of bagged up goose excrement? Throw it away, flush it?

Mr. Sturm said he would like to meet with the Fish & Wildlife before we decide to eradicate or test water.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to authorize Dan Sturm to call the Fish & Wildlife. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Approve Leadership Sullivan Class

As a graduate of Leadership Sullivan Class, Mrs. Ryder would like to make a motion to approve a Town employee to attend the 2017-2018 class and would like to recommend Dina Sturm. The cost of the class is \$495 and is limited to 20 students from Sullivan County. Sponsored by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to vote and carried 4-0. Mr. Sturm excused himself for the vote.

White Lake Water Quality

Paul Handsman - expressed the deterioration of the quality of water in White Lake. Between the geese, milfoil, clarity of water, and the number of boats, we need to stabilize and improve the lake.

Adjournment

There being no further items on the agenda, motion by Mr. Cohen to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk