

The July 12, 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 Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Nos.</u>
General Fund	\$275,647.34	6965-7061
Highway Fund	\$230,786.37	1476-1505, 1514
Kauneonga Lake Sewer Fund	\$ 46,485.47	1261-1263, 1266-1279
Kauneonga Lake Light District	\$ 2,493.19	1012-1014
Capital Highway Equipment	\$ 36,700.00	

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

General Fund to budget received revenue 98.0%
General Fund 52.4% expended

Highway Fund Revenues:
Highway Fund expenses 10% over last year
Highway Fund expense/revenue to budget 45% expended

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.

Building Department Monthly Report

June 2017 May Fees	\$ 5,821.
June 2016 May Fees	\$ 10,894.
June 2017 Construction Total	\$ 862,450.
June 2016 Construction Total	\$1,299,700.

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

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Total fees for June 2017	\$8,882.31
State share	<u>\$ 516.17</u>
Town share	\$6,366.14

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

Request from Camp Chipinaw to close Silver Lake Road

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve road closure request from Camp Chipinaw to close Silver Lake Road on Sunday, July 16, 2017 between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm for parents/guests day. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Town Board scoping comments to FERC

Mr. Sturm has drafted a letter to Robert A. Gates, Eagle Creek Operations, and FERC regarding comments on renewal license Scoping Document – docket Numbers: P-9690-112 and/or 10482-117. Mr. Sturm read the draft letter for Town Board approval.

Bob Barrett asked to include handicap access.

Hal Teitelbaum suggested to mention water levels, tourism, land values, and economic values.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve letter with amendments as suggested by public. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

NYPA lead agency approval for communications plan

New York Power Authority has submitted their Communication Backbone Execution Plan to protect the security of its telecommunication systems. The town has been identified as an involved or interested agency. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive/file and concur with the New York Power Authority lead agency status. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set Special Meeting for Public Input Session for The Forest Reserve

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to schedule special meeting on July 19, 2017 at 6 p.m. for CFA (Consolidated Funding Application) for public comment on the development of The Forest Reserve at Smallwood. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Mr. Sturm noted that the BLDC will meet at 7 pm.

Resolution authorizing agreement for CFA Grant

Mr. Sturm also noted that the costs will be shared on a 75/25 basis between Sullivan County Funding Corporation and the Town of Bethel. 75% Funding Corporation and 25% Town of Bethel. Some of the identified amenities are: bathrooms, wildlife educational center, ADA by exercise equipment, dog park, community gardens, etc.

Mr. Sturm read the resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT, THE
APPLICATION FOR A GRANT AND THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN
IMPROVEMENTS TO PARK PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Bethel Local Development Corporation (the “BLDC”) is a local development corporation formed by the Town (the “Town”) under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York and the Town of Bethel is a municipal corporation formed under the laws of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, upon a loan made by the Town to the BLDC, the BLDC purchased certain real property from the County of Sullivan (the “County”) pursuant to an Agreement effective as of the 4th day of November, 2011 (the “Purchase & Sale Agreement”), and said real property was conveyed by deed duly recorded in the Office of the Sullivan County Clerk on November 16, 2011, bearing instrument number 2011-7664 (the “Deed”); and

WHEREAS, the real property acquired by the BLDC from the County is known on the Tax Map for the Town of Bethel as Section 51, Block 1 and Lot 25.3 (consisting of approximately 80.41 acres) and Section 51, Block 1 and Lot 27.1 (consisting of approximately 110.96 acres) comprising a total of approximately 191.37 acres at the time of purchase (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Property consisting of approximately 124 acres has

been encumbered with a conservation easement (“Conservation Easement”) and said parcel is used for parkland purposes (the “Park Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Town is about to make a NYS Consolidated Funding Application for a grant to make certain improvements to the Park Property and the Town seeks the BLDC (i) to authorize the Town to make said grant application, (ii) to provide necessary access to the Park Property to make certain improvements to it and (iii) to authorize the conveyance of the Park Property from the BLDC to the Town upon the awarding of the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein is a Grant Support And Access Agreement (the “Agreement”) between the BLDC and the Town to provide authorization to the Town to make said grant application, to provide necessary access to the Park Property to make certain improvements to it and agreeing to convey the Park Property from the BLDC to the Town upon awarding of the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel (i) authorizes the Town to make a NYS Consolidated Funding Application for a grant to make certain improvements to the Park Property, (ii) authorizes the Town to make certain improvements to the Park Property as set forth in the grant application, (iii) authorized the Town to enter into an agreement to receive the Park Property from the BLDC upon award of the grant funds, and (iv) authorizes Daniel Sturm, Supervisor, or his designee acting on behalf of the Town, to sign the Agreement and to perform all acts and execute all documents necessary to make the grant application, to cause the performance of the improvements to the Park Property as permitted by the grant and the Conservation Easement and to take any necessary steps and execute any necessary documents to convey from the BLDC to the Town the Park Property upon approval of the grant funds; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action contemplated under this Resolution involving an application for a grant is a type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations (“SEQRA”) for which no environmental review is required (6 NYCRR §617.5 [c][20]) and the action contemplated under this Resolution involving improvements to the Park Property was reviewed as part of an unlisted action under SEQRA when the Conservation Easement was placed on the Property and the BLDC issued a Negative Declaration on March 21, 2013 in connection with that action; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby directs that a copy of this Resolution and its attachment be filed with the Secretary of the BLDC and a copy be provided to any person who has requested a copy hereof.

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

Bernie Cohen	Voting	aye
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	aye
Dawn Ryder	Voting	aye
Vicky Simpson	Voting	aye
Daniel Sturm	Voting	aye

Duly adopted by 5 ayes, 0 nays the 12th day of July, 2017.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Resolution to approve CFA Agreement

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve CFA Agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Request from Bethel Motor Speedway to open early on 8/25 and 8/26

Request from Bethel Motor Speedway to amend their schedule as follows:

Friday, August 25, 2017:

9 a.m. Gates Open

1 pm – 8 pm Race

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve Friday schedule request from Bethel Motor Speedway. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Request from Bethel Motor Speedway to amend their schedule as follows:

Saturday, August 26, 2017:

11 a.m. Gates open

10 p.m. – racing stops

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve Saturday schedule request from Bethel Motor Speedway. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Mom's Taxi Service Renewal Application

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve request from Mom's Taxi Service Renewal Application for Teresa Layton (for 4 vehicles). Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

2005 Dodge Caravan

2006 Dodge Caravan

2007 Chrysler Town & Country

2009 Chrysler town & Country

Adopt-A-Road application

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve request from Christie Schwamberger to Adopt Highland Avenue and Overlook Drive for litterplucking. The name of the family is Schwamanu Slope. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive/file and approve form RS2417-B and RS2417-A Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Resolution is to be posted for 30 days for review and then sent to the State.

Garbage Dumping at Mosquito Pond

Bob Barrett mentioned that someone is dumping household garbage at Mosquito Pond. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve putting up signs "No Dumping" at Mosquito Pond. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote, carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk