

The July 26, 2017 Town of Bethel regular Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center meeting room.

Council members present: Vicky Simpson
Lillian Hendrickson
Bernie Cohen
Dawn Ryder

Attorney for the Town: Karen Mannino

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Authorize pay increment for Sewer Department Operator

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to authorize a one-time payment of \$1,000.00 to Chris Graffeo (for coverage for the past five (5) weeks for Michael Collins who has been out). Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Authorize litigation against We Care for mispricing on quote

Mr. Sturm read a letter written by Karen Mannino, Esq., Attorney for the Town, to We Care Waste & Recycling, Weedsport, NY, dated June 2, 2017 regarding over billing for sludge removal. The We Care Waste & Recycling resolution/settlement is unacceptable to the Town.

Resolution to purchase real property

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BETHEL TAX MAP # 49.-9-1**

WHEREAS, the Bethel Local Development Corporation (the "BLDC") is the owner of certain property 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan ("County") has acquired through tax foreclosure proceedings a contiguous parcel of to the Park Property which is designated at SBL 49.-9-1; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of the Town of Bethel to purchase said property to be used in support of the Park Property; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to sell said parcel to the Town for the outstanding property tax in an amount of \$262 with required filing fees of \$325 for a total cost of \$587; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined this to be an unlisted action for purposes of State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined itself to be lead agency for SEQRA purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town has caused to be prepared a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") finding that the action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel

authorizes the Town to purchase SBL 49.-9-1 from the County for an amount of \$262 with the addition of \$325 for closing costs for a total amount of \$587 and authorizes Daniel Sturm, Supervisor, or his designee acting on behalf of the Town, to perform all acts and execute all documents necessary to purchase SBL 49.-9-1; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action contemplated under this Resolution is an unlisted action for which the Town has prepared a Short Form EAF and hereby issues a negative declaration; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby directed to sign and file the EAF and negative declaration.

Motion by Town Board member Dawn Ryder, 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 July, 2017.

Notice of Public Hearing – Town of Tusten Solar Energy Law

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Town of Tusten Notice of Public Hearing to be held at Tusten Town Hall on August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of amending the Zoning Law to Establish Regulations for the Development and Operation of Solar Energy Systems. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Road (TR 114) on 8/19, 8/26 AND 9/28C. Authorization to close Mall

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the temporary road closure of The Mall (TR114) on **Saturdays, 7/29-8/5 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** to all vehicular traffic. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Building Department Report for Junkyard License Renewal – Lema

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve the field inspection report by BJ Gettel, that an inspection was done on 5/1/2017 and no change from the prior year and recommends the Town Board issue the Junkyard License. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Liquor License Renewal – The Local Table and Tap

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve Liquor License Renewal to Watt’s Cooking, LLC, trade name – The Local Table and Tap, Kauneonga Lake, NY. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Salt storage shed- Seek sealed bids for highway

Mr. Sturm stated that a new salt storage shed is estimated between \$130,000 to \$140,000. \$50,000 will be from the State Dormitory Fund. Balance to be paid by the Highway Fund. Mr. Sturm requests approval to seek sealed bids. Mr. Cohen asked what would be the height of the salt shed? Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to seek sealed bids for a new salt storage shed. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5.0.

Hire boat trainee 8–16 hrs./week

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to hire Nicholas Sackhouse as a Boat Trainee for 8-16 hours a week at the rate of \$12.00 per hour. Retroactive to July 22, 2017. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

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Regular Meeting

Authorize Sullivan Renaissance Healthy Community Grant for Yoga

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve Sullivan Renaissance 2017 Healthy Community Initiatives Program Grant Application. The Town will match up to \$200. Total Program Cost is \$800.00 (\$600 for a series of 12 classes, and \$200 for marketing/promotion. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Town Board Comments

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to form a Bethel Map Committee and have Mrs. Simpson to be the Chairwoman. Mrs. Ryder commented that she would like to start now to create a new map with historical places, businesses, interesting sites, etc. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Mr. Sturm stated that he would like a mission statement and ideas at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Bob Barrett asked that the Toronto Reservoir East Access be included on the map.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk