

The June 14, 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

The meeting was opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Ethelbert B. Crawford Library

2015 – 35,000; 2016 60,000 after move
Three (3) phases of developing outdoor space.
Major fundraiser (paver memorial and donations).
Phase III – outdoor stage

Audit of Bills

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check No.</u>
General Fund	\$212,404.48	6892-6964
Highway Fund	\$243,380.84	1443-1475
Kauneonga Lake Sewer District	\$ 34,398.23	1239-1260
Kauneonga Lake Light District	\$ 2,006.10	1010-1011
P & Z Journal	\$ 1,598.00	1128-1129

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve audit of bills. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Supervisor’s Monthly Report - May

2017 compared to 2016
General Fund Revenue 8.2% up
General Fund Expenses .6% down
Highway Fund Revenue flat
Highway Fund Expenses 1% less

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Supervisor’s Monthly Report. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Building Monthly Report - May

2017 May Fees:	\$ 7,395.00
2016 May Fees:	\$ 3,570.00
2017 Construction Totals:	\$ 941,500.00
2016 Construction Totals:	\$ 312,900.00
2017 Construction to date:	\$2,036,700.00

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

Town Clerk Monthly Report

Total Fees	\$6,071.00
State Share	\$ 666.82
Town Share	\$5,404.18

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file Town Clerk’s Monthly Report as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence NYS Town Clerk’s Association President

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file letter dated April 24, 2017 from NYS Town Clerks Association honoring Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk, for her professional competency in fulfilling the responsibilities of Bethel Town Clerk and receiving the renewal of her Registered Municipal Clerk designation. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from Bethel Justice Court

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve letter dated May 22, 2017 from Town Justices Cindy Barber and Kevin Rhyne requesting the retirement of Mary E. Prince, Court Clerk, effective date of 8/16/2017, and a recommendation to rehire as a full time court clerk on 8/21/2017 (salary and health insurance to remain the same), seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Summer Staff Appointments

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the 2017 Summer Camp Staff as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Mrs. Simpson reported there are a total of campers 175.

2017 SUMMER CAMP STAFF:

AM Camp Director	Olga Wagner	\$13.25/hr
PM Camp Director	Helene Chappell	\$12.75/hr

Camp Nurse (LPN)	Susan Holmes	\$13.25/hr
Camp Nurse (Sub LPN)	Shannon Kinne	\$10.50/hr

Program Supervisors **\$11.00/hr**

Allison Pennell	SAP Time
Liza MacEntee	Creative Arts and Games
Jennifer Vogler	STREAM Time
Barbara Putzer	Club Time

Program Assistants **\$10.50/hr**

Maria Bourne	AM Camp
Mikaela Milk	STREAM/PM Camp
Robin LaFountain	SAP/Talent Show

Program Attendants **\$10.25/hr**

Ryan Michel	STREAM Time
Barbara Nuzzo	Creative Arts
Kelly Sturm	SAP/PM Camp

Senior Counselors **\$9.90hr**

Glen McCausland	Aquatics AM
Jamie DiLeo	SAP Time AM
Ryan Mendels	PM Camp
Kayla Chappell	PM Camp
Thomas McCausland	PM Camp
Dawson Torres	Aquatics AM
Paul Ippolito	PM Camp
Lauren McFadden	STREAM Time AM
Raelleigh Ranne	PM Camp
Kelsey Doyon	PM Camp
Autum Bivens	PM Camp
Marina Porrata	SAP Time AM

Program Aides		\$9.70/hr
Afternoon Aide	Meredith Parks	PM Camp
Morning Aide	Erica Jahn	SAP Time
Afternoon Aide	Hailee Quiles	PM Camp
Morning Aide	Ryan Pennell	SAP Time
Afternoon Aide	Makayla Doyon	PM Camp
Morning Aide	John Dima	SAP Time
Morning Aide	Nicholas Dollard	SAP Time
Morning Aide	Paul Soto	Aquatics
Morning Aide	Jonathan Martin	STREAM Time
Morning Aide	Kayla Anderson	Creative Arts
Morning Aide	Rosalie Sheppard	STREAM Time
Morning Aide	Isabella Tagliamonti	Creative Arts
Morning Aide	Olivia Steigler	Creative Arts

July birthdays (turning 14 after camp begins)

CIT/Morning Aide	Mackenzie Pennell	Games (CA)
CIT/Morn. Aide	Abigail Fuller	STREAM Time
CIT/Morn. Aide	Patrick Mallon	Aquatics

PARK and POOL Staff

Park Attendant	Catherine Lorino	\$10.50
Park Attendant	Barbara Putzer	\$11.00
Park Attendant	Anna-Marie Novello	\$10.25
Park Attendant	Kelly Sturm	\$10.25
Aquatics Director/SLG	Joanna Sikorska	\$13.75
Water Safety Instructor	Hannah Shaver	\$13.75
Lifeguard	Victoria Jennings	\$11.00
Lifeguard	Krista Novello	\$11.00
Lifeguard	Angela Dima	\$11.00
Lifeguard	Hannah Shaver	\$11.00
Lifeguard	Quinn Jackson	\$11.00

Resolution to Establish Healthy Eating Guidelines

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD
ESTABLISHING A GUIDELINE TO TAKE THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR
NUTRITION AND ACTIVITY HEALTHY MEETING PLEDGE AND
ENCOURAGE ORGANIZATIONS TO ADOPT HEALTHY MEETING
GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS, the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans state that Americans consume too much sodium, added sugars, refined grains, and solid fats and not enough fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2008 state that Americans should get 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each week, yet many do not; and

WHEREAS, studies show a strong relationship between the physical and social environments of the workplace and the health behaviors of employees; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of many people's waking hours are spent at work, and many of those hours are spent in meetings and conferences; and

WHEREAS, the foods and beverages available at meetings and conferences are often high in fat, added sugars, and sodium, and contain few fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; and

WHEREAS, meetings and conferences generally involve a lot of time sitting and provide little opportunity for physical activity; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel has the ability to model healthy eating and help to change social norms around meeting practices; and

WHEREAS, it is consistent with the goals of the Town of Bethel to support people's ability to eat well while at work events; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any meeting, conference, or event hosted by the Town of Bethel in which financial resources are put into food and beverages, will try to adhere to healthy meeting guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the New York State Department of Health has adopted the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity (NANA) Healthy Meeting Guidelines for foods, physical activity, tobacco-free environments, and waste reduction ("Schedule A") and the Town of Bethel will take the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity Healthy Meeting Pledge; and

BET IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel strongly encourages other organizations to adopt healthy meeting guidelines.

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Bernie Cohen and adopted 5 ayes and 0 nays, the 14th day of June 2017

Resolution to establish an Employee Wellness Program and Committee

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE TOWN BETHEL TOWN BOARD TO ESTABLISH AN EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM AND AN EMPLOYEE WELLNESS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor will initiate a Town Employee Wellness Program to analyze current wellness offerings and other potential opportunities to provide healthy choices for employee wellness through an Employee Wellness Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Employee Wellness Committee shall introduce and support healthier options for all department employees while taking into consideration their interest and needs related to health; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel recognizes that an active wellness program can improve morale, decrease risk of chronic disease, decrease absenteeism, increase energy level, improve concentration and focus resulting in high productivity, and improving overall quality of life.

WHEREAS, the employee wellness committee will create wellness policies to include the nutrition and physical activity guidelines as well as other wellness initiatives.

WHEREAS, the Wellness Committee will provide options for information and access for a healthy life style.

WHEREAS, the Wellness Committee intends to foster partnership with agencies who provide tools for wellness programs in Sullivan County.

WHEREAS, the implementation of this policy shall reflect the efforts to improve the health of our employees in the workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board understands the importance of the Town of Bethel's Employee Wellness Program and hereby formalizes the Employee Wellness Committee to include the following members:

Assessor's Office
Building Department
Highway Department
Constables
Justice Court
Parks & Recreation
Supervisors Office
Town Clerk
Elected Officials

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel Employee Wellness Committee will report their progress and any recommendations to the Town Supervisor.

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Dawn Ryder and adopted 5 ayes and 0 nays, the 14th day of June 2017.

Correspondence from Dan Gettel to attend Assessor training

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve letter dated 6/5/2017 from Daniel Gettel to attend Appraisal Principles and Procedures seminar at Cornell, Ithaca, NY (5 day seminar 7/16 – 7/21/2017). Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to urge the DRBC to prohibit fracturing & shale development

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file correspondence from Karen London. E-mail was read by Mr. Sturm. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD TO URGE THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION TO ENACT A COMPLETE AND PERMANENT PROHIBITION OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING AND SHALE GAS DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

WHEREAS, a fundamental purpose of government is to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel lies within the Delaware River Basin and has an interest in the continued exceptional water quality and environment of this important natural resource;

WHEREAS, the Wild and Scenic Delaware River is classified as Special Protection Waters due to exceptionally high water quality and outstanding natural resources with special regulations that protect those resources and maintain the River's exceptional water quality;

WHEREAS, since 2010 the Delaware River Basin Commission has had in place a de facto moratorium that prohibits shale gas development within the Delaware River Basin until it adopts regulations and citing three primary concerns – the diminishment of surface and groundwater, the release of pollution, and the impacts of disposal of waste from hydraulic fracturing activities;

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Commission has not conducted a comprehensive assessment of the cumulative and long-term impacts of shale gas development that concludes that hydraulic fracturing and shale gas development could

safely occur within the Delaware River Basin without degradation of the Watershed’s water resources and the essential values of Special Protection Waters;

WHEREAS, there is significant evidence that shale gas development has an adverse effect on public health, property interests, agriculture and on our air, water and land;

WHEREAS, in recognition of those adverse impacts of shale gas development, the Town of Bethel enacted Local Law No. 1-2012 which, among other things, explicitly prohibited certain uses and activities required or associated with hydraulic fracturing and shale gas development;

WHEREAS, in 2015, after seven years of review, the State of New York prohibited high-volume hydraulic fracturing, concluding that it posed “significant adverse impacts to land, air, natural resources and potential significant public health impacts that cannot be adequately mitigated”;

WHEREAS, a vitally important consideration is the climate effects of shale gas development in the Delaware River Basin, given that methane is a greenhouse gas 86 times more efficient in trapping heat than carbon over a 20 year time frame and that vented and fugitive losses from shale gas infrastructure contribute to atmospheric warming;

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel has pledged to be a NYS “Climate Smart Community” and is therefore committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Town considers that the weight of the evidence demonstrates that hydraulic fracturing and shale gas development cannot be done without degrading the exceptional water quality of the Delaware River and the environment within the Delaware River Basin;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Town calls upon the Delaware River Basin Commission to enact a complete and permanent prohibition of hydraulic fracturing and shale gas development within the Delaware River Basin;
2. That a copy of this resolution be filed with:
 Delaware River Basin Commission
 25 Cosey Road
 P.O. Box 7360
 West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360.

Motion by Councilwoman Vicky Simpson, seconded by Councilwoman Dawn Ryder and put to a roll call vote with 5 ayes and 0 nays as follows:

Daniel Sturm	aye
Dawn Ryder	aye
Bernard Cohen	aye
Vicky Simpson	aye
Lillian Hendrickson	aye

Resolution to designate a Climate Smart Community Coordinator

Motion to by Mrs. Simpson to appoint Steven Stewart and Carol Roig as the Climate Smart Coordinators. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from NYS Taxation of Finance.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file letter dated 6/1/2017 from NYS Department of Taxation and Finance stating that Daniel Gettel meets the minimum

qualification standards for sole appointed assessor as prescribed in the Real Property Tax Law and 20 NYCRR 8188. As of 7/13/2017 Mr. Gettel's salary will be increased to \$46,500. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Change Order No. 1 for the Fitness Equipment Installation

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve (1) one bridge and additional equipment in the amount of \$2,235.14. for the outdoor fitness equipment at The Forest Reserve. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Approve joint municipal bid for fuel oil, gas, and diesel

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to join the joint municipal bid for fuel oil, gas, and diesel with the Town of Liberty. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Bid Results for Bio Solid waste removal

Sealed bids were received and publicly open and read on June 13, 2017 at the Town Clerk's Office. Only one bid was received. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve Luzon Environmental the contract:
First year: \$118.75 per ton (based on 20 ton loads) and
Second year: \$125.00 per ton (based on 20 ton loads).
Laboratory analysis of material will be the Town of Bethel expense.
Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Approve Submission of written comments re: Scoping Documents Mongaup River Project

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve submission of written comments regarding the Scoping Document for the Mongaup River Project as per correspondence from the FERC, dated 5/30/2017. The written comments will be approved by the town Board before submitting. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Bethel Healthy Community Press release

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file press release on the Bethel Healthy Community Task Force to meet 6/15/2017. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Bob Barrett commented regarding the Mongaup River Project Scoping, licensing every 30 years. 30 years will be up in 2020. Go to all the hearings not just one, find out what is going on.

Lisa Wood announced that Smallwood Fire Co. not holding 5K, bike race and open house are still on. Mrs. Wood would like to know if she can drive the golf cart. Mr. Sturm indicated no, but anyone from your organization can drive it. The drivers must follow the policies and guidelines.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk