

The March 8, 2017 regular Town of Bethel 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
Bernard Cohen

Council Member Absent: Dawn Ryder

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audit of Bills

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve audit bills. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve, put to a vote and carried 4-0 as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Nos.</u>
General Fund	\$1,516,293.54	6681-6764
Highway Fund	\$ 194,565.78	1332-1367
KL Sewer District	\$ 111,846.37	1161-1175
P & Z Escrow	\$ 2,570.45	1121-1122
Scholarship Fund	\$ 600.00	1015
KL Light District	\$ 2,361.45	1006

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Per Mr. Sturm – General Fund Revenue is up 5%. Expenses are up 2.6%. Received 82% of revenue. Last year to date was 77%; 20% spent; 19% last year.

Highway revenue is the same. Expenses are 5% lower than last year. 18 1/2% of the budget is spent. 17.8% last year.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file Supervisor’s Monthly Report as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Monthly Report - January

Building Department Monthly Report:

2017 February Fees	\$ 1,843.00
2016 February Fees	\$ 3,969.01
2017 February Construction Fees	\$ 64,800.00
2016 February Construction Fees	\$415,000.00

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Building Department’s Monthly Report. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Total Fees	\$3,303.33
State Share	\$ 114.63
Town Share	\$3,188.70

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file Town Clerk’s Monthly Report. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Moody's Investor Service Annual Comment on Bethel

Mr. Sturm reviewed the February 2017 Moody's Investors Service Annual Comment on Bethel. Credit Overview - Bethel has a strong credit position, and its Aa3 rating is on par with the median rating of Aa3 for cities nationwide. Key credit factors include a robust financial position, and manageable pension and debt burdens. It also reflects a healthy socioeconomic profit with a modestly sized tax base.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file Moody's Investor Service Annual Comment on Bethel. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Building Dept. report on Annual Junkyard Renewal (Hendrickson)

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and approve annual junkyard renewal for Dan and Charles Hendrickson, 24 Gabriel Road, in accordance with the Code Enforcement Officer's field inspection report recommendation dated February 23, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Receipt of Certificates of Training from SC Planning

The following Town of Bethel Planning Members attended a continuing education training in Right to Farm Laws given by Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management. Training was given on November 30, 2016. Two credit hours will be given to Susan Brown-Otto, Wilfred Hughson, Steve Simpson and David Slater. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file letter dated February 23, 2017, Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

NYS Dept. of Transportation repealing highway designation on certain town roads

Notice dated February 17, 2017 from NYS Department of Transportation, Tony Signorelli, P.E., Regional Traffic Engineer following-up Bethel Woods letter dated September 8, 2016 requesting truck access routes for Hurd, Road, West Shore Road, Perry Road, Best Road and Happy Avenue all within the Town of Bethel. It has been determined that some of these roads were incorrectly designated as truck access routes as they do not meet the 10 foot land width requirement.

1. De-designates Happy Avenue as a truck access route, as it does not meet minimum 10 foot land width requirement throughout. This road was previously incorrectly designated as a truck access route. Study No. 916-0016
2. De-designates Best Road as a truck access route, as it does not meet minimum 10 foot land width requirement throughout. This road was previously incorrectly designated as a truck access route. Study No. 916-0015
3. De-designates Perry Road as a truck access route, as it does not meet minimum 10 foot land width requirement throughout. This road was previously incorrectly designated as a truck access route. Study No. 916-0014
4. Access highway near Bethel Woods Performing Arts Center. De-designated West Shore Road as a truck access route, as it does not meet minimum 10 foot land width requirement throughout. This road was previously incorrectly designated as a truck access route. Study No. 916-0013
5. Access highway near Bethel Woods Performing Arts Center. Entire road was previously incorrectly designated as a truck access route, as it does not meet minimum 10 foot land width requirement throughout. This portion of Hurd Road does meet the 10 foot land width. Study No. 916-0012

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file notice dated February 17, 2017 from NYS Department of Transportation regarding the above highway designation requests. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

NYS Dept. of Health Administrative Tribunal – April 19th

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file letter dated March 1, 2017 from NYS Department of Health, Michelle Glover-Brown, advising the Town of Bethel of the next Administrative Tribunal hearing for Toronto East Access Area. Date will be April 19, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., legislature Room, Sullivan County Government. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Authorize auction with Auctions International for surplus equipmentTrucks:

- #8 2006 Ford Dump with plow with Monroe Sander
- #13 2006 Ford Dump with plow with Monroe Sander
- #15 1993 Volvo Utility
- #22 1993 International
- #26 2000 Sterling
- #29 2001 Chevrolet Dump
- #30 1993 International
- #45 1994 Gradall

Equipment:

- (1) 11' American funnel Plow
- (1) 11' Viking 4' funnel plow
- (1) 11' Viking 3' funnel plow
- 50+ Truck Tires (various sizes)
- (1) 5' ditching bucket – Gradall
- (1) 30" ditching bucket – Gradall
- (2) 7 ½' x 6' aluminum stand pipes 4' inlets

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve seeking bids for the above listed trucks and equipment online with Auctions International. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Thank You letter from Solarize Sullivan

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file thank you letter from Solarize Sullivan for the Town of Bethel's support to their Solarize Sullivan campaign. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Authorization to seek sealed bids for installation of outdoor fitness equipment

The Town has previously received a donation of over \$8,000 dollars worth of fitness equipment from Cornell Cooperative Extension for the Forest Reserve at Smallwood. The Town would like to seek sealed bids ground work and installation of the equipment.

1) Excavation for footings, set forms, pour concrete, and backfill with crusher run compacted in lifts for each piece of equipment.

2) Assemble and install fitness equipment as follows:

- A. One Chest Press/Lat Pull
- B. One Leg Press
- C. One Elliptical Machine Double
- D. One Two-Sided Rotator
- E. One Sit-up Bench
- F. One set Pull-up Bar
- G. Self-weighted rower

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to seek sealed bids for the groundwork and installation of the outdoor fitness equipment at The Forest Reserve at Smallwood, seconded by Mrs. Simpson put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Liquor License renewal for Watt's Cooking (Barrio Kitchen)

Liquor License renewal has been received from Watt's Cooking, d/b/a Barrio Kitchen, One Horseshoe Lake Road, Kauneonga Lake. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

2017 Noise Permit application for Bethel Motor Speedway

2017 Noise permit application has been received from the Bethel Motor Speedway. The permit will be based on the racetrack permit dates and hours previously approved.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve 2017 noise permit for Bethel Motor Speedway, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Lead agency notice for Town of Forestburgh Comprehensive Plan

Notice of lead agency status has been received from Town of Forestburgh for their Comprehensive Plan Update. The Bethel Town Board has no objection to their lead agency status. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk