

The April 25, 2018 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
Bernie Cohen

Council member absent: Dawn Ryder

The meeting was opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

Insurance Renewal Presentation (David Bodenstein/Mike Preis, Inc.)

The 2018 Insurance Proposal Appraisal was done to all buildings \$150,000 and over. Building appraisal is on file.

2017 Premium \$121,798.00
2018 Premium \$123,585.00

Public officials liability and Law Enforcement Liability are up.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve the 2018-2019 Town of Bethel Insurance Proposal from 05/01/2018 – 04/30/2019. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Town of Thompson Bids for Asphaltic Concrete Mix

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve the Town of Thompson Asphaltic Concrete Mix as submitted per bid price lists from the Town of Thompson package dated 02/05/2018 to both companies since the prices are so close in price that availability of the plant, waiting time and mileage would far out way the slight difference in price.

Callanan Industries

Type I Base course	\$44.50/ton
Type II Base Course	\$44.50/ton
Type 3 Binder Course	\$45.75/ton
Type 5 Shim Course	\$65.00/ton
Type 6 F2 Top Course	\$47.60/ton
Type 6 Top Course	\$47.60/ton
Type 7 F2 Top Course	\$49.60/ton
Type 7 Top Course	\$49.60/ton

Monticello Black Top

Type I Base course	\$43.00/ton
Type II Base Course	No Bid
Type 3 Binder Course	\$45.00/ton
Type 5 Shim Course	\$60.00/ton
Type 6 F2 Top Course	\$47.50/ton
Type 6 Top Course	\$47.50/ton
Type 7 F2 Top Course	\$50.20/ton
Type 7 Top Course	\$50.20/ton

Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Correspondence from Justice Barber and Justice Rhyne

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to dispense with reading of both letters from Justice Barber and Justice Rhyne. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Sturm to receive, file and copy to court personnel files. No response to the motion, motion failed.

Correspondence from Sullivan County BOCES

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file letter dated 04/11/2018 from Sullivan County Board of Cooperative Education Services thanking Senior Constable Douglas Ketcham for participating in the recent roundtable discussion regarding School Safety and Security with the Sullivan County Schools Superintendents. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Request from Assessor to attend training class

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve request for Daniel Gettel, Town of Bethel Assessor, to attend a one-day seminar entitled "What is Income" in Albany on 9/7/2018. The cost is \$110 and the State typically reimburses the Town. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried.

Zoning Change Request - Group Home

No group homes are zoned in the Town of Bethel. Request for Zoning change to add Group Homes in bulk tables where applicable.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file and request information be sent to Karen Mannino, Attorney for the Town. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

11th Annual ATV Run

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file letter dated 04/15/2018 advising the Town of Bethel that the Smallwood Mongaup Valley Volunteer Fire Company will be holding its eleventh annual ARV Run beginning at 7 a.m. They have received permission to use all of the property that the riders will be crossing.

Town Clerk's Conference

Rita Sheehan, Town Clerk, gave an update on her attendance at the annual town clerk's seminar held April 23-25, 2018. She briefly explained the Charitable Reserve Fund, Electronic Death filing, Cemetery Abandonment, new Labor Law Standards and online publication of public notices.

Court Correspondence

Mary Prince would like to read the last three letters attached to Judge Barber's letter dated April 16, 2018.

Mr. Sturm stated that the Town Board voted no. Mary Prince – I would like to read them. Mr. Sturm – you have two minutes.

Mary Prince read the following three letters:

- a) Letter dated April 12, 2018 from Sullivan Legal Aid Panel, Inc.
- b) Letter dated April 19, 2018 from Office of the Sullivan County District Attorney
- c) Letter dated April 17, 2018 from Eric J. Adler, Attorney at Law

Judge Barber arrived at this point of the meeting.

Mrs. Simpson stated that we only asked for the hours of the court. A lot of personnel matters were included in the Judge's letters and our policy is not to read. Mrs. Simpson stated that she was satisfied with the hours. Mr. Sturm agreed.

Justice Barber asked for a moment. Mr. Sturm responded she could have the floor. Judge Barber responded to Mrs. Simpson's comments stating that is not all you asked for and noted the letter sent to the Justice Court, saying that Mrs. Simpson's comments were not entirely true. Mrs. Simpson expressed her disagreement. They both indicated they read thoroughly the letter written from the town Board to the justice court. Mrs. Barber indicated the letter wanted the hours of operation and it also indicated there were numerous complaints and she wanted to read her response. Mr. Sturm responded by saying the Town Board was not allowing her to read the entire letter. Judge Barber wants to read her letter in response to the last minutes.

Judge Barber indicated that is a public meeting and she has a right to speak. She began to read the letter. Mr. Sturm indicated there is personnel information in the letter and does not want the entire letter read. Judge Barber continued reading the letter. Mr. Sturm allowed her two minutes. They began talking over one another as Judge Barber continued reading the letter. Judge Barber stopped and noted to let the record reflect that this is a public meeting and she is trying to respond to the town board letter. She continued reading her letter. Mr. Sturm thanked her for her comments. Judge Barber pointed out she has never had a single complaint from the public, grievance committee or office of court administration on her staff or hours.

Adjournment

There being no further information to be discussed, motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk