

The December 12, 2018 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
Bernie Cohen
Dawn Ryder
Lillian Hendrickson

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Bethel Visitor’s May Committee

Mrs. Ryder gave a presentation of the 2019 “Visitor’s Map.” The map committee was formed one year ago. The map is something to use, remember and a guide. James Tormey, graphic designer worked on the cover. The map committee received a grant from Sullivan County. Thirty thousand copies will be printed by the Sullivan Democrat.

Mr. Sturm thanked the map committee for their time in preparing this map.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to proceed and send the map to the printer. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Audit of Bills

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

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check</u>
General Fund	\$222,548.75	8024-8024 8077-8157
Highway Fund	\$322,528.39	1989 2017-2054
Kauneonga Lake Sewer District Fund	\$ 29,668.38	1618 1635-1653
Kauneonga Lake Sewer Ext. Fund	\$ 51,319.78	1008-1009
Kauneonga Lake Light District Fund	\$ 2,263.75	1033
P & Z Fund	\$ 1,811.85	1180-1183

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Mr. Sturm was happy to report that the town is finishing the year very strong in the General Fund.

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

Monthly Building Department Report

November, 2018 Fees	\$ 5,782.00
November, 2017 Fees	\$ 6,376.00
November, 2018 Construction Totals	\$ 930,000.00
November, 2017 Construction Totals	\$1,268,385.00

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

Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Total fees for November, 2018	\$7,548.94
State Share	\$2,090.66
Town Share	\$5,458.28

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

Moody's Investor Services Annual Comment

Mr. Sturm gave an overview regarding the Moody's Investors service on the Town of Bethel dated 13 November 2018

Issuer Profile

Town of Bethel is located in Sullivan County in New York's Hudson Valley with a population of 75,818. Median family income is \$63,506 (2nd quartile) and in August 2018 unemployment rate was 3.7% (2nd Quartile). Largest industry sectors that drive local economy are health services, local government and retail trade.

Credit Overview

Bethel's credit position is high quality, and its Aa3 rating is equivalent to the median rating of Aa3 for US cities.

Finances

The town has a strong financial position, which is relatively favorable in comparison to the assigned rating of Aa3.

Debt and Pensions

The debt burden of the town is manageable and is a credit strength relative to its Aa3 rating.

Economy and Tax Base

The town has a quite healthy economy and tax base overall, which are consistent with its Aa3 rating. Bethel's full value per capita (\$152,090) is much stronger than the US median, but decreased materially between 2013 and 2017.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Moody's investor Services Annual Comments. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set 2019 Re-organizational Meeting (1/2/19 7:30 p.m.)

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to set the 2019 re-organizational meeting on January 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Humane Society Renewal Contract

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and approve Humane Society Renewal Contracts with Humane Society of Middletown, Inc. beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Phase 3 & 4 Sewer Replacement Grant Award

Motion to receive and file letter dated November 16, 2018 from New York State of Opportunity Environmental Facilities Corporation informing the Town of Bethel that it has been awarded a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) in the amount not to exceed \$857,500. Project is CWSRF #C3-7356-02-01, Rehabilitation and Replacement of Sewers Phases 3 and 4.

Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Senator Bonacic – Grant Award

Motion to receive and file letter dated November 26, 2018 congratulations to the town for securing \$857,500.00 through the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act and Inter-municipal (WIIA) Grants Program. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Recommendation for the Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and re-appoint George Roosevelt to the Sullivan County Fire Advisor Board as requested in e-mail received November 5, 2018 from Sullivan County legislature Clerk, Ann Marie Martin on or before December 31, 2018. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Brother Bruno’s Amended Liquor License Application

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive, file letter dated November 16, 2018 from Delaware Liquor License Services for Brother Bruno of Monticello, Inc. to move the existing license from Monticello to 951 State Route 17B, Mongaup Valley, NY with an updated 30-day notice. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

2019 Police Utility Vehicle Bid

Motion to approve a 2019 Police Utility Interceptor AWD Vehicle from Beyer Ford, Morristown, NJ in the amount of \$39,572.63. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence by Mrs. Claus

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file letter dated December 7, 2018 from Mrs. Claus (Maria Frangipane) for her many years of dedication to the children. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Humane Society Contract Renewal

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and approve Humane Society Renewal Contract with Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

2018 Budget Modifications:

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve budget modifications for General Fund A, Highway Department B, and General Fund B as follows:

General Fund A

Resolution for Budgetary transfers between fund account codes

<u>Acct Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
1420.4	Attorney .4	\$23,000.00	
1990.4	Contingency	5,000.00	
3120.1	Police .1	21,389.73	
3310.4	Traffic Control	4,000.00	
5132.4	Highway .4	5,000.00	
8020.4	Planning Board .4	3,000.00	
8160.4	Refuse & Garbage .4	8,000.00	
9060.8	Health Insurance	21,000.00	
1220.4	Supervisors .4		\$ 2,900.00
1460.4	Records Management .4		500.00
1620.1	Town Hall .1		5,300.00
1620.4	Town Hall .4		7,500.00
3010.4	Public Safety .4		3,400.00

3120.4	Police .4	12,500.00
7310.1	Youth Program .1	583.15
7989.4	Cultural Series .4	55,500.00
9050.8	Unemployment	2,206.58
		\$90,389.73
		\$90,389.73

1) Transfers between expense account codes.

Highway Department B
Resolution for Budgetary transfers between fund account codes

<u>Acct Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
5110.4	Maint. Of Streets .4	\$61,045.39	
9060.8	Health Insurance	\$20,000.00	
5110.1	Maint. Of Streets .1		\$ 1,795.39
5130.1	Machinery .1		1,000.00
5130.2	Machinery .2		5,500.00
5130.4	Machinery .4		38,000.00
5142.11	Snow removal payroll		30,000.00
5142.16	Opt out Benefit		2,500.00
9055.8	Disability		750.00
9030.8	Social Security		1,500.00
		\$81,045.39	\$81,045.39

1) Transfers between expense account codes.

General Fund B
Resolution for Budgetary transfers between fund account codes

<u>Acct Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
A2610	fines & forfeited bail	\$31,378.00	
DA9901	Inter-fund transfer		\$31,378.00
		\$31,378.00	\$31,378.00

- 1) Record receipt of additional revenue.
- 2) Increase the expenditures where needed.

Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

M-239 Response Local #3-2018

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file letter dated December 3, 2018 from Sullivan County Division of Planning, Community Development & Real Property, Monticello, NY regarding Proposed Local Law #3 of 2018. The Division of Planning supports code amendments that promote clarity, ease of use, and streamlined review processes. The proposed Local Law #3 to amend the bulk and use tables with respect to group homes supports a community need while providing the safeguards of zoning to manage impacts, and **we recommend approval.**

Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Re-affirm vote for adoption of LL #3-2018

Motion by Bethel Town Board member Mrs. Simpson to re-affirm the adoption of the Resolution to Adopt Proposed Local Law #3-2018 of November 14, 2018 by the Bethel Town Board since the M-239 was received after the November 14, 2018 meeting.

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Audit Meeting

Seconded by Bethel Town Board member Mr. Cohen, put to a roll call vote as follows:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mrs. Simpson	X	
Mrs. Hendrickson	X	
Mrs. Ryder	X	
Mr. Cohen	X	
Mr. Sturm	X	

All in favor 5 ayes 0 nays on this date December 12, 2018

Adjournment

There being no further items on the agenda a motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk