

The March 21, 2018 Town of Bethel Special Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center meeting room. Mr. Sturm mentioned this meeting was called due to the postponed March 14, 2018 meeting.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audit of Bills

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

Fund	Amount	Check Nos.
General	\$128,965.00	7525-7580
Highway	\$138,216.42	1737-1769
KL Sewer	\$ 30,805.59	1430-1458
KL Sewer Ext.	\$ 34,271.88	1005
Plan & Zoning Escrow	\$ 4,055.93	1154-1157
KL Light District	\$ 4,611.67	1023

Supervisor’s Monthly Report - February

General Fund - Revenue – flat. 19.8% of General Fund spent, 21.5% compare to last year. Highway Fund - Expenses 6.5% down. 18.6% of budget spent. 18.9% compared to last year. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file the Supervisor’s Monthly Report. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Building Department Monthly Report - February

February 2018 Fees	\$ 2,345.
February 2017 Fees	\$ 1,843.
February 2018 Construction Total	\$314,350.
February 2017 Construction Total	\$ 64,800.

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

Request to attend training schools and conferences

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve BJ Gettel, Enforcement Officer to attend the Tri-County Chapter of NYSBOC schools. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0. as follows:

2/21/2018 - class	4/11–13/2018 - conference
3/5-9/2018 - conference	9/18–21/2018 - NYSBOC conference
3/28/2018 - class	11/13–15/2018 - conference

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report - February

Total fees for February, 2018	\$4,178.73
State Share	\$ 98.86
Town Share	\$4,079.87

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

Letter from Town Board re: Court Hours

Mrs. Ryder expressed her concerns regarding the Town of Bethel Court hours. The Town Board is very pro-active of resident’s concerns. I have been receiving complaints. It appears people have tickets or court appearances, they take time off work to go to court and it is closed. It is time for the Town Board to address this.

Mr. Cohen has also received calls regarding the hours the Town of Bethel Court. Mrs. Hendrickson and Mrs. Simpson also expressed concerns regarding the Court hours.

Mr. Sturm read a letter requirements of law that the Justices notify the Town Clerk of court hours and courthouse hours.

Mr. Sturm instructed the Town of Bethel Town Clerk to send letters to the Judges, OCA Chief Administrator of Courts.

Motion by Town Board member Mrs. Dawn Ryder.
Seconded by Town Board member Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson,
and duly adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Bernie Cohen	Voting	X	
Dawn Ryder	Voting	X	
Vicky Simpson	Voting	X	
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	X	
Daniel Sturm	Voting	X	

Duly adopted by 5 ayes, 0 nays the 21st day of March, 2018.

Correspondence Kauneonga Block Party

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve the Kauneonga Block Party on Sunday, June 17, 2018 per e-mail of 3/5/2018 from Moreen Lerner. Requests include: the closure of CR141 (Horseshoe Lake Road and Mall Road between Rt. 55 and West Shore Road from 8 am to 5 pm, use of the Golf Cart, Early installation of portable toilet near Gazebo Park. Garbage pails/recycle and highway assistance with hanging banner. Mr. Sturm noted the town no longer has a bucket truck and will need to outsource, if possible. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Confirm purchase Smart Car Electric Vehicle

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve the purchase of a Smart Car Electric Vehicle Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried, 5 ayes and 0 nays as follows: (Car will be delivered on March 23, 2018)

\$29,700. includes installation
 -\$1,700 Rebate
 -\$5,000 Grant from NYSERDA
\$23,000

\$5,000 another Grant due in April from the DEC pending award.

Email from NYSERDA re: rebate

For the record – E-mail notification dated March 20, 2018 from Niklas Moran-Hudson Valley Regional Council, congratulating the Town of Bethel on receiving a \$5,000 grant under NYSERDA’s Clean Energy Communities for the purchase of the Smart Car Electric Vehicle.

Junkyard License Renewal - Lema, Gale Road

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and forward to the Building Department for inspection of the property and report back to the Town Board on the status for a junkyard license renewal for Lema, Gale Road, Mongaup Valley, New York. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Kauneonga Lake Streets Plan

The project purpose is aimed to build on the Kauneonga Place Making and Health audit by creating a plan for improving pedestrian and bicycle activity in and around the hamlet. Improved linkages between the municipal lot and the lake/restaurant row, and connecting the hamlet with the Bethel Town Hall and the Duggan School.

Review of Proposals for engineering of Kauneonga Lake Streets Plan

The following request for proposals were received in the Supervisor’s Office:

Delta Engineers	\$22,500
Saratoga Associates	\$19,790

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive, file and approve proposal from Delta Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0. and cost breakdown as follows:

Delta Engineers charge		\$22,500
Funded by:	Sullivan County	-\$10,000
	Sullivan Ren	-\$ 2,500
	Cornell Cooperative	<u>-\$ 5,000</u>
	Cost to Town	\$ 5,000

Correspondence Jeryl Abramson

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file correspondence dated 3/10/2018 from Jeryl Abramson, Yasgur Road, conveying her sincere gratitude to the Highway Superintendent, Pat Cunningham and his crew, for a job well done. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Thank-you card from Delaware Highlands Conservancy

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file correspondence dated 3/13/3018 from the Delaware Highland Conservancy thanking the Town of Bethel for helping they make the 2018 Snowshoe Hike a success. Seconded by Mr. Cohen put to a vote and carried 5-0.

State Agricultural Districts 1 and 4 accepting applications

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file press release from Sullivan, Division of Planning, Community Development & Real Property regarding accepting Agricultural District Applications to promote the continuation of farming and the preservation of agricultural land. The two NYS Agricultural Districts in Sullivan are: Agricultural District 1 encompasses towns in northern and western Sullivan County, and Agricultural District 4 covers the County’s eastern and southern towns. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Adjournment

There being no further items on the agenda motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk