

The August 14, 2019 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  
 Dawn Ryder  
 Lillian Hendrickson  
 Bernie Cohen

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Audit of Bills**

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check</u>
General Fund	\$375,270.75	8658-8749 8742-8772
Highway Fund	\$271,702.54	2278-2312
Kauneonga Lake Sewer Dist. \$	31,852.05	1799-1811
Kauneonga Lake Light Dist. \$	3,779.67	1040-1041

Motion by Bernie Cohen to approve audit of bills. Seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Supervisor’s Monthly Report**

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file the Supervisor’s Monthly Report as submitted.

General Fund Revenue 1.8% higher to date.  
 General Fund Expenses less than 1% higher.

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

**Request to expend highway monies for Road improvements.**

**Agreement for the expenditure of highway moneys.**

AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$512,404.91 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 144.7 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.
2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended the permanent improvement of Town highways:
  - (a) On the road commencing at 17B and leading to Prince Road a distance of 2.65 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$125,000.00. type 6 + type 7 top; width of traveled surface 17 feet; thickness 1.5 inches; subbase – asphalt; shimmed with type 6 – type 7 top. Hurd Road- chips.
  - (b) On the road commencing at Old Taylor and leading to Jake Town a distance of .41 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$27,000.00; type 3 binder + type 7 top; width of traveled surface 16 feet; thickness 2”; subbase asphalt. Resurface.

Bernhard Rd. - Chips.

(c) On the road commencing at Bushville/Swan Lake Rd. and leading to Old White Lake Turnpike a distance of .57 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$38,000.00; type 6 + type 7 top; width of traveled surface 16 feet; thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt one inch of type 6 shim and one inch of type 7 top.  
Fulton Rd .- Chips.

(d) On the road commencing at CR # 14 and leading to 2890 past School House Road a distance of 1.66 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$98,000.00; type 6 + type 7; width of traveled surface 18 feet; thickness 1/5 inches; subbase asphalt – first course shimmed with type 6 to true and level; second course type 7 top, 1” resurface.  
Hurd & Parks Road- chips.

(e) On the road commencing at 17B and leading to dead end, a distance of .32 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$24,000.00; type 6; width of traveled surface 16 feet; thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt; resurface.  
Beechwoods Road- chips.

(f) On the road commencing at Fraser Road to gravel and leading to gravel To Lt. Brender Highway a distance of .74 miles, there shall be Expended not over the sum of \$48,000.00; type 7 top; width of traveled Surface 14 feet & 16 feet; thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt; 1 inch Of shim type 6 and 1 inch of type7 top.  
Crumley Van Vactor Road- chips.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve the agreement for the expenditure of highway moneys as submitted above. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried.

**Town Clerk’s Monthly Report**

Total fees for July, 2019	\$8,381.88
State Share	\$ 545.38
Town Share	\$7,836.50

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

**49 Overlook Drive, SBL #42.-28-5 (Schwamberger)**

Correspondence dated 8/13/2019 from the Code Enforcement Officer following up on the progress at 49 Overlook Drive, Smallwood, NY stating the property owner has requested 4 more weeks, there has been some progress. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve 4-week extension. Note: The owner was not present. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**96 E. Thompson Place, SBL #43.-6-28 (Leventures, LLC)**

Correspondence from the Code Enforcement Officer dated 8/13/2019 stating the property was re-inspected and indicates that a clean- up is in progress. There is a letter from Fusco Engineering that claims that a portion of the building is salvageable and buildable. Demo permit issued for addition. Note, the owner was not present. Motion by Mrs. Ryder to close file. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence Swinging Bridge Property Owners Association**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file thank you letter from Swinging Bridge Property Owner's Association for the use of the Duggan facility for their annual meeting. Also a donation of \$100 to an appropriate town organization or activity (Youth Group). Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**DEC Comprehensive Inspection – Bethel Landfill**

Correspondence from NYS DEC, dated 0/22/2019 stating that on 6/28/2019 a comprehensive inspection of the Bethel (T) Landfill, Sullivan County, SPDES #: NY0264679 to evaluate compliance with the State Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (SPDES) and Article 17 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law. At the time of inspection, the facility was operating in a satisfactory manner. For more detail refer to the report and inspector comments. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file NYS DEC report dated 7/23/2019. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**RFP's for Town Hall Dee Energy Retrofit – Engineering and Design Services**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve seeking Request for Proposals for consultants for an engineering and design services for a deep energy retrofit for the Town of Bethel Town Hall, 3454 SR 55, White Lake, NY 12786. Rita Sheehan, Bethel Town Clerk, noted that over 60 solicitations have gone out via e-mail for approved NYSERDA consultants in New York State. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**NYS DOT correspondence to Dancing Cat Saloon–NYS Route 17B**

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file correspondence dated 7/24/2019 from NYS DOT to Stacy Cohen regarding a request for a review of accident concerns, NYS Route 17B, Town of Bethel, Sullivan County stating that – based on this information, a reduction in the posted speed limit at this location is currently not recommended. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Junkyard Fire Inspection Report – Dan & Charles Hendrickson**

The Code Enforcement Officer on 7/30/2019 re-inspected the property and there have been great improvements. Inside there are over 150 batteries, cardboard, and recycled oil. They are recycling the oil and the gasoline into the furnace. The furnace is free of debris. Outside there is over 100 + vehicles, parts, engines, etc. Crushing of vehicles is on a new concrete pad and can control any spillage or leakage. Emergency access road is now open. BJ Gettel is recommending a Junkyard License be issued with the conditions being that all Fire Safety Equipment and a Fire Access Lanes be maintained.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file Code Enforcement Officer's report and approve a Junkyard License with the conditions being that all Fire Safety Equipment and a Fire Access Lane be maintained. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**NYSEG & RG&E proposed rate request**

Letter received from NYS Department of Public Service dated 7/30/2019 stating that NYSEG and RG&E are proposing increases in their electric and gas rates to take effect in April 2020. The Public Service is looking for comments regarding the rate increase. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to send a letter to both NYSDPS and NYSEG opposing any rate increase of electricity and/or gas. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence Janna Kelvasa – Moscoe Road speed limit**

Correspondence from Janna Kelvasa dated 8/13/2019 with the following concerns on Moscoe Road:

1. Lower speed limit from 35 mph down to 20 mph narrow road with no shoulders
2. Maintain the overgrowth along the side of the road

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Janna Kelvasa’s Correspondence and forward the Highway Department, Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Town Board Comments**

Mrs. Hendrickson – “The Posse” bought two (2) freezers for Shepard’s Pantry. She would like to do a proclamation.

Mr. Sturm read the following statement:

First, as the Supervisor for the Town of Bethel, and on behalf of the Town Board and all of our residents, I want to thank all of the agencies and stake-holders assembled here who participated in the planning for the Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woodstock, starting this week. We are truly blessed to have the staff from Bethel Woods (Darlene Fedun and Eric Frances), the New York State Police, NYS DOT, DOH, and Emergency Management, Sullivan County officials, including the SC Sheriff, Communications, Legislators, and Management personnel. As always we are proud of the contribution and professionalism of our local Fire Departments, EMS, town code enforcement and other own employees who have contributed to the planning effort, and BJ Gettel, Code Enforcement, and Rita Sheehan, Town Clerk. I want to assure our residents and visitors that I have never seen a more coordinated and cooperative planning process than what has been accomplished for the upcoming events and over the course of this entire summer. Everyone involved has been informed, detailed, and efficient. The goal has been to make sure that both visitors and local residents have as smooth and pleasant an experience as possible. We have all been working hard to make sure this is a year to be proud of for all of us. I am confident that the events coming up will be truly awesome. So be patient and considerate, have fun, be cordial and welcoming, have peace and love in your hearts and let’s show the world what the Town of Bethel and Sullivan County is all about. This is our time to shine! And this time we are getting it right!

Mrs. Simpson - The Bethel Peace Parade was great. Now we have started the Heritage Trail which is part of the Town’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Festival Celebration. The trail is a permanent outdoor photo display in locations throughout the town. There are 9 locations of the trail starting at the Town Municipal Parking Lot, Kauneonga Lake, NY.

**Public Comment**

Bill Henry - 28 Cumberland Trail, Smallwood. A neighbor is clearing land and putting up a garage and an apartment on top of the garage. He does not have an acre of land. Mr. Sturm – first we are hearing of this matter, we will look into it.

**Adjournment**

There being no further items on the agenda, motion by Mrs. Ryder to adjourn the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk