

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 at the Dr. Duggan Community Center meeting room on Thursday, July 11, 2013.

Council members present: Lillian Hendrickson
Vicky Simpson
Bernard Cohen
Denise Frangipane

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audit of Bills

Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve monthly audit of bills, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check No.</u>
Town of Bethel General	132,886.18	3633-3710
Town of Bethel Highway	183,663.85	2336, 2358-2392
Sewer District	22,229.82	1728, 1747-1768
Sewer Rehab	9550.00	1060-1061
Planning & Zoning Escrow	3101.95	1019-1022
Light District	1,558.85	1059-1060

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Supervisor’s Monthly reports for the month of June have been received. Mr. Sturm reported that the General Fund revenues are flat at this point and expenses down 1.3%.

Mr. Sturm explained that due to an unemployment insurance claim appeal by Howard Block this has cost the tax payers this year \$5-8,000 in legal fees. Elected officials are not eligible for unemployment. This is considered frivolous spending.

Motion by Denise Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Building Department Monthly Report

Building Department Monthly report for June has been received. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

2013 June Fees: \$4580. 2012 June Fees: \$2981.
2013 Construction Totals: \$532,000 2012 Construction Totals: \$403,400

Zrgda (Foster Road) Property Maintenance Engineer Report

Engineer report has been received from Glenn Smith, P.E., Town Engineer, for the Suzana Zrgda property (Foster Road). Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to authorize sealed bids for removal of structures and any necessary testing, such as asbestos, seconded by Denise Frangipane and put to vote 5-0. Per BJ Gettel, Code Enforcement Officer, no asbestos testing or removal; there is no plumbing.

Request to name Private Road – Sunflower Drive

Whereas, there exists a private driveway off NYS Route 17B on private property owned by Redwood Estates, LLC located at Tax Map #40-1-6, and

Whereas, this private roadway will serve more than three structures as their primary ingress and egress, and

Whereas, the owner of the roads has approved and is requesting the naming of the private roadway to be known as the following:

New Sunflower Drive

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town of Bethel Town Board on July 11, 2013 hereby approves the naming of these private roads.

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to approve naming of New Sunflower Drive, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Motion by Vicky Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$7001.12
Total Local Share Remitted:	\$6328.89
Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$672.23

Appoint Green Committee Members

Mr. Sturm is finalizing the appointments to the new Green Committee. He stated the mission as: 1) adopt Climate Action Pledge, 2) seek grants and savings, fuel, gas , solar, and 3) new ideas.

Jeffrey Allison, Lillian Hendrickson, Karen London (Chair), Paul Reifenheiser, Wendy Robinson, Vicky Simpson and Tom Wasserman.

Notice of Ag District #1 Public Hearing

Notice of Public Hearing for Sullivan Agricultural District #1 has been received from Sullivan County Planning. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Swinging Bridge POA

Correspondence has been received from the Swinging Bridge Property Owner’s Association thanking the Town for allowing them to use the meeting room. They will be send a \$200 donation. Motion by Denise Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0. Mr. Sturm suggesting suggested applying donation to the youth.

Correspondence Smallwood Civic Association re: Fireworks

Correspondence has been received from the Smallwood Civic Association requesting fireworks on 8/31/13 in Smallwood. Mr. Lilley has volunteered to do fireworks. Mr. Sturm indicated that there was \$7900 budgeted; spent \$7,000 on Kauneonga Lake fireworks. Adding \$1100 to the \$900 to make \$2000 for the display. Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Noise permit application – Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp

Noise Permit Application has been received by Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp. Motion by Denise Frangipane to approve, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0 as follows:

Upon resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Bethel (the “Town”) dated July 11, 2013, the application of Ten Mile River Scout Camps (the “Applicant”), dated July 12, 2013 for a permit pursuant to Chapter 220 of the Bethel Town Code is hereby granted upon the following terms and conditions:

Merit and Badge Programs using Rifles and Shotguns under supervision of camp officers and employees:

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

This permit shall expire December 31, 2013.

Correspondence Marcia Salton re-appointment of Assessor

Correspondence has been received Marcia Salton, White Lake, who was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. Mrs. Salton is supporting the re-appointment of Marguerite Brown as Sole Assessor. She stated Mrs. Brown is knowledgeable, patient, helpful, and her years of experience are an asset. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Bonnie Hubert re-appointment of Assessor

Correspondence has been received from Bonnie Hubert, Town of Callicoon Assessor, who has been a colleague of Marguerite Brown’s for over 30 years. She stated Mrs. Brown has been a mentor, is helpful to anyone, has served terms as President of the Sullivan County Assessor’s Association, state certified, 30 plus years of experience. She also has been an asset, dedicated and treats residents professionally and courteously. Motion by Vicky Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Allan Scott re: re-appointment of Assessor

Correspondence has been received from Allan Scott, retired Town Supervisor, on behalf of Marguerite Brown who exemplifies all the qualities involved in performing her duties in accordance with NY State Laws. The Assessor’s job is a complicated task. She is dedicated to the Town, is intelligent and fair and recommends her appointment wholeheartedly. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Taconic Trail Update

Mr. Sturm announced that the clean-up should be started this weekend and is requesting 3 weeks to clean up. Motion by Bernie Cohen to receive and file, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Bethel Ag Committee Update

Ms. Frangipane announced there will be no July Ag Committee meeting. Ms. Frangipane announced the food hub that is in the works through an IDA grant. Mr. Sturm is hoping to get the hub in Bethel, very competitive.

Town Board Comment

Lillian Hendrickson almost ready to accept sludge; Redwood Estates hooked up 8 units.

Vicky Simpson more children than ever at camp, doing a great job. Assessor's job is not popular, handles with grace, exemplary job.

Lillian Hendrickson read statement regarding Assessor.

Bernie Cohen Highway Dept - coming along.

Denise Frangipane - nice to see room full.

Denise Frangipane - meeting with county to do a road observation report.

Public Comment

Jonathan Hyman thanked Town Board, Mr. Lilley and Highway Department for paving Lake Shore Road. There is about ¼ mile left from boat launch to Stratton Avenue. There also is about 1 ½ foot lip around lake that needs to be done. Mr. Hyman does not make sense to do ¾ of the road.

Larysa Dryska stated that the Bethel Democratic Committee supports the re-appointment of Marguerite Brown due to short timing.

Daryl Crokon, River House, home owner and business owner. Were in Beekman House now located at Rt.55 and Lake Street. Mr. Crokon met with Marcia Fink at DPW – part of property right of way and private property. Water running down Lake Street needs shale or drain. He could put more gravel but it will just get washed out. Mr. Crokon indicated Crumley Van Vactor Road his asphalt was never replaced after culvert dug up. Tying in with Assessor highest taxes paid in 3 counties.

Denise Frangipane asked if Ms. Fink was following up? Denise can consult with Ed McAndrews when he comes out. Mr. Crokon - landlord is willing to do what she has to do on her property.

Charles Aber – Thanks for cleaning up! Shoulders are gone on Lt. Brender. Mr. Sturm - Lt. Brender is on list.

Judith read a letter from someone who received a parking ticket they got for parking over white line. Ms. Maidenbaum thinks the Town should 1) treat people better, and 2) better signage. Denise Frangipane – CR 141 will be restriped.

Judith Maidenbaum - maybe give Marguerite Brown a one-year term then look for someone else.

Brian Rodgers, NYS Certified Appraiser for 25 years, works for Dept. of State as instructor. Has worked with Marge Brown as adversary and with her. Can't say enough about her assessment it would be detrimental not to reappoint her.

Sharon Sparling, appraiser for 17 years. Marge Brown is a professional and a true asset to the Town of Bethel.

Bill Brey was a Councilman in 1990 when he appointed Marge Brown. She is doing an excellent job and should be reappointed.

Susan Brown 1) Perry Road - large pot hole on right
2) Neighborhood Watch - received Eric's e-mail
3) SC Federation meeting - bears all over, contact DEC
4) What are the large pipes at Jaketown Road for? Mr. Sturm - starting Gabriel Road in a few weeks

Adjournment

Motion by Vicky Simpson and seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk