

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 pm at the Dr. Duggan Community Center-meeting room.

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

Other Presents: Attorney for Town Robert McEwan

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Smoke Test Notice to residents south of Lake Street in Sewer District

Mr. Sturm read the letter from Sewer Superintendent regarding the smoke test public notice. The sewer Dept. is posting on all residences south of Lake Street. The test will be help on August 20, 2013 for 3 days. Motion by Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Mrs. Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence KC Engineering – Progress Letter

Mr. Sturm received KS Engineering progress letter on up-flow sand filters, and pond II. Motion by Mr. Bernie Cohen to receive and file, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Sewer Superintendent – recommendation for Operator Trainee

Jim McBride, Sewer Superintendent recommends Christopher Grafeo at \$29,500. Per year. He has worked part-time for 7 years. Motion by Mrs. Denise Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Mr. Sturm stated the salary is budgeted in sewer fund. 30-day wait for insurance, \$29,500 plus benefits as per the personnel policy. Mrs. Hendrickson meets twice a month with sewer employees, Chris is very competent. Mr. Cohen - Chris is a hard worker.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to appoint Chris Grafeo full-time on August 1, 2013 at \$29,500 plus benefits per personnel policy, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, roll call vote 5-0 as follows:

Mrs. Denise Frangipane aye
Mr. Bernie Cohen aye
Mr. Dan Sturm aye
Mrs. Vicky Simpson aye
Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson aye

Assessor Appointment

Mr. Sturm announced Mrs. Marguerite Browns appointment expires 9/30/2013; new term will be 10/1/2013 – 9/30/2019.

Mrs. Hendrickson, researched qualifications. She suggested Town Board start looking for a new assessor as soon as Mrs. Brown decides to retire. Put in budget to get the person on board for Mrs. Brown to train.

Motion by Mrs. Vicky Simpson to reappoint Marguerite Brown, Sole Assessor effective October 1, 2013 with a term to expire September 30, 2019 at her current salary, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

County Notice of Work Order CR174 & CR 75

County Notice of Work of Order has been received for CR 75, between CR 73 and CR 174 for fifteen days effective July 15, 2013. Motion by Mr. Bernie Cohen to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Approval of Continuing Education Credits – ZB Member

Motion by Mr. Bernie Cohen to approve 1.75 hours of training for Zoning Board member James Crowley for attending the Emerald Ash Borer First Detector Training and Planning and Preparedness, , seconded by Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Approval of Fireworks Application for Smallwood Beach

Motion made by Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson to approve the fireworks application for Town of Bethel. Fireworks are scheduled for 8/31/13 at Smallwood Beach, seconded by Mrs. Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from County of Sullivan re: Smallwood Golf Course

Mr. Sturm announced the Bethel Local Development Corporation has authorized a conversation easement and partial release of reversionary interest with the County of Sullivan for the Smallwood project. This will leave 125 acres of recreation trails. Motion to receive and file by Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Mrs. Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Noise Permit Application – Alexander Cochran

Noise permit application has been received from Alexander Cochran, 349 Pine Grove Road, for a wedding on August 10th from 6 – 10 p.m. Motion by Mrs. Vicky Simpson to approve, seconded by Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

3rd Annual Out of the Darkness Walk – August 25th

Mr. Sturm announced the 3rd annual Out of the Darkness Walk is scheduled for August 2th at 10:00 am. Motion by Mrs. Vicky Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Set Public Hearing for unsafe structure – 9 Foster Road

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to set public hearing for unsafe structure at 9 Foster Road on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 7:45 p.m., White lake owned by Suzana Zrgda, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Executive Session

Motion by Denise Frangipane to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter regarding Justice Court Deputy Clerk at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0. Mr. Sturm invited Robert Mc Evan to attend.

Motion by Denise Frangipane to resume the regular meeting at 8:20 pm, seconded by Mr. Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Resignation of Part-Time Court Clerk

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson not to expect the leave of absence from the Deputy Court Clerk and to accept the resignation of Colleen Marie Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0. Effective July 24, 2013.

Bethel Ag Committee Update

Ms. Frangipane announced there is no meeting next month.

Royce Road and Route 17B

Mr. Cohen asked for a resolution for Royce Road and Route 17B. Royce Road is 8 inches lower than last year. Motion by Bernie Cohen to resurface 50 feet x 4 inches deep x width, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Dan, Vicky and Denise walked Kauneonga Lake with County to discuss issues such as parking and who is responsible

Warren Foschina, past president of the NYS Assessors's Association, commended Town Board on reappointment of Marge Brown. He suggested to post for the Assessor's position in the NYS ORPS bulletin.

Spencer Cutler asked if any long term plan for milfoil?

Judith Maidenbaum asked why police boat has not been moved. Boat is on Benji and Jakes dock. Judith leases the land.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Vicky Simpson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk