

The June 27, 2012 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: Bernard Cohen
Vicky Simpson
Denise Frangipane
Robert Blais

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Lillian Hendrickson, Town of Bethel Senior of the Year

The Town Board presented Lillian Hendrickson with the Town of Bethel Senior of the Year plaque. Mrs. Hendrickson is the Director of the Sullivan County Court Appointed Special Advocates. She is also president of the Bethel Lions Club, member of the Bethel Democratic Committee, Monticello Elks Club and Ladies of Columbus Saint Peters.

911 Memorial Fundraiser

Pat Burn, Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, informed the Board that a piece of steel beam from the World Trade Center has been received by the Fire Company. Unveiling will be in September. There is a fundraiser July 26th at Bubba's. The Bethel Local Development is collecting the funds. They are also doing a garden for a Sullivan Renaissance Project.

Road Repair Agreements

Lynden Lilley, Highway Superintendent, has submitted the following permanent improvement of town highways: (does not include sealing)

On the road commencing at end of pavement and leading to end of **Stewart Road** a distance of 265' there shall be expended not over the sum of \$7,200.

Type: Mix Pavement Width of traveled surface: 14'
Thickness: 2 1/2" Subbase: Gravel

On the road commencing at end of pavement of **Fraser Road** and leading to County Road Fraser Road, a distance of 3,168 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$35,686.

Type: Mix Pavement Width of traveled surface: 18'
Thickness: 2 1/2" Subbase: Blacktop

On the road commencing at Ballard Road and leading to end of **Woodland Way**, a distance of 2,112', there shall be expended not over the sum of \$21,193.

Type: Mix Pavement Width of traveled surface: 16'
Thickness: 2 1/2" Subbase: Blacktop

On the road commencing at Woodland Way and leading to end of **E. Catskill Trail**, a distance of 792', there shall be expended not over the sum of \$5,926.

Type: Mix Pavement Width of traveled surface: 12'
Thickness: 2 1/2" Subbase: Blacktop

On the road commencing at E. Mongaup trail and leading to dead end of **Elk Trail**, a distance of 120', there shall be expended not over the sum of \$970.

Type: Mix Pavement Width of traveled surface: 10'
Thickness: 2 1/2" Subbase: Gravel

On the road commencing at Moller Road and going south on **Behr Road**, a distance of 800', there shall be expended not over the sum of \$3,381.

Type: Mix Pave Width of traveled surface: 18'
Thickness: 2 ½" Subbase: Blacktop

On the road commencing at Route 55 and leading to **entrance to Senior's Housing**, a distance of 1584', there shall be expended not over the sum of \$24,799.

Type: Mix Pave Width of traveled surface: 25' to 44'
Thickness: 2 ½" Subbase: Blacktop

On the road commencing at Old Taylor Road and leading west on **Birch Road**, a distance of 2,376', there shall be expended not over the sum of \$26,808.

Type: Mix Pave Width of traveled surface: 18'
Thickness: 2 ½" Subbase: Blacktop

On the road commencing at Lee Cole Road and leading to **Old White Lake Turnpike** (Camp Manahain), a distance of 4,752', there shall be expended not over the sum of \$53,593.

Type: Mix Pave Width of traveled surface: 18'
Thickness: 2 ½" Subbase: Blacktop

On the road commencing at Pine Grove Road and leading to Lake Shore on **Brady Avenue**, a distance of 2,112', there shall be expended not over the sum of \$23,963.32

Type: Mix Pave Width of traveled surface: 18'
Thickness: 2 ½" Subbase: Blacktop

On the road commencing at **Mt. Hope Road** and leading to Cohen & Cohen Road (Torah Educational-at beginning), a distance of 5,857', there shall be expended not over the sum of \$66,118.85

Type: Mix Pave Width of traveled surface: 18'
Thickness: 2 ½" Subbase: Blacktop

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve road repair agreements, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Appoint part-time clerk in Town Clerk's Office

Request has been received by Rita Sheehan, Town Clerk, to hire a part-time clerk at \$8.00/hour up to 12 hours per week. Ms. Sheehan has recommended Rosa Arballes. Motion by Ms. Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0. Motion by Ms. Frangipane to hire Rosa Arballes at \$8.00/hr. for no more than 12 hours per week, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Correspondence NYS Dept. of Transportation

Correspondence has been received from NYS Dept. of Transportation regarding the overlay of pavement on Route 17B from Route 55 East to County Road 59 for 6 miles. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive & file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Motion by Mr. Cohen to send letter to DOT to continue the overlay to Route 55 West, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Public Hearing 7:45 p.m.: Taxi Application A Reliable Transportation

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to open Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0. Town Clerk read legal notice.

Jerry Federman, A Reliable Transportation representative, wants to do business right and follow the rules. There being no further public comments, Mrs. Simpson moved to close Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Correspondence From Dr. Alan Abramson

Correspondence received from Dr. Alan Abramson recommending for the Town Board to appoint someone who has never served on the Town Board. Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Discussion on Town Board Vacancy

Mr. Sturm disagrees with Dr. Abramson. Mr. Sturm read a statement from NYS Town Law and reviewed the history of Bethel Town Board vacancies. He wants to fill the seat. Mr. Blais has served for 16 years, Deputy Supervisor 4 years, and is knowledgeable of Town issues, and he is willing to serve again.

Mrs. Simpson disagrees with Dr. Abramson. Mr. Blais is qualified and we need someone who is ready to serve and hit the ground.

Appoint Robert Blais to Town Board

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to appoint Robert Blais to fill the Town Board seat left vacant by Richard Crumley to expire on December 31, 2012, seconded by Ms. Frangipane,

Mr. Cohen stated that he has no hard feelings but thinks the Town Board should wait until the November election is over.

Ms. Frangipane indicated that she may miss a meeting after her baby is born and does not want to leave the board with 3 members; feels responsible to fill position now.

Put to a roll call vote with 3 ayes and 1 nay as follows:

Denise Frangipane	aye
Bernie Cohen	nay
Daniel Sturm	aye
Vicky Simpson	aye

Oath of Office Administered to Robert Blais

Town Clerk Rita Sheehan administered the Oath of Office to Robert Blais. Immediately following Mr. Blais was seated as a member of the Town Board.

8C. Proposals for Retaining Wall Repair

Proposals were received and publicly open and read at the Town Clerk's Office on June 20, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. with BJ Gettel and Dan Sturm present as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Option #1</u>	<u>Option #2</u>
Decker	\$12,900	\$21,000
Gary Myers	\$14,998	\$14,998
Poley	\$16,900	\$12,840
Rockbusters	\$7,450	\$11,950

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to approve Option # 1 – Rockbusters in the amount of \$7,450., seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Town Clerk noted that the property owner needs to give approval to the Town and/or its contractors to enter the property.

Approve Joint Municipal Fuel Bid with T/O Liberty

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Liberty inviting the Town of Bethel to join them in a Joint Municipal Fuel Bid for fuel oil, diesel and kerosene. The

cost to join is \$100. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve joint fuel bid, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Building Dept. report for Lema Junkyard renewal

Building Department has been received for the Lema Junkyard License renewal. The Building Department is recommending renewal. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve Lema Junkyard license renewal, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Town of Cochection Kennel Agreement

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to approve Town of Cochection Kennel Agreement, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Town of Bethel Fireworks Display Application

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve Town of Bethel Fireworks Display on July 4th with a rain date of July 6th, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Approve Taxi License – A Reliable Transportation

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve taxi license for A Reliable Transportation, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Ms. Frangipane asked to alert drivers that these are county roads and to slow down.

Approval Taxi License Renewal – Yellow Cab

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve taxi license renewal for Yellow Cab, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Approval Taxi License Renewal – RX Transportation

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve taxi license renewal for RX Transportation, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Petition from Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna - SMVF Dist. Extension

Copy of Petition has been received from Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna for the Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire District extension into the Town of Lumberland. The Town of Lumberland Town Board will be conducting a public hearing on the extension on August 8, 2012. Motion by Ms. Frangipane to receive & file, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Website Updates - Bethel Farms Tour and FarmStock Brochure

Ms. Frangipane announced the Town website has been updated with the 2012 Bethel Farm Tours and the Farm Stock Brochure. There will be no meetings in July and August. The meeting in June had “ECO Practicum without Walls” as a guest speaker.

Town Board Comment

Mr. Blais thanked the Town Board for their support.

Vicky Simpson announced that the pool is open daily it passed DOH with flying colors.

Bernie Cohen mentioned that the Town may be eligible for a \$3,000 grant with 20% matching funds. CWRLF helps with engineering & planning, E&H will be applying.

Supervisor Liaisons Revised

Bernie Cohen Sewer and Highway
Robert Blais Sewer & Highway

Farm Traffic

Ray Neuenhoff mentioned on Happy that Bob Franklin can not always see traffic; equipment is too wide. Town should find out if on days when he uses heavy equipment we he could close road. Bernie Cohen noted that Upstate they have signage.

Public Comment

Larysa Dyrska asked what did the Sewer Engineer's report say? Mr. Sturm indicated he has the report.

Susan Brown-Otto

1) Sealing Roads- what is process? Puckyhuddle was paved 2 years ago, hate to see it fall apart.

2) Perry Road at 17B sign that is mounted to the stop sign is blocking view.

3) Feral Swine - they are gone

Denise Frangipane - we are still looking at zoning for the feral swine.

Bill Burns - Town of Thompson County paved Lt. Breeder Highway to town line. Why did they stop at Bethel? Mr. Sturm - will look at it

Bill Burns - look closer at Lema Junkyard; two cement trucks parked there for 10 years. Do they have a quarry permit? Mr. Sturm - Quarry has a SPDES permit.

Larysa - MMTF next step? Mr. Sturm stated that the next meeting was supposed to be in July and they cancelled.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk