

The March 28, 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: Denise Frangipane
Bernard Cohen
Vicky Simpson

Absent: Richard Crumley

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Catskill Hudson Bank re: Sewer Rehab BAN Renewal bid

Mr. Sturm announced the Sewer Rehab BAN results for the renewal. Catskill Hudson Bank came in at 1.49%, Jeff Bank 1.55% and Chase Bank at 1.6%. AA+3 bond rating helped the interest rate. BAN renewal was awarded by the Supervisor to Catskill Hudson Bank.

Town Website Status

Town Clerk Rita Sheehan announced that she has re-designed the new Town Website. The Town has also contracted with a new web host service at the same cost as the prior company with a lot more services. There are several pages that are unfinished that should be completed by the end of next week.

Request to attend 33rd Annual NY Rural Technical Conference & Exhibition

Correspondence has been received from Jim McBride, Sewer Superintendent, requesting for himself and Mike Collins to attend the NY Rural Water 33rd Annual Conference May 21st through May 24th in Verona, NY for a total cost of \$1,246. Motion by Mr. Cohen to approve attendance, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Community Garden Update

Mrs. Simpson reviewed the Community Garden proposal by Jaques Alarie at the Town Pool. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve Community Garden, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Junkyard License Renewal Application – Yeomans

Junkyard Renewal License Application has been received from Richard Yeomans, Horseshoe Lake Road. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to send application to Building Department for inspection and report, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Correspondence from June Barrett re: Gabriel Rd & Sullivan Pl garbage

Mr. Sturm read June Barrett's letter regarding garbage at Gabriel Rd. & W. Sullivan. Mr. Sturm has already sent Code Enforcement Officer out to take pictures and issued violation to property owner.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file correspondence, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Weekly Litterpluck

Mr. Sturm announced his new initiative to address litter; every Saturday at 9:00 at the Duggan Community Center, one town employee and volunteers and those who

need community service will clean roadways. 1st week: Happy Ave., 15 bags; ½ Airport Rd., ½ Plank Rd. 2nd week: 35 bags Airport Rd.; 2 bags on Plank Rd.

Mr. Sturm thanked the County for picking up bags on Airport Road and the Highway Department and the volunteers.

Correspondence from SC DPW re: CR 141 Signage

Correspondence from Sullivan County DPW regarding the signage request on Horseshoe Lake Road. The request has been denied. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Bethel Vol. Amb. Corp. 2011 Svc. Award Program Approval

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD
APPROVING THE 2011 SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM POINTS FOR
THE BETHEL VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel as the governing sponsor of the Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (BVAC) Service Award Program on March 28, 2012 has received the 2011 list of members who have earned service credit, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board at their March 28, 2012 meeting has reviewed and approved the 2011 service credit list.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board has directed the Town Clerk to certify the attached list and forward to the BVAC so they may post for thirty days as required by the PenFlex Data Request Package (DRP).

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to approve, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Correspondence from Daryl Kroken

Correspondence has been received from Daryl Kroken, River House, regarding the lighting near the Beekman building at Town Square. Mr. Kroken also noted that the retaining wall from the spillway is eroding near the corner of the Beekman House. There also is a very large tree next to the wall. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Add Street Light to Kauneonga Lake Lighting District

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to approve adding street lamp to Pole 325-1, 250 Watts, Lamp MH, Cobra Head with 20' mast arm; 100-362-238 Kauneonga Lake Fund, additional \$2.36/mo. for a total of \$15.30/mo., seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Retaining Wall at Beekman House

Mr. Cohen indicated that the retaining wall needs an I-Beam or piece of steel. Mr. Sturm met with Bob Meyers, Commissioner Sullivan County DPW. Mr. Sturm reported that it is the Town's responsibility contract with the County when the Town purchased the Lake. Mr. Sturm suggested taking the wall down.

Mrs. Sheehan pointed out that there is a form may need to be executed with property owners before the Town can enter the property and suggested dealing with the property owner and not the renter.

Mr. Sturm also noted that the BLDC is installing a light on Beekman House in addition to the new lamp on the telephone pole.

Ms. Frangipane pointed out that the crosswalk was discussed with Mr. Meyer last fall; did they respond?

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to forward Mr. Kohen's correspondence to the Town Highway Department, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to repair retaining wall, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Agriculture Committee Update

Ms. Frangipane gave a brief Ag & Farmland meeting update. Ready to do mailing to seasonal community by April 16th, speaking at Board of Realtors on April 26th. Next Meeting is on April 17th.

Local Law Update

Mr. Sturm gave a grief update on the proposed Local Law; will probably vote in late April, going through written and oral comments; doing due diligence.

Change April 25th Meeting Date

Mrs. Simpson mentioned that people have asked in the past to have a Thursday meeting; suggested Thursday, 4/26 for second meeting in April.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to cancel April 25th meeting and re-schedule for Thursday, April 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Parks & Recreation Update

Mrs. Simpson reviewed the upcoming Parks and Recreation events. Next community input meeting on July 17th at 7:00 pm. Mrs. thanked Judith Maidenbaum for the piano donation. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to send thank you letter, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Comments

Bernie Cohen was at the Sewer Department this week. They need upgrading in the near future.

Denise Frangipane thanked Mrs. Simpson for recommending Thursday meetings and suggested to have them more often.

Dawn Ryder thanked Town Clerk Rita Sheehan for new Website. Mrs. Ryder suggested to add logo to Town site, Mr. Sturm's litter pluck initiative, and to have a tab for the proposed local laws.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk