

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

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

Also present: Robert McEwan, Attorney for the Town

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation #1: Girl Scout Troop #470 – “Letter Box” Project

Girl Scout Troop #470 was present to request permission to plant a Letterbox in our community for their Moving Journey badge. A Letterbox is an outdoor hobby that combines elements of orienteering, art and puzzle solving. Letterboxers hide small, weather proof boxes in publicly accessible places and distribute clues to finding the box in printed catalogs, on websites or by word of mouth. The letterboxes contain a notebook and a rubber stamp. The Girl Scouts are requesting placing the letterbox at the Kauneonga Lake Community Park on Route 55.

The Girl Scouts would like to also name a trail after Cathy VanFradenburg McFadden to “Cathy’s Trail” who has worked very hard to provide programs and services to the children of this community and helped with the letterbox project. Motion to approve request by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to a roll call vote and carried 5-0 as follows:

Denise Frangipane	yes
Bernard Cohen	yes
Vicky Simpson	yes
Lillian Hendrickson	yes
Daniel Sturm	yes

Presentation #2: Andrew Arias, Cooper Arias, 2012 Audit Report

Andrew Arias, Cooper Arias, gave a brief overview of the 2012 audit report.

General Fund decreased by \$52,000	General Fund Balance \$506,000
Highway Fund increased by \$72,000	Highway Fund Balance \$685,000
Sewer Fund increased by \$40,000	Sewer Fund Balance \$639,000
Sewer Fund Ext. increased by \$4,000	ewer Fund Ext. Balance \$75,000

Recommendations:

Highway Fund – Unappropriated fund balance level increased to a reasonable level over the past few years. Consider creating and funding reserves annually through the budget process.

General Fund – Good job of decreasing unassigned fund balance gradually. Monitor decrease before it gets too low, adjust appropriated portion gradually when necessary.

Sewer Fund - Approximately \$3M in bond anticipation notes to be converted to long term financing, once capital project is complete Board should determine levels of reasonable fund balance.

Building Department Memorandum - #40-1-33

Correspondence has been received from the Building Department regarding the violations in reference to the property located at SBL #40-1-33 (9 Foster Rd, a/k/a 3072 Route 55) owned by Chase Bank. The building department is requesting the Town Engineer prepare a report on the condition of the property. Motion to receive and file by Denise Frangipane, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Motion to send engineer to property for report by Denise Frangipane, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Building Department Memorandum SBL #19-1-10.11

Correspondence has been received from the Building Department regarding the violations in reference to the property located at SBL #19-1-10.11 (161 Korthright Road) owned by John Burvick and/or Chase Bank. The building department is requesting the Town Engineer prepare a report on the condition of the property. Motion to receive and file by Bernie Cohen, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Review code on solid waste and contact County Treasurer about estate of owner.

Motion to review code and clean up by Vicki Simpson, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Michael DiCarlo – Hughston Drive

Correspondence has been received from Michael DiCarlo regarding the condition of Hughston Drive not being paved and causing sand, dirt and gravel being thrown into his yard and house by traffic; also improper drainage. Motion to receive, file, and forward to Mr. Lilley, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Approve Training Credit Hours for PB Members

Certificates of Completion have been received from Delaware Highlands Conservancy for attendance of *New York Financial Benefits of Land Conservation* by Walter Norris and Michael Cassaro. Motion by Bernie Cohen to approve 2 training credit hours for Walter Norris and Michael Cassaro, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence regarding Segar & Rosenberg Road (TR85)

Correspondence has been received from Lou Barr regarding the official name of Segar & Rosenberg Road. Mr. Barr is requesting renaming of the road to Segar Road. Mr. Barr has also supplied a petition with 13 names on the road in the area in support of this change. Motion to receive and file by Denise Frangipane, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

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

Motion to table renaming of Segar & Rosenberg Road until next meeting by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

BLDC Beautification Grant Award Announcement

Mr. Sturm announced that the Bethel Local Development Corporation (BLDC) has been awarded two grants; \$1,000 for technical support of the pilot Bethel Corridor Beautification Grant Program” (BCB) and \$5,000 for the implementation of the BCB. The \$5,000 is to be dispersed to active commercial properties along Route 17B that apply and qualify for a limited number of up to \$1,000. Motion to receive and file by Bernie Cohen, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to Grant a Conservation Easement

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND
THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel (the “Town”) is the owner of certain real property located in the Town of Bethel consisting of approximately 9.24 acres known on the Bethel Tax Map as SBL #48.-12-1 (the “Premises”); and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to grant a Conservation Easement on the Premises and to enter into an agreement with the Delaware Highlands Conservancy to create and manage said Conservation Easement; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the Conservation Easement shall be specifically set forth on a survey, which is currently being performed, and which survey (or a real property description derived therefrom), shall be attached to said Conservation Easement as an exhibit; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said agreement with the Delaware Highlands Conservancy is attached hereto (the “Agreement”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel (the “Town Board”) consents to the creation of the Conservation Easement on the Premises and authorizes Daniel Sturm, Town Supervisor, on behalf of the Town, to sign the Agreement, or any version thereof that is substantially similar thereto, and to perform all acts and execute all documents necessary to create and establish the Conservation Easement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action contemplated under this Resolution is an unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations (“SEQRA”) and the Town determines that it will undertake uncoordinated review for SEQRA purposes for this action; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, based upon the short Environment Assessment Form (EAF) reviewed by the Town Board, it makes the findings contained in the therein, which EAF is incorporated herein, and determines that there will be no significant impact to the environment; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is a Negative Declaration under SEQRA and the information required by 6 NYCRR § 617.12(a) is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby directs that a copy of this resolution, its attachments and the SEQRA documents be filed with the Town Clerk who shall provide a copy to any person who has requested a copy hereof; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion presented by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Vicky Simpson, a roll call vote resulted as follows:

Bernie Cohen	Voting	aye
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	aye
Victoria Simpson	Voting	aye
Daniel Sturm	Voting	aye

Denise Frangipane recused herself due to a personal conflict as she sits on the Delaware Highlands Conservancy Board.

Duly adopted by 4 Ayes and 0 Nays this date, May 22, 2013.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Lead Agency:

TOWN OF BETHEL

3454 Route 55
PO Box 300
White Lake, New York 12786

Contact Person:

Daniel Sturm, Town Supervisor
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White Lake, New York 12786
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A Description of the Action:

The action consists of the grant of a Conservation Easement on real property owned by the Town of Bethel.

SEQRA Classification: Unlisted.

The Potential Environmental Impacts:

No potential significant environmental impacts are present in connection with the creation of a Conservation Easement on the referenced property and an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The Location of the Action:

The project is located in Town of Bethel, on real property designated as Section 48, Block 12, and Lot 1 on the Town of Bethel Tax Map.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk