

The Town of Bethel Town Board special meeting of October 24, 2012 was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at the Dr. Duggan Community Center Mtg Rm at 8:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Denise Frangipane
Robert Blais
Bernard Cohen
Vicky Simpson

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing: 8:00 p.m. 2013 Town Budget

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to open Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Mr. Sturm announced that workers' compensation is going up from \$149,000 to \$163,000 that is a 9% increase; NYS Retirement from \$211,000 to \$294,000 38% increase; Have to do a lot of cutting to get under 2% cap; revenue weak. Fuel up, salt, asphalt up.

Susan Brown asked about a health savings account. Mr. Sturm - no; co-pays-yes for new hired. 2013 there is a 6-10% increase. Other towns have switched to other plans, some parts of these plans have not worked

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to close Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Request for signage of Blanchard Road & Route 55

Mr. Sturm indicated that better signage is needed along Route 55 East near Blanchard Road; there is a blindspot and suggested a letter to county also needs an intersection sign. Raymond suggested a white stripe on Town Road. Motion by Mr. Cohen to send letter to the county, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from Eda LaPolt, Records Clerk

Correspondence received from Eda LaPolt, Records Clerk, announcing her retirement from the Town Clerk's office effective November 5, 2012. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Town Clerk Rita Sheehan suggested ordering a plaque for Eda to present at her surprise luncheon. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve ordering a plaque, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Municipal Shelter Inspection Report

Municipal Shelter Inspection Report has been conducted by NYS Dept. of Ag and Markets and has received a Satisfactory rating. Motion by Ms. Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Dog Control Officer Inspection Report

Dog Control Officer Inspection Report has been conducted by NYS Dept. of Ag and Markets and has received a Satisfactory rating. Motion by Mr. Blais to receive and file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and filed 5-0. Mr. Sturm suggesting sending a letter of appreciation to Henni Anker, Animal Control Officer. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to authorize a letter to Ms. Anker, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set Public Hearing 2013 Sewer User Rates Nov. 14th 7:45 PM

Motion by Mr. Blais to set public hearing for 2013 Sewer Users Rates for the Sewer District and Sewer District Extension on November 14th 7:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Authorized sealed bids for Sewer Septage Receiving Facility

Motion by Mr. Cohen to authorize to go out for sealed bids for Septage Receiving Facility at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Adopt 2013 Town Budget

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to adopt the 2013 Town Budget, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Multi-Municipal Task Force Update

Mr. Sturm announced that the Town Board needs to refine law to meet Bethel's needs. The Committee and Rob McEwan made the recommendation. Mrs. Simpson did due diligences. Ms. Frangipane agreed that we need a law for Bethel and asked Mr. Sturm to have continuity with the other Towns and asked to introduce changes to other Towns in MMTF. Mr. Sturm stated he has shared changes with them; another draft should be ready by mid-November. Mr. Blais commented not to pay another dime to Delta.

Next Meeting November 20th

Ms. Frangipane announced that there was a meeting last week; 4-H came to present program; could sponsor youth trips such as to Grahamsville Fair, farm presentation at camp, and camp tour of farms.

Public Comment

Mr. Blais – finishing sealing and winterizing trucks for winter.
Mrs. Simpson next youth community input meeting is November 27th at 7 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk