

The October 9, 2013 Town of Bethel Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 pm at the Dr. Duggan Community Center.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: David Bodenstein, Mike Preis Insurance

Capital Distribution return has been received over the past 5 years from NYMIR. NYMIR is now returning interest earned on the capital. Mr. Bodenstein presented the check for \$2,724. and a U.S. flag from the Veterans Outreach Center of Rochester.

Audit of Bills

Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve monthly audit of bills, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Nos.</u>
General Fund	\$137,287.91	3856-3920
Highway Fund	\$134,247.44	2457-2487
Sewer Fund	\$ 25,387.35	1819-1843
Light District	\$ 1,621.57	1065-1066
Sewer Rehab	\$ 96,741.00	1065-1066

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Supervisor’s Monthly report has been received by the Town Clerk for the month of September. Motion by Denise Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Building Department Monthly Report

Building Department report has been received by the Town Supervisor for the month of September as follows:

2013 Sept. Fees: \$3,761.	2012 Sept. Fees: \$2,698.
2013 Construction: \$156,000.	2012 Sept. Construction: \$361,100.

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

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Town Clerk’s monthly report has been received by the Town Supervisor for the month of September as follows:

Total: \$9376.34	Town: \$5626.36
	State: \$3749.98

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

2014 Town Tentative Budget

Mr. Sturm reviewed the tentative budget; Worker's Compensation is up 13.7% (\$22,000.); Retirement up 13.9% (\$41,000.); Health Insurance may go up 3.9% will know in October.

One new hire full-time in 6 years except Highway replacements
Health Insurance – since 2009 some employees have a premium contribution
Expenses are flat or lower.

File 2014 Preliminary Town Budget

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to file 2014 Preliminary Budget, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Set 2014 Preliminary Town Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Denise Frangipane to set Public Hearing for the 2014 Preliminary Town Budget for October 23, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set 2014 Sewer User Rates Public Hearing

Mr. Sturm reviewed the new rates for 2014 for Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District and Kauneonga Lake Sewer District RT 17B Extension.

Motion by Vicky Simpson to set Public Hearing for the 2014 sewer use rates on October 23, 2013 at 7:45 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

**Proclamation Declaring the Month of November as
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
in the Town of Bethel, County of Sullivan, State of New York**

WHEREAS, in 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

WHEREAS, approximately 2500 deaths will occur in New York in 2013;

WHEREAS, the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. by 2020;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress passed the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific frameworks, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in the County of Sullivan support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure;

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Town of Bethel are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bethel Town Board, County of Sullivan, State of New York, hereby designates the month of November 2013 as "*Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month*" in Town of Bethel.

Motion by Denise Frangipane to adopt proclamation, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

West Shore Road Property Update

Vicky reported that DEC has come out several times and has met with property owner, town and engineers. DEC wants wall down, no monetary violation. This will get done hopefully by November.

Correspondence from Woodstock Congregation to renew lease

As required by the terms of the lease with the Woodstock Congregation for the town property located at 3586 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, the lessee has put in writing their request to renew the lease for another year expiring on September 30, 2014. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve lease until September 30, 2014, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from U.S. Congressman Gibson re: Broadband Symposium

Correspondence has been received from U.S. Congressman Chris Gibson announcing his Broadband symposium on October 21st. Motion by Denise Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence from Susan Harte re: Perry Road property

Correspondence received from Susan Harte, Perry Road, regarding the property across the street from her house. Motion by Vicky Simpson to receive and file letter without pictures, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Mr. Sturm does not know how the pictures were obtained and therefore does not want to accept them.

Motion by Bernie Cohen to send letter to Building Department for review, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0. Not discussing due to threat of legal action.

Denise Frangipane – is the Building Department just going to review letter? Or going out on inspection? Mr. Daniel Sturm – review letter without pictures.

Approve Health Insurance Regional Meeting Attendance

Request has been received from Donna Stackhouse and Erin Lynch to attend the annual NYSHIP regional meeting on October 22nd in Suffern, NY. Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Bethel Ag Committee Update

The next meeting is October 16th 7 p.m.

Ms. Frangipane announced that the Red Meat packing facility ground breaking is tomorrow in Liberty.

Town Board Comments

Ms. Frangipane announced Smallwood Forest Reserve ribbon cutting on October 20th at Noon.

Ms. Frangipane feels that the Building Department should go out and look at Perry Road property not just review the letter.

Mr. Cohen mentioned he is trying to get Royce Road raised up at 17B for short people due to the rise in the highway they can't see traffic coming.

Public Comment

Judith Maidenbaum thanked Terri Lynch for her job this year clearing spillway.

Ms. Maidenbaum distributed photos of legal parking in front of her restaurant that is possible in area where Town Board voted "no parking". She is asking the Town Board to rescind September 11th resolution. This is selective prosecution of laws; what about funerals, fire house events, all park across the white line.

Adjournment

Motion by Vicky Simpson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Daniel Sturm, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk