

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of June 11, 2014 was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center Meeting Room.

Council members present: Lillian Hendrickson
 Vicky Simpson
 Bernard Cohen
 Dawn Ryder

Others Present: Robert S. McEwan, Attorney for the Town

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Seven Five O Events Vintage Run

Todd Jennings and Myriam Loor, Seven Fire O Events, were present to discuss the 5K on October 4, 2014 at Bethel Woods. The event will be staged at Bethel Woods parking lots and the run will take place on town and county roads. Mr. Jennings noted that he has been in touch with the constables and ambulance corp. for assistance.

Correspondence from Seven Five O Events re: 5K Run

Correspondence has been received from Seven Five O Events seeking approval for the Vintage Run on October 4, 2014. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to approve, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Audit of Bills

The monthly audit of bills was presented for payment as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Nos.</u>
General Fund	\$ 582,881.32	4395-4484
Highway Fund	\$1,134,664.43	2783-2827
Kauneonga Lk Sewer District	\$ 38,435.28	1995-2026
Kauneonga Lk Light District	\$ 1,513.80	1079-1080
Sewer Rehab	\$ 300.00	1079

Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Supervisor’s monthly report for May has been received. Mr. Sturm made several points. General revenues up 3%; Expenses decreased 2.4%; and on target to hit budgeted revenue. Highway revenue sluggish; expenses 6.8% higher – mostly contributed to snow removal.

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

Building Department Monthly Report

May 2014 fees	\$4509	May 2013 fees	\$5742
Construction May 2014	\$766,900		
Construction May 2013	\$466,800		
Total 2014 to-date	\$1,591,300		
Total 2013 to-date	\$5,860,900		

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 for May has been received as follows:

Total:	\$8380.26
State	\$ 614.06
Town of Bethel	\$7766.20

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

Donation from Bethelites

Donation of \$100 has been received from the Bethelites Home Extension for supplies for our Youth Program. Motion by Vicky Simpson to receive and file and to send thank-you letter, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0. Dina Sturm also mentioned that the Bethelites sponsored two Bethel children for camp.

Donation from Lions Club

Mrs. Hendrickson noted that the Bethel Lions Club donated scholarship for one Bethel child at summer camp. Mrs. Simpson suggested a thank-you letter to Bethel Lions Club.

Presentation: 20-year employee recognition, Dina Sturm

Town Clerk Rita Sheehan reviewed the 20-year employee certificate program she started in 2008. In 2008, any employee with 20 years or more service were a certificate and pin. This year the only person with 20 years is Dina Sturm. Mrs. Sturm started with Allan Scott seasonally and part-time in the Supervisor's office in 1994, she has worked with Merle Williams, Maureen Whitney and Debra Gabriel in the Tax Collector's Office and she was Deputy Town Clerk under Rita Sheehan. She now works full-time in the Assessor's office with Marguerite Brown since 2003. The Town Board presented Mrs. Sturm with her certificate and 20-year pin. Mr. Sturm (Dina's husband) lightheartedly noted that Mrs. Sturm has been with the Town 10 years before he started and everyone she has done was on her own and he was very proud of her accomplishments.

Correspondence from Smallwood-Mongaup Valley FD re: 5K Run

Correspondence has been received from the Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Co. regarding assistance with the 5K on July 6th. Motion by Bernie Cohen to receive, file and approve request for constable assistance with the roads, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Petition Indian Field Residents – re: Boy Scout Camp Noise Permit

Petition from Indian Field residents has been received signed by all 21 residents of Indian Field to not allow the Boy Scout Camp to be issued their noise permit for gunfire.

Mr. Cohen suggested to limit caliber to .22 rifle, no higher, not shotguns and no center-line.

Sharma Pickard mentioned the 7:00-8:30 pm time on the permit is a restful part of day and time for peace. Mr. Sturm noted that he visited the site and it's noisy.

Mrs. Simpson mentioned that the Boy Scouts leaders have not tried to work with the Town and Indian Field, no one is here tonight from the Scouts.

Mrs. Ryder feel it is too many days and into evenings is unacceptable.

Mr. Sturm had asked for specific dates and the Scouts have not given them to him. Mr. McEwan noted that their Noise Permit expired on December 31, 2013 and they should not be shooting. Mr. Sturm suggested the permit to go from Noon until 5 p.m. with a .22 only.

Mr. McEwan suggested to deny permit without prejudice, have them re-apply with plan for noise abatement.

Someone in the audience suggested 10 a.m. – Noon and 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. with a .22 only.

Mr. Sturm noted that if they are shooting without a permit and the Town receives a complaint, we will need to pursue.

Noise Permit Application – Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camps

Noise Permit application has been received from the Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp at Camp Keowa for shotguns and rifles from 9 a.m. – Noon, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Motion by Vicky Simpson to deny application with out prejudice, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Town Clerk to send letter to Boy Scouts to invite them to a meeting with Town and Indian Field residents and to reapply for noise permit with noise abatement measures.

Correspondence NYS DOT re: Farm Signs

Correspondence has been received from NYS Dept. of Transportation regarding the town's request in May 2013 for farms machinery signs on Route 17B. The DOT is approving installation of Tractor Warning signs one at each end of 17B from Donaldson Road to Gabriel Road. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to receive and file, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to authorize agreement for The Forest Reserve at Smallwood with BLDC

RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT, THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT AND THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO PARK PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Bethel Local Development Corporation (the "BLDC") is a local development corporation formed by the Town (the "Town") under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York and the Town of Bethel is a municipal corporation formed under the laws of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, upon a loan made by the Town to the BLDC, the BLDC purchased certain real property from the County of Sullivan (the "County") pursuant to an Agreement effective as of the 4th day of November, 2011 (the "Purchase & Sale Agreement"), and said real property was conveyed by deed duly recorded in the Office of the Sullivan County Clerk on November 16, 2011, bearing instrument number 2011-7664 (the "Deed"); and

WHEREAS, the real property acquired by the BLDC from the County is known on the Tax Map for the Town of Bethel as Section 51, Block 1 and Lot 25.3 (consisting of approximately 80.41 acres) and Section 51, Block 1 and Lot 27.1 (consisting of approximately 110.96 acres) comprising a total of approximately 191.37 acres at the time of purchase (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Property consisting of approximately 124 acres has been encumbered with a conservation easement ("Conservation Easement") and said parcel is used for parkland purposes (the "Park Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Town is about to make a NYS Consolidated Funding Application for a

grant to make certain improvements to the Park Property and the Town seeks the BLDC (i) to authorize the Town to make said grant application and (ii) to provide necessary access to the Park Property to make certain improvements to it; and

WHEREAS, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein is a Grant Support And Access Agreement (the “Agreement”) between the BLDC and the Town to provide authorization to the Town to make said grant application and to provide necessary access to the Park Property to make certain improvements to it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel (i) authorizes the Town to make a NYS Consolidated Funding Application for a grant to make certain improvements to the Park Property, (ii) authorizes the Town to make certain improvements to the Park Property as set forth in the grant application, and (iii) authorizes Daniel Sturm, Supervisor, or his designee acting on behalf of the Town, to sign the Agreement and to perform all acts and execute all documents necessary to make the grant application and to cause the performance of the improvements to the Park Property as permitted by the grant and the Conservation Easement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action contemplated under this Resolution involving an application for a grant is a type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations (“SEQRA”) for which no environmental review is required (6 NYCRR §617.5 [c][20]) and the action contemplated under this Resolution involving improvements to the Park Property was reviewed as part of an unlisted action under SEQRA when the Conservation Easement was placed on the Property and the BLDC issued a Negative Declaration on March 21, 2013 in connection with that action; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby directs that a copy of this Resolution and its attachment be filed with the Secretary of the BLDC and a copy be provided to any person who has requested a copy hereof.

Motion by Town Board member Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Town Board member Vicky Simpson, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

		AYE	NAY
Bernie Cohen	Voting	X	
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	X	
Dawn Ryder	Voting	X	
Vicky Simpson	Voting	X	
Daniel Sturm	Voting	X	

Duly adopted by 5 ayes, 0 nays the 11th day of June, 2014. Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Correspondence from Town of Liberty re: Joint Municipal Fuel Bid

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Liberty inviting the Town of Bethel to join them in a municipal fuel bid for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. The cost to join is \$100. Motion by Bernie Cohen to approve, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0

Results of Bids for Taconic Trail

Sealed bids were publicly open and read on May 6, 2014 at the Town Clerk’s Office. There were no bids were received. Town Clerk explained this was a re-bid after the specifications were amended to include asbestos removal abatement. Ms. Sheehan also noted that she would like to reach out regionally for contractors with asbestos removal license. Motion by Vicky Simpson to re-bid, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Town Board Comments

Mrs. Hendrickson announced the engineers are applying for a loan for the Sewer Dept. from the Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Mrs. Simpson gave an update on camp registration, and the summer ag program. There are three gardens at park for campers to grow their own food. Mrs. Simpson thanked the Highway Department for help at park.

Mr. Cohen mentioned that if the Boy Scouts continue to shoot high caliber weapons they should go to another town.

Mrs. Ryder announced there is no Zoning Board meeting on the 19th and the next Town Board meeting is on a Thursday.

Town Clerk Rita Sheehan requested for the Town Board to send the County DPW a letter for a Stop sign at Central Avenue and Route 55 East. Motion by Dawn Ryder to send letter, seconded by Bernie Cohen put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Sharma Picard, Indian Field, thanked Town Board for their role in the Boy Scout noise permit.

Adjournment

Motion by Vicky Simpson to adjourn the meeting, second by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk