

The Town of Bethel Town Board held a special meeting on November 15, 2017 and called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center meeting room.

Council member present: Vicky Simpson  
Lillian Hendrickson  
Bernie Cohen  
Dawn Ryder

Attorney for the Town: Karen Maninno

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Audit of Bills**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file, and approve the Audit of Bills. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>
General Fund	\$179,913.79	7245-7261, 7264-7307
Highway Fund	\$405,885.27	1601-1612, 1615-1633
Kauneonga Lake Sewer District	\$ 42,455.87	1346-1351, 1353-1368
Kauneonga Lake Sewer Et.	\$ 51,584.60	1004
Planning & Zoning Trust Agency	\$ 3,102.35	1137-1140

**Supervisor’s Monthly Report**

Per Mr. Sturm the General Fund expenses year-to-date are down 5%.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file Supervisor’s Monthly Report as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**2017 Highway Budget Modification**

**Highway Fund  
Resolution for Budgetary transfers between fund account codes**

<u>Acct Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credit (rev)</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Da 3501	State aid Consolidated Hgwy	222,420.31	
DA5112.4	Perm Improve Hgwy Contr.		222,420.31
		\$222,420.31	\$222,420.31

**EXPLANATION OF TRANSFERS**

Record receipt of additional chips reimbursement, Increase Revenues DA 3501.1 State Aids Chips Increase the expenditure DA

**2A. Monthly Report - October**

2017 October Fees:	\$ 5,236.00
2016 October Fees:	\$ 8,047.00
2017 Construction Totals:	\$1,075,590.00
2016 Construction Totals:	\$6,867.359.00
2017 Construction to date:	\$7,685,425.00

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file the Building Department Monthly Report. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Resolution to approve the 2018-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Mr. Sturm stated the Town of Bethel Highway collective bargaining raises for the next three years are as follows: 2018 – 3%; 2019 – 0%; 2020 – 2%

Motion by Mr. Cohen to adopt and approve the following Town of Bethel Highway Collective Bargaining Agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the employees of the Town of Bethel Highway Department are represented for collective bargaining purposes by New York Public Employees Local Union No. 750, Council 66, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (hereafter, the “Union”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Union and the Town of Bethel (the “Town”) have in the past reached agreement (hereafter, the “collective bargaining agreement”) regarding terms and conditions of employment, including wages, compensation and benefits for the bargaining unit employees of the Town Highway Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the current collective bargaining agreement is about to expire and the Town and Union representatives recently concluded negotiations, which negotiations produced a revised collective bargaining agreement which has been approved by the Union membership; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of a summary of the proposed revised collective bargaining agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the action contemplated by this Resolution is a type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (6 NYCRR § 617.5[22]) and no further environmental review is necessary.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the proposed revised collective bargaining agreement is approved and the Supervisor of the Town of Bethel is hereby authorized to sign and deliver it and implement its terms on behalf of the Town of Bethel; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Motion by Town Board member Bernard Cohen, seconded by Town Board member Lillian Hendrickson, 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	

**Approve road repair expenditures: Brower Place and Dietrich Place**

**Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys**

**AGREEMENT** between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$586,257.86 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 146.22 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.
2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENETS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways:
  - a) On the road commencing at Lake View Drive and leading to dead end (Brower Street), a distance of \$596 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$4,500.00; Type 6 Top; Width of traveled surface 14 feet wide; Thickness 2 inches; Subbase asphalt resurfaced.
  - b) On the road commencing at Stratton Avenue and leading to Brower Street (Dietrich Place) a distance of 643 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$5,200.00; Type 6 Top; Width of traveled surface 14 feet; Thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt

Executed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017

Motion by Town Board member Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Town Board member Bernie Cohen 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	

**Town Clerk’s Monthly Report**

Total Fees	\$6,683.92
State Share	\$1,461.80
Town Share	\$5,222.12

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file Town Clerk’s Monthly Report as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Kauneonga Lake Sewer District Relevy**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RELEVY OF UNPAID SEWER RENTS FOR  
KAUNEONGA LAKE CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT  
ON THE 2018 TAX ROLL**

**WHEREAS**, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel has adopted the following resolution for the relevy of unpaid sewer user charges in the Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District,

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel does hereby authorize the Supervisor to transmit to the Sullivan County Legislature for presentation the following list of properties against which there are past due sewer user charges owed to the Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District for 2017,

**FURTHER**, that the County Legislature relevy as unpaid sewer user charges the sum specified against the properties as identified by section, block and lot number preceding the amount of arrears on the 2018 Tax Roll of the Town of Bethel as attached.

**Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District      \$77,664.51**

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5 ayes and 0 nays this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

**Kauneonga Lake Sewer District Extension**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RELEVY OF UNPAID SEWER RENTS FOR  
KAUNEONGA LAKE SEWER DISTRICT EXTENSION  
ON THE 2018 TAX ROLL**

**WHEREAS**, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel has adopted the following resolution for the relevy of unpaid sewer user charges in the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District Extension,

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel does hereby authorize the Supervisor to transmit to the Sullivan County Legislature for presentation the following list of properties against which there are past due sewer user charges owed to the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District Extension for 2017,

**FURTHER**, that the County Legislature relevy as unpaid sewer user charges the sum specified against the properties as identified by section, block and lot number preceding the amount of arrears on the 2018 Tax Roll of the Town of Bethel as attached.

**Kauneonga Lake Sewer District Extension      \$10,242.62**

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Dawn Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5 ayes and 0 nays this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

**Stevensville Water District**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RELEVY OF UNPAID WATER RENTS  
FOR OUT OF DISTRICT USERS OF THE STEVENSVILLE WATER DISTRICT  
ON THE 2018 TAX ROLL**

**WHEREAS**, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel has adopted the following resolution for the relevy of unpaid water rents for out of district users in the Stevensville Water District,

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel does hereby authorize the Supervisor to transmit to the Sullivan County Legislature for presentation the following list of properties against which there are past due water rents owed to the Stevensville Consolidated Water District for 2017,

**FURTHER**, that the County Legislature relevy as unpaid water rents the sum specified against the properties as identified by section, block and lot number preceding the amount of arrears on the 2018 Tax Roll of the Town of Bethel as attached.

**Stevensville Water District                      \$14,252.71**

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5 ayes and 0 nays the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

### **Clean Energy Community Designation**

The Town of Bethel today announced it has been designated a Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), recognizing its leadership in reducing energy use, cutting costs and driving clean energy locally.

Bethel received the designation for completing 4 of 10 high-impact clean energy actions identified by NYSERDA as part of the Clean Energy Communities initiative. The second town in Sullivan County to achieve such designation.

To earn the Clean Energy Community designation, Bethel completed the following high-impact clean energy actions:

- **Benchmarking** - Adopted a policy to track and report the energy use of the Town's municipal buildings.
- **Clean Fleets** - Installed two electric vehicle charging ports at the Town of Bethel Justice Court Building.
- **Unified Solar Permit** - Adopted the New York State Unified Solar Permit to streamline the approvals process for local solar projects.
- **Energy Code Enforcement Training** - Completed training on best practices in energy code enforcement for code compliance officers and other Town officials.

Cities, counties, towns and villages that complete at least four of 10 high-impact clean energy actions are designated Clean Energy Communities and are eligible to apply for funding of up to \$250,000 with no local cost share with the option of receiving up to 25 percent paid in advance to support additional clean energy projects. At least two of the four actions must have been completed after August 1, 2016. NYSERDA is accepting applications for funding on a rolling basis through September 30, 2019 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first. Funds are being provided through the Clean Energy Fund and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Clean Energy Community Coordinators are also available at no charge to support cash- or resource-strapped communities to develop and prioritize clean energy goals; access easy-to-use resources such as guidance documents and case studies; and take advantage of available funding and technical assistance opportunities.

### **Approve 2018 County Transfer Station User Permit**

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve 2018 Permit Renewals for the County of Sullivan Department of Solid Waste and Recycling. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Bethel 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Woodstock Map Committee**

Mrs. Ryder recommends the following people be appointed to the Bethel 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Woodstock Map Committee:

Mr. and Mrs. Hewston  
Debra Gabriel  
Eileen Morey  
Carol Malek  
Dawn Ryder  
Pat Roggero

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to appoint to above listed persons to the Bethel 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Woodstock Map Committee. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Ag & Markets Municipal Shelter Inspection Report**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file letter from NYS Ag & Markets regarding Municipal Shelter Inspection Report of 10/19/17 for the Town of Bethel. Report was rated “satisfactory”. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Ag & Markets Dog Control Officer Inspection Report**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file letter from NYS Ag & Markets regarding Municipal Dog Control Officer Inspection Report of 10/19/17. Report indicates that the Dog Control Officer services were rated “satisfactory”. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Cancel 12/13 and 12/27 Town Board Mtgs and Schedule 12/18 Mtg**

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to cancel December 13<sup>th</sup> and December 27, 2017 Town Board meetings and reschedule the Town of Bethel Town Board meeting for December 18, 2017. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Resolution to Introduce Proposed LL #2-2017 and set Public Hearing**

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL  
TO INTRODUCE A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 48  
“PLANNING BOARD” AND CHAPTER 345 “ZONING”  
OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL**

**WHEREAS**, it appears to be in the best interests of the Town to make amendments to Chapter 48 (Planning Board) as it relates to removal of Planning Board members; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears to be in the best interests of the Town to make amendments to Chapter 345 (Zoning) as it relates to removal of Zoning Board of Appeals members; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution introduces proposed introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto, and which, if enacted, will amend Chapters 48 and 345 of the Town Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board determines that the proposed revisions to the Town Code (hereafter, the “proposed action”) are subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (ECL, Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) (collectively, “SEQRA”) as an unlisted action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town will to act as lead agency for SEQRA review purposes.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby introduces the proposed introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2017; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing on the proposed introductory Local Law shall be scheduled for December 18, 2017 at 7:45 p.m. which public hearing shall be conducted at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, Meeting Room, 3460 Route 55, White Lake, NY 12786 and proper notice of the public hearing shall be duly given; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of proposed introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2017, as introduced, shall be forwarded to the Town of Bethel Planning Board for its review and recommendation in accordance with Town Code §§ 48-2.B and 345-65.A; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of proposed introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2017, as introduced, shall be forwarded to the Sullivan County Department of Planning and Environmental Management, along with a full statement of the proposed action, for review and recommendation in accordance with New York State Town Law § 239-m and Town Code § 345-65.B; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel declares that it will act as lead agency under SEQRA and will provide notice of its intent to other involved agencies, if any; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Motion by Town Board member Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Town Board member Dawn Ryder, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

**Heavy Equipment Bond Bid Results**

Contacted seven banks. Only three responded and Green County Bank came in the lowest at 2.09%

**Supervisor’s Appointment of Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper**

Mr. Sturm advertised in the Sullivan County Democrat until October 16, 2017 for the position of Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper. Mr. Sturm conducted fourteen (14) interviews and second interviews were held. Mr. Sturm has appointed Kelly Bonnaci who has been working part-time (seasonal) in the Building Department. Starting salary is \$31,000 per year.

**Adjournment**

There being no further items on the agenda, motion by Vicky Simpson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rita J. Sheehan, Clerk