

The October 11, 2017 Town of Bethel regular Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center meeting room.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audit of Bills

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve audit of bills. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check No.</u>
General Fund	\$223,353.03	7181-7244
Highway Fund	\$533,103.85	1565-1566, 1568-1600
Kauneonga Lake Sewer District	\$ 64,294.85	1322-1345
Planning & Zoning Journal	\$ 3,359.40	1122-1136
Highway Equip, Capital Special Project	\$(142,374.85)	1044

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Mr. Sturm discussed the General Fund revenue is 2.1% is up from last year. Expense is 4.4% (85,000) down from last year. General Fund verse Budget – 2.5%

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

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Total fees for September, 2017	\$9,145.76
State Share	\$2,938.73
Town Share	\$6,207.03

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

Update - Basic Certification Components Completed

Letter received from State of New York, Dept. of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services, Albany, NY on “Basic Certification Status Report” regarding Appointed Assessor, Daniel Gettlel, and qualifications met as follows:

Component(s) Completed for Basic Certification	Date Completed
Assessor Orientation	09/29/2017
Fundamentals of Assessment Admin.	08/01/2017
Fundamentals of Data Collection	08/23/2017

Timeframe for Required Components Needed for Basic Certification.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file State of New York, Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services, Albany, NY. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a motion and carried 5-0.

Bond Resolution for the purchase of equipment

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN OF BETHEL, SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$410,821.33, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$410,821.33 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF

The following resolution was offered by Lillian Hendrickson, who moved its adoption, seconded by Bernard Cohen, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of heavy equipment for the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$410,821.33.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost shall be by the issuance of \$410,821.33 bonds of said Town hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is five years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will not exceed five years.

Section 4 The faith and credit of said Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of such Town. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7 The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9 This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town designated for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Dawn Ryder	VOTING	<u>Aye</u>
Bernard Cohen	VOTING	<u>Aye</u>
Daniel Sturm	VOTING	<u>Aye</u>
Vicky Simpson	VOTING	<u>Aye</u>
Lillian Hendrickson	VOTING	<u>Aye</u>

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Noise Permit Application – 2018 Yasgur Road

Noise Permit Application by Yasgur Road Productions (Jeryl Abramson) has filed with the Bethel Town Clerk for the following dates:

08/09/2018 (Thursday)	noon - 2 a.m.
08/10/2018 (Friday)	10:00 a.m. - 2 a.m.
08/11/2018 (Saturday)	10:00 a.m. - 2 a.m.
08/12/2018 (Sunday)	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Speakers will be turned away from the neighbors, limiting the volume.

Mr. Sturm stated that you have been following the rules of the permit and with the Planning Board and no complaints.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve noise permit application as submitted from Yasgur Road Productions (Jeryl Abramson) for the above event dates and times. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

River Reporter article regarding Bethel Hideaway Campground Resort

Mr. Sturm read the *River Reporter* article in the October 5th publication regarding the Bethel Hideaway Campground. Motion to receive and file. The article that appeared in The River Reporter, dated October 5-11, 2017 paper regarding the Bethel Hideaway Campground Swan Lake, NY revoking noise permit and the forgery chargers. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

MCSD Lead Agency status for 5-year Capital Improvement Plan

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file letter dated 9/29/2017 from Clark Patterson Lee, Architecture Engineering Planning making Monticello Central School District lead agency status for the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to participate in Complete Streets

Resolution of the Town of Bethel Town Board to adopt the Complete Streets Program Policy

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are streets that provide safe, comfortable, and convenient access for users of all ages, abilities and all modes of transportation including pedestrians, bicyclist, motorist, and transit riders; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel Complete Street vision is to encourage the development of a complete street network throughout the Town to create a more balanced transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets design features and practices include, but not limited to, sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for cycling, designed bike lanes, lane stripping, shared road signage, crosswalks, curb ramps, audible pedestrian signals, pedestrian crossing signage, traffic calming measures such as curb bump-outs, center islands and pavement markings; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel recognizes that this Complete Street Policy also includes the incorporation of this community's values and as such will be mindful of its environment, scenic, aesthetic, historic and natural resources in any such design and planning: and,

WHEREAS, Complete Streets improves rates of physical activity and related outcomes, neighborhood vitality, social interaction and supports economic development by helping to create a walkable, vibrant Town where businesses can thrive while also supporting livable neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Program outlines an approach to for an improved, transparent process to promoting shared access throughout the community while increasing the capacity and efficiency of road network, improve traffic calming by improving transportation options and limit greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Program encourages incorporating complete streets design practices, to the extent feasible, as a part of routine infrastructure planning, design, and maintenance for public and private projects; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Program consistent with and assist in achieving the goals and recommendations set forth in the Town's Comprehensive Plan and other adopted policy documents; and

WHEREAS, New York State passed the complete streets law in 2011 that requires that complete streets design guidelines be considered for the planning, design, construction and reconstruction of roadways receiving federal and state funding; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Bethel have expressed support for Complete Streets, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Bethel hereby adopts the Complete Streets Program Policy to enhance shared access within the Town of Bethel and to improve quality of life for its residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Bethel will strive to initiate the recommended action items in the immediate future, including the establishment of a Complete Street Checklist.

Motion by: Vicky Simpson
Seconded by: Lillian Hendrickson
Adopted on: October 11, 2017

Set Public Hearing for 2018 Sewer Rates 10/25 at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to set public hearing for the 2018 Sewer User Rates for the Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District and Kauneonga Lake Route 17 B Sewer District Extension for Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:45 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, Room 3460 Rt. 55, White Lake, NY. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Presentation of 2018 Town Budget

Mr. Sturm stated that the 2018 Town Budget was under the tax cap by \$1,500. Workers Compensation went down \$25,000. Retirement is up \$14,000. Expenses are good. Making sand helps, we used a lot of sand last winter. Health insurance is up 10-11%. Town insurance is up 4%. Highway contract has been negotiated with raises at 3% (2018); 0% (2019); 2% (2020).

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file the town's 2018 Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set Public Hearing for 2018 Town Budget 10/25 at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to set public hearing for the 2018 Town Budget for October 25, 2017 at 8 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Cohen put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Reinstatement of Daryl Yates, Constable

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to re-appointment (reinstate) Daryl Yates as full time constable with no breach in service. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Town Board November Meeting Schedule

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to cancel the November 8, 2017 Town of Bethel Town Board meeting and reschedule for November 15, 2017. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ryde to cancel the November 22, 2017 Town of Bethel Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Youth Events

Mrs. Simpson reminded everyone about the Halloween Party on October 28, 2017. It is a costume parade starting at 3:15 p.m. Refreshments and games follow in the Duggan gym. Open to Bethel youth up to Grade 6. Rain or shine. Haunted House opens 3:30 – 7 p.m. geared towards children in Grades 2 to 6. Trunk-or-treat will be available from 3 p.m. until all the candy is gone. Volunteers needed.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk