

The September 12, 2018 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  
Bernie Cohen  
Lillian Hendrickson  
Dawn Ryder

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sturm opened the meeting by reading a letter dated 09/08/2018 to “All Residents” from the Town of Bethel Town Board members regarding long term planning for Kauneonga Lake, NY. Fifty (50) people attended the meeting. Primary issue is parking for the business district.

To All Residents,

Last month the Town of Bethel, in collaboration with our planning partners including Sullivan County Planning, Sullivan Renaissance, and Cornell Cooperative extension held 2 public forums. They were meant to solicit input from all of our residents, businesses, visitors, and first responders in regards to forming a longer term plan due to the great growth in the Hamlet of Kauneonga Lake over the last ten-fifteen years. The forums were well attended by over fifty people, and were led by our professional engineers and designers Delta Engineering. There were great suggestions to consider, and at this point data has been collected and will be studied for future possible improvements. No decisions have been made.

Normally, all comments and suggestions are welcome and well received. In this case there has been one particular idea from a local business owner that has called for the removal of the Kauneonga Lake firehouse from its present location, as well as to consolidate all local fire companies, to provide for more parking and maybe a new green space or Park area in that location. This idea has caused great concern, angst, and animus in our Town especially with our local fireman.

All year long Kauneonga Lake firemen contribute so much to our community and our residents. They have been serving Bethel for almost one hundred years. We love the chicken dinners, pancake breakfasts, as well as their help with the Allison Whitney run, Suicide prevention walk, or the Bethel Farmers market. They open their doors for our kids for the Santa express, Christmas tree lighting, and open in emergencies for either a warming or cooling center as needed. We have always appreciated the numerous times they have filled the Bethel pool, sometimes many times in one season. Their dive team has given us great assistance in searching for leaks and holes in our aging pool before we put in a new liner.

As members of the Bethel Town Board for many years, we must categorically reject any notion of removing the Kauneonga Lake firehouse for parking. That idea is **OUTRAGEOUS**. If and when any fire company wants to consolidate, that would be up to the fire company, the commissioners and the tax paying residents in those districts.

Every single day, our volunteer firefighters dedicate their spare time to protecting the communities in which they live. The five departments that serve the Town of Bethel are Kauneonga Lake, White Lake, Smallwood/ Mongaup Valley, Kenoza Lake and Swan Lake. Every one of them is an integral part of this community. They are selfless servants, who often put their own lives in harm’s way to protect the lives and property of people they may have never met. They face great risk of injury to themselves for others. They do not get paid and are the backbone of our community.

Our firemen are professional, and it is our honor to witness them in action and work with them in emergencies. You have our utmost respect and appreciation for protecting us. You need to know that we have your back, and would not allow a great firehouse or its members to be moved for any reason, unless it’s your choice and your decisions.

Daniel Sturm, Town Supervisor  
 Vicky Simpson, Deputy Town Supervisor  
 Dawn Ryder, Councilwoman  
 Lillian Hendrickson, Councilwoman  
 Bernie Cohen, Councilman

**Audit of Bill**

<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Check</u></b>
General Fund	\$213,015.29	7904-7963, 7974
Highway Fund	\$263,688.71	1924-1952, 1572
Kauneonga Lake Sewer District	\$ 27,181.20	1323, 1552, 1570-1589
Kauneonga Lake Sewer Ext.	\$ 7,917.96	wire, 1006-1007
Kauneonga Lake Light District	\$ 2,090.83	1030
Planning & Zoning Journal	\$ 14,946.40	1169-1174

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve the audit of bills as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Supervisor’s Monthly Report**

Mr. Sturm reported the following: General Fund revenue is up 1.6%; expenses are up 1.8%. On the General Fund Budget Mr. Sturm reported 98.5% of the budget is received. Expenses are on target and 71.4% is spent. Highway Fund revenue is up 1.2% and on target.

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.

**Building Department Monthly Report for July and August, 2018**

July, 2018 Fees	\$ 3,434.00
July, 2017 Fees	\$ 4,848.00
July, 2018 Construction Fees	\$293,200.00
July, 2017 Construction Fees	\$628,500.00
August, 2018 Fees	\$ 3,158.00
August, 2017 Fees	\$ 10,067.00
August, 2018 Construction Fees	\$478,470.00
August, 2017 Construction Fees	\$1,294,500.00

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Building Department Monthly Reports for July and August, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Town Clerk’s Monthly Report**

Total Fees for August, 2018	\$12,034.50
State Share	\$ 2,375.79
Town Share	\$ 9,658.71

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for August, 2018 as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Show at Bethel Speedway**

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive, file and approve e-mail dated 9/04/2018 from George Van Arsdall, General Manager Bethel Motor Speedway, requesting a special event on 9/30/2018 with shuttle parking at the Duggan School. Also, comply with the requirements for a temporary permit from the NYS Liquor Authority to have a confined Beer Tent. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Award of Joint Fuel Bid with Town of Liberty**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve “Joint Fuel Bid” with the Town of Liberty as follows:

**Town of Liberty Joint Fuel Bid 8/16/2018**

**Diesel & Kerosene**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>#2 Fuel Oil Tank Wagon Price</u></b>		
	<u>Published</u>	<u>Adj.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Resnick, Monticello, NY	2.1958	.1185	<b>2.3113</b>

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Kerosene Tank Wagon Price</u></b>		
	<u>Published</u>	<u>Adj.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mirabito, Binghamton, NY	2.4480	+.1534	<b>2.6014</b>

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Diesel Tank Wagon Price</u></b>		
	<u>Published</u>	<u>Adj.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Resnick, Monticello, NY	2.295	.019	<b>2.3185</b>

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Off Road Diesel Tank Wagon Price</u></b>		
	<u>Published</u>	<u>Adj.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Resnick, Monticello, NY	23045	.019	<b>2.3235</b>

**Un-Branded Regular & Unleaded Gasoline**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>87% Octane Unleaded Tank Wagon</u></b>		
	<u>Published</u>	<u>Adj.</u>	<u>Total</u>
County Petroleum	2.2805	0	<b>2.2805</b>

**Branded Regular & Unleaded Gasoline**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>87% Octane Unleaded Tank Wagon</u></b>		
	<u>Published</u>	<u>Adj.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Resnick, Monticello, NY	2.0721	.1082	<b>2.1803</b>

	<b><u>92% Octane Unleaded Tank Wagon</u></b>		
	<u>Published</u>	<u>Adj.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Resnick, Monticello, NY	2.4670	.15	<b>2.617</b>

Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Noise Permit Application - Zachary Howard for Aug. 2019**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve Noise Permit Application for Zachary Howard, Yasgur Road Reunion for August, 2019 as follows:

- Amplified Speakers –
- Thursday, August 15, 2019 12 pm – 2 am (sound check)
- Friday, August 16, 2019 10 am – 2 am
- Saturday, August 17, 2019 10 am – 2 am
- Sunday, August 18, 2019 10 am – 12 am

Speakers will be facing toward the ground and away from neighbors.

Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Adopt-A-Road Application H. Saltzman and J & N Law**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and approve Adopt-A-Road Application from Harold Saltzman and John and Nicole Law, Stratton Avenue, Smallwood, NY.

Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence from 18 Horseshoe Lake Road - Safety Issue**

E-mail dated 08/23/2018 from Beth Kenkel, 18 Horseshoe Lake Road (CR 141), Kauneonga Lake, NY regarding parking and site visibility.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and forward Beth Kenkel correspondence to the Sullivan County DPW since this is a County Road. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence Richard Stoloff – Bulk Table Amendment Request**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and forward to Karen Mannino, Attorney for the Town, letter dated 09/06/2018 from Richard A. Stoloff, PLLC, regarding the Town of Bethel consider adopting an Amendment to the Zoning Bulk Tables to permit the use of a Group Home in the Forest/Conservation District. Land owner – The Pinnacle Community Residential Care, LLC. Operating entity – The Pinnacle Residential Treatment Center, Inc.

**Public Comment**

Frank Dicostanzo – Thanked the Town Board for support. Appreciated taking a position on our behalf. Following up on turn-around at senior housing and fire access at the Fat Lady Café. Dan Sturm – Sent a sketch to owner of the Sr. Housing and waiting for a response. Regarding signage issues regarding the County, we will forward to them. We will get in writing.

Bob Blais - Phase 3 and 4 of sewer rehab. It is really deep by Vassmer's, in front of the condos something is wrong (dip in the road) before new sidewalks. Twenty feet (20 ft) depth from Vasmer's to the Church. Sewer main is close to sidewalks. Don't replace sidewalks until after the rehab project

Bob Blais - Air B-n-B's need to register with the Town. BJ Gettel – no regulation to register with town. If the town wants to regulate they will need to apply to the Codes Council since there is not regulations, this would be stricter than state code.

Ken Brucher - Contractor getting rid of millings; contact someone from Evergreen Cemetery maybe they can use as fill.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita J. Sheehan, Clerk