

The October 9, 2019 Town of Bethel regular Town Board meeting was called to order by Town Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Dugan Community Center meeting room.

Council members present: Vicky Simpson
Lillian Hendrickson
Dawn Ryder

Council member absent: Bernie Cohen

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audit of Bills

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve audit of bills. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check</u>
General Fund	\$226,625.79	8828, 8831-8898
Highway Fund	\$287,941.80	2316-2331 2333-2360
Kauneonga Lake Sewer District	\$ 74,149.09	1834-1851
Kauneonga Lake Sewer Ext.	\$ 56,131.64	1010
Kauneonga Lake Light District	\$ 1,975.45	1043
Planning & Zoning Escrow	\$ 13,368.26	1200-1203

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file the Supervisor’s Monthly Report as given by Mr. Sturm. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Monthly Building Department Report

September, 2019 Fees	\$ 3,795
September, 2018 Fees	\$ 41,024
September, 2019 Construction Totals	\$ 499,072
September, 2018 Construction Totals	\$4,510,773

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file the Monthly Building Department Report as submitted.

Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Highway Department-Road Repair Agreements

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 \$512,404.91 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 144.67 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways.
 - a) On the road commencing at Golf Park Road and leading to Dead End, a distance of .14 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$8,300.00. Type 6 top; width of traveled surface 13 feet; thickness 2" inches; subbase asphalt resurface. South Mohican Trail. PAVE NY
 - b) On the road commencing at Cliff Street and leading to Orange Avenue, a distance of .12 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$7,400.00. Type 6 top; width of traveled surface 13 feet; thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt resurface. Huntington Avenue. PAVE NY
 - c) On the road commencing at Cliff Street and leading to Orange Avenue, a distance of .14 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$8,000.00. Type 6 top; width of r surface 1e feet; thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt resurface. Lafayette Avenue. PAVE NY
 - d) On the road commencing at Cliff Street and leading to Huntington Avenue, a distance of .15 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$8,000.00. Type 6 top; width of travel surface 13 feet; thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt resurface. Circle Place. PAVE NY.
 - e) On the road commencing at Woodland Way and leading to East to dead end, a distance of .07 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$4,600.00. Type 6; width of traveled surface 13 feet; thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt resurface. Reindeer Trail. PAVE NY
 - f) On the road commencing at Woodland Way and leading to East dead end, a distance of .07 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$4,600.00. Type 6; width of traveled surface 13 feet; thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt resurface. Cumberland Trail. PAVE NY
 - g) On the road commencing at Pine Grove Road and leading to Ballard Street dead end, a distance of .10 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$6,200.00. Type 6 top; width of traveled surface 13 feet; thickness 2 inches; subbase asphalt resurface. West Mitchel Street. PAVE NY.

Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Total fees for September, 2019	\$8,757.33
State Share	\$2,706.15
Town Share	\$6,051.18

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file the Town Clerk's monthly report as submitted.

Seconded by Vicky Simpson put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Set 2020 Sewer Rates Public Hearing for October 23, 2019 at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to set the 2020 Sewer Rates public hearing for October 23, 2019 at 7:45 p.m.

Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Set the 2020 Budget Hearing for October 23, 2019 at 8 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson the accept the Preliminary Budget as reviewed and set the public hearing for October 23, 2020 at 8 p.m. for the 2020 budget. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Correspondence Nikola Realty Corp – 2019 Paid Tax Bill

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file correspondence from Nikola Realty, Corp., Paul Nikola, President, dated October 4, 2019 regarding Bethel Tax Bill SBL# 38B.-1-36. Also, correspondence dated September 25, 2019 from Nancy Buck, Sullivan County Treasurer to Nikola Realty Corp. stating that SBL: 38b-1-36 has not been paid; and if not paid it will be included on a List of Delinquent Taxes filed in the County Clerk's Office. Also, a Court-ordered statutory fee of \$250.00 will be assessed to each property. Mr. Nikola has furnished a copy of check #288 deposited by the Bethel Tax Collector and a stamped paid copy of his tax bill by the Bethel Tax Collector.

Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Mr. Sturm suggested that Mr. Nikola's information be forwarded to the Town Attorney for review. Also, send to the former Tax Collector, Debra Gabriel, for an explanation. Mr. Sturm noted that the tax program has been uninstalled and unable to access the program.

Mrs. Hendrickson, was it legal to uninstall the program?

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to forward all information regarding Mr. Nikola, Nikola Realty Corp, to the Attorney for the Town, Karen Mannino, regarding tax bill SBL# 38B.-1-36. Also send a copy to the former Tax Collector, Debra Gabriel, requesting an explanation of what happened to his payment that was not applied to his parcel that he has the paid receipt for.

Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Town Board Comments

Worksite Wellness – Mr. Sturm showed first place award from Cornell Cooperative for Town Wellness Programs. Yoga, Forest Reserve Exercise equipment Pilates, Pickle Ball, Basketball, Fun Run, Hiking Trails at the Forest Reserve, and the very desk.

Adjournment

There being no further items on the agenda, motion by Mrs. Ryder to adjourn the October 9, 2019 Town of Bethel Town Board meeting.

Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan
Town of Bethel Town Clerk