

The January 23, 2019 Town of Bethel 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

Council member absent: Dawn Ryder

The meeting was opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

**Building Department Monthly Report – December**

December, 2018 Fees	\$ 3,962
December, 2017 Fees	\$ 3,172
December, 2018 Construction Total	\$406,000
December, 2017 Construction Total	\$433,099

**Authorize job posting for Heavy Duty Mechanic/Technician**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to approved the full-time classified/help wanted display ad for the Town of Bethel Highway Department Heavy Duty Mechanic/Technician position to perform major and minor repairs as per the classified ad specifications.

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

**Authorize purchase of 2018 Dodge 3500 w/Plow & Sander**

Motion by Mr. Cohen to purchase a –

(1) 2018 RAM 3500 4x4	\$26,491.50
(2) 9’x96” Dodge/Ford E-Tipper	7,989.00
(1) Swenson 8’s Stainless Steel Electric Motor	4,795.00
(1) 9’2” Power V DXT Plow	5,892.00
Accessories & Options as per quote	<u>\$19,560.50</u>
TOTAL	\$54,728.00

Purchase is tax exempt  
Onondaga County Contract #7974

Will Bond if needed.

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

**Request for Bids for inspection of sewer inspection**

Motion by Mr. Hendrickson for the Town of Bethel to request proposals for the Sewer Inspection of Kauneonga lake Sewer District. General scope of work involves cleaning the sewer line, performing a CCTV inspection, and providing a report based on the inspection. Each contractor working on the project shall be responsible for coordination with the Town Bethel and all other contractors which may be working on the improvements. The proposed work includes cleaning and inspecting: 26,000 LF of 8” diameter sewer pipe, 2,500 LF of 10” diameter sewer pipe, and locating laterals. Contractor’s use of the site shall be limited to the performance of the work. Additional requirements are outlined in the Town of Bethel legal notice, notice to bidders for Sewer Inspection, Cleaning and Report and request for quotation/bid prepared by KC Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.

Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**8A. Approve 2019 Municipal Clean-Up**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson receive, file and approve the 2019 Clean-Up set for May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Town has been allotted 101 tons for free.

Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Agreement with Cornell Coop for Mini Gym and Standing Desk**

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and approve MOA recognizing the interconnected and complementary nature of the services provided by CCEC to the Town of Bethel. Using grant funds from the NYS Department of Health's Creating Healthy Schools and Communities initiative, CCEC will purchase a Desktop Standing Desk and a Gold's Gym Mini Steppers for the Bethel Town Hall as part of their worksite wellness access to physical activity.

Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Discussion on State Aid Initiative to Municipalities (AIM)**

Mr. Sturm read the following letter he would like sent to the Governor, Senator Jen Metzger, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Sullivan County Chairman Louis Alvarez:

Under a new proposal by our New York State Governor, the AIM Funding for towns and villages for 2019 is in jeopardy of being cut, as well as winter recovery funds.

The Town of Bethel would lose \$45,726 in revenue in the General Fund, and also \$65,000. in the Highway Fund.

This is revenue already budgeted for this year, and the Town Board worked hard to keep under the 2% tax cap. Keep in mind every \$25,000 dollars is a 1% increase in our taxes. If this passes we will be \$100,000 in the hole for this budget year. The Town of Bethel would have to make some serious cuts or adjustments just to hit our adopted budgets.

The Town of Bethel was not given any notice and this is no way to properly plan our financing. These cuts will hurt most of the towns and villages in New York State.

I would like to know who came up with this plan, and why are they are calling it a minor funding cut?

We are asking that you reconsider this proposal.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to send a letter to the Governor's office rejecting this proposal on state aid initiative to municipalities (AIM) and copying Senator Jen Metzger. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Bethel Motor Speedway Renewal Letter**

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to table the renewal letter for the Bethel Motor Speedway until the next meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**12/15 Zoning Board Training Credits**

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the following Zoning Board members with two (2) training credits for the session held on December 17, 2018:

Dan Brey, Richard Conroy, Jim Crowley, Jesse Komatz, Steve Morey and James Aheran.

Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Notice of Public Hearing – Town of Highland Zoning Law**

Mr. Sturm discussed a notice from the Town of Highland – Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #1 2019. Public hearing will be on February 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Eldred Town hall 4 Proctor Road Eldred, NY 12732 to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of proposed Local Law #1 of 2019.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Town of highland Notice of Public Hearing of Proposed Local Law #1 2019. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Discussion on camping**

Mr. Sturm discussed the following public statement dated January 24, 2019 regarding Woodstock 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend.

Dear Resident/Land Owner:

In anticipation of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Woodstock Music Festival weekend some residents and/or land owners may be planning to offer camping on their property. If there will be five or more camp sites, for less than 60 cumulative hours, the land owner is required to obtain a license for the camping from the Town of Bethel Planning Board. The requirements for this license to operate a transient Campground are found in Chapter 120, Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicle Parks, of the Code of the Town of Bethel. The Planning Board meets on a monthly basis, on the first Monday of each month.

If a land owner will be seeking a camping license, applications are available at the Town of Bethel Building Department. Please note, for the Planning Board to have sufficient time to consider an application for a camping license for the Woodstock Anniversary weekend, applications can be received anytime, but should be received no later than April 22, 2019, to be placed on the agenda for the May 6, 2019 Planning Board meeting. If applications are received after that date, there may not be sufficient time to complete the review process prior to the anniversary weekend.

For land owners who will be offering four or less camp sites on their property, although Planning Board review is not required, the camp sites should still comply with the simple siting requirements enumerated at Section 120-8 of the Code of the Town of Bethel. The complete Code of the Town is available on the Town's website. Any residents or land owners who have questions regarding the requirements for camping should contact the Building Department.

Your cooperation for the upcoming anniversary weekend is greatly appreciated.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file letter and to SC Democrat. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote 4-0 and carried.

**Adjournment**

There being no further items on the agenda, Motion by Mr. Cohen to adjourn the January 23, 2019 Town Board meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita J. Sheehan  
Town Clerk