

The September 25, 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. Duggan Community Center meeting room.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution of Respect – John J. Driscoll III

*Resolution of Respect
In Memoriam to*

John J. Driscoll III
April 18, 1957 – September 3, 2019

Whereas, Almighty God in his wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst one of our public officials who served the Town of Bethel with honor and dignity, ***John J. Driscoll III***, and

Whereas, *John* was a member of the Town of Bethel Town Board as Councilman (9 years); and served on the Town of Bethel Youth Board liaison for many years. He served his community as a member of the Kauneonga Lake Fire Department for many years and later as an Honorary Member; and

Whereas, during his years of service as Town Councilman he served his constituents with honor, dedication and high values. He was well-respected in the community by his peers; and

John was a devoted family man to his wife, Linda, of 18 years; his children and grandchildren. He will always be remembered for his advocacy for our youth and his unconditional support of many projects, and his caring and kindness towards others; and

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Town of Bethel Town Board express their most sincere sympathy at the passing of ***John J. Driscoll III*** on September 3, 2019, and extends their condolences to his family and friends and in respect of his memory cause this Memorial Resolution to become a part of the official minutes of the Town of Bethel and to be published in the Sullivan County Democrat.

Dated: September 25, 2019

Daniel Sturm, Town Supervisor
Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk
Bernard Cohen, Councilman
Lillian Hendrickson, Councilwoman
Dawn Ryder, Town Councilwoman
Victoria Simpson, Councilwoman

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and accept Resolution of Respect in memoriam to John J. Driscoll III. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Set Budget Worksession for Oct. 7th

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to set a Budget Work Session for October 7, 2019 at the Bethel Town Hall at 6 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence to Bethel Sustainable from Town of Tusten

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and file correspondence dated 09/14/2019 from the Town of Tusten thanking the Town of Bethel for our support and encouragement in security a NYSDEC grant for a community food scrap composter/digester. Tusten has been approved for the full grant of \$138,100 allowing Tusten to greatly reduce food waste in our landfills and to transform this waste into usable biogas and liquid fertilizer for our farming region. Plus, we will able to use our municipality solar array to power our municipality food composter/digester.

Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

2018 Fiscal Stress Monitoring Report

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file the 2018 Fiscal Stress Monitoring Report from the New York State Comptroller’s Office.

The Office of the State Comptroller uses the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System to examine the annual financial information reported by your local government. This analysis provides an objective assessment of the fiscal challenges facing individual local governments and school districts, identifying situations where corrective action may be needed.

This letter is to notify you that as of August 30, 2019, our review of the 2018 Annual Update Document (AUD) for your local government has been completed. Detailed information about your local government’s fiscal stress condition is available on our website.

Your local government’s fiscal stress scores and designations are summarized below:

FYE	Fiscal Stress		Score	Environmental Stress
	Score	Designation		Designation
2016	5.0	no designation	30.0	susceptible environmental stress
2017	5.0	no designation	30.0	susceptible environmental stress
2018	6.7	no designation	30.0	susceptible environmental stress

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

Public Comment

The following attended the September 25, 2019 Town of Bethel Town Board Meeting regarding a registered sex offender working on the Workforce Development Road Crew. They do not want this person working in the Town of Bethel. Nicole Newick, Danielle Pierce, Kelly Kaufman, Denise Frangipane and Amanda Pierce

Mr. Sturm – We do not want to name names. We will meet to hear your concerns, and the safety of the children is number one. This is a 100% supervised program. We have no problems or issues in the past five (5) years. Some people have transitions. This person has been removed from the Town of Bethel Workforce Development Road Crew Program. We know people have problems, but not specifics. We will be meeting with Sullivan County Work Force over the winter. We will take your concerns into consideration.

Danielle Pierce – “Highly Supervised”, not on parole, not supervised by 13 years in jail for raping two children. Level 3 sex offender. The Town of Bethel needs to know the background of these people. This program needs to end, no room for error. Can you tell me if anyone else on the road crew are sex offenders? Mr. Sturm – I cannot comment on that.

Joyce Carraci – Background checks should be done by the County before they get hired. What type of jobs do they do?

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Mr. Sturm – The Workforce Development crew are never at the Town of Bethel pool, playground or at the Dr. Duggan School. They are County employees.

Adjournment

There being no further items on the agenda, motion by Mrs. Simpson to adjourn the Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of September 25, 2019.

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

Respectfully,

Rita J. Sheehan
Town of Bethel Town Clerk