

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of November 4, 2009 was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Senior Center.

Council Members Present:	Robert Blais
	Vicky Simpson
	Richard Crumley
	Denise Frangipane

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Crumley to go into Executive Session to discuss Justice Court and Planning Board personnel matters, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a roll call vote and carried 5-0:

Mr. Sturm	aye
Mr. Blais	aye
Mr. Crumley	aye
Mrs. Simpson	aye
Ms. Frangipane	aye

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

2010 Justice Salaries

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to increase 2010 justice salaries; Judge Rhyne 4% and Judge Block 2%, seconded by Mr. Sturm, put to a roll call vote 3 nays and 2 ayes:

Ms. Frangipane	no
Mr. Blais	no
Mr. Crumley	no
Mrs. Simpson	yes
Mr. Sturm	yes

Motion by Mr. Blais to increase 2010 justice salaries; Judge Rhyne 3% and Judge Block 3%, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a roll call vote with 3 nays and 2 ayes:

Ms. Frangipane	yes
Mr. Blais	yes
Mr. Crumley	no
Mrs. Simpson	no
Mr. Sturm	no

Motion by Mr. Crumley to increase 2010 justice salaries; Judge Rhyne 3% and Judge Block 0%, seconded by Mr. Sturm, put to a roll call with 3 ayes and 2 nays:

Ms. Frangipane	no
Mr. Blais	no
Mr. Crumley	yes
Mrs. Simpson	yes
Mr. Sturm	yes

Public Hearing 7:45 p.m. 2010 Town Budget

Motion by Mr. Blais to open Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Town Clerk read legal notice.

Susan Brown Otto
Mortgage Tax Revenue
Justice Court Salaries

Tax Collector Salaries
Town Engineer
Town Attorney
Health Insurance

Motion by Mr. Blais to close Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Public Hearing 8:00 p.m. Proposed Local Law #3-2009

Motion by Mr. Blais to open Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Mr. Sturm announced that SEQR is not complete and will be ready by next meeting. Not voting on tonight on local law.

Motion by Mr. Crumley to close Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

#174 Amendment to BVAC LOSAP Agreement

Charles Stackhouse, Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (BVAC) Captain, was present to request an amendment to the BVAC agreement for LOSAP as follows:

The following amendments are hereby made a part of the original agreement dated June 10, 2009 and made a part thereof:

#1: Amend Section 2.3 Determination of Service Credit to add Subsection (C) and (D) as follows:

(C) Tours of Duty. A maximum of 20 points may be granted serving tours of duty at a rate equal to no more than 1/6th of a point per hour served.

(D) Miscellaneous Activities. Maximum 15 points per calendar year. Participation in inspections and other activities covered by the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law and not otherwise listed – one point per activity.

#2: Change wording from “members must make 10% of dispatched call” to read “member must make 10% of calls responded to by ambulance corp annually”.

#3: This amendment is retroactive to January 1, 2009.

#4: This amendment shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Mr. Blais to approve amendment, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Sullivan County Landfill Renewal User Agreement

The Sullivan County Landfill Renewal User Agreement has been received from Sullivan County. Motion by Mr. Crumley to approve, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Building Department Monthly Report for October

2009 October Fees: \$4,151	2008 October Fees: \$9,144
2009 October Construction: \$897,000	2008 October Construction: \$2,500,600

Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Discussion on 2010 Town Budget

Mr. Sturm announced that a 1.9% increase in the Town Tax if the 2010 Budget is adopted. After a Town Board work session the cost of the Association of Towns training was removed to only include training for one council person. This brought the budget in under 2%. Motion by Mr. Blais to adopt 2010 budget, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

State Comptroller's Report

The New York State Comptroller's Office has just completed a Risk and Assessment Audit in all Town Departments. Mr. Sturm has copied all Departments on the summary of oral findings. The Town Board will be reviewing the findings and recommendations to each department. On a scale of 10 the Town was a 9 and there will not be a full audit. Motion by Mr. Blais to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

#175 Correspondence from Margaret Kennedy regarding proposed local law #3

Town Clerk read correspondence. Mrs. Kennedy is supporting a buffer zone for private roads between the Forest Conservation Zone and the Smallwood Residential District. This legislation already exists in the Performing Arts District. Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to table for future meeting, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Marcia Salton stated she supports putting the cost of education back in the budget.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Blais to enter Executive Session to discuss a Planning Board personnel matter, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a roll call vote 5 ayes and 0 nays:

Ms. Frangipane	yes
Mr. Blais	yes
Mr. Crumley	yes
Mrs. Simpson	yes
Mr. Sturm	yes

Motion by Mr. Blais to come out of executive session, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0

#176 Planning Board Attorney

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to release/terminate current Planning Board Attorney effective immediately and to appoint Jacqueline Ricciani until the end of the year for \$175.00/hr., seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a roll call vote and carried 4 ayes and 1 nay with Ms. Frangipane voting nay.

Ms. Frangipane		no
Mr. Blais	yes	
Mr. Crumley	yes	
Mrs. Simpson	yes	
Mr. Sturm	yes	

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk