

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of October 28, 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.

Presentation: Proclamation for Rita Sheehan, Bethel Bicentennial Chairwoman

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Rita Sheehan has served the Town of Bethel community with distinction, demonstrating always her willingness to place her concern for the public good ahead of her personal interests;

WHEREAS, during these years of service as Town Clerk of the Town of Bethel, she has worked constantly for the betterment of its economic, cultural and aesthetic development;

WHEREAS, her interest and ideas for the Town of Bethel’s Bicentennial celebration resulted in a number of community-wide events and publications;

WHEREAS, her dedication and involvement in the Town of Bethel’s Bicentennial celebration has earned her the admiration of the Town Board and members of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel Sturm, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Bethel, do hereby tender to Rita Sheehan this certificate of public recognition, extending to her our deepest appreciation for her contributions to the Town of Bethel Bicentennial and the Town Board.

S.C. Sportsmen’s Federation Donation to the Youth Scholarship Fund

S.C. Sportsmen’s Federation has made a donation of \$50 to the Youth Scholarship Fund in memory of Lowell Stanton.

Authorize Payment of Monthly Bills

Motion by Mr. Blais to approve monthly payment of bills, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0 as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Voucher #'s</u>
General	\$388,949.09	#24650 - #24747
Highway	\$743,268.46	#6988 #4345 - #4389
Sewer District	\$ 31,385.81	#1462 - #1483
Sewer Rehab	\$ 3,342.66	#1019
Sewer Extension	\$423,095.75	#1117 - #1121
KL Light District	\$ 955.00	#612
Planning Escrow	\$ 4,757.30	#1085 - #1090

Shredding Day Update

Town Clerk Rita Sheehan is soliciting support from approximately 12 larger corporations in the Town to share the cost of a shredding day event for the residents. Any corporations that did not contribute would have to make a donation to help with the cost. Residential households would be free. This is to help with the new State law that prohibits burning of papers.

#173 Request for Sewer Sludge Removal Bids

Correspondence has been received from the Sewer Superintendent requesting sealed bids roll back containers for the storage and removal of municipal dry sewage consisting of screenings, grit, sludge and sand. All appropriate DEC permits must be in place, bids will be accepted for one or two year contracts.

Motion by Mr. Blais to seek sealed bids, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Briscoe Dam Update

Paul Norris, his wife, Carol; daughter, Moria, and BJ Gettel were present from the Briscoe Community Association. The Briscoe Community Association has rebuilt the Briscoe Dam that washed out in 2005. The association has been fundraising to pay for the construction. As of October 25, 2009 water was going over Briscoe Dam. Their commitment to this project is something that they are going to sustain, and they now consider themselves Stewards of the Lake. They plan to raise enough money to maintain this beautiful, and extremely, vital piece of property for all people to enjoy.

Youth Events

Mrs. Simpson announced two recreation events sponsored by the Town; NYC Bus Trip on December 29th and Palisades Mall on Nov. 21st.

Appoint Monticello School Youth Representative to Youth Board

Mrs. Simpson announced that the Youth Board has recommended Caitlin Bonnaci as the youth representative for the Monticello Schools to the Youth Board. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve appointment, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Gerry Foundation – NYSERDA reimbursements

Correspondence has been received from the Gerry Foundation with a check for the NYSERDA improvements to the Town Buildings in the amount of \$7,060.58. The reimbursement represents 50% of the cost of the improvements. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Request to block off Pintler Cemetery entrance

Correspondence has been received from Anthony Rymer requesting that the Town close the road to Pintler Cemetery. The Town has confirmed this is a private right-of-way through several properties and has no jurisdiction to regulate private property. Motion by Ms. Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Motion by Mr. Blais to send Anthony Rymer a letter, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Farmland Protection Plan

Ms. Frangipane announced there will be a Bethel Farmland Protection Plan public presentation at the Liberty Middle School on November 17th at 7:00 p.m. The draft of the plan is also available on the Town website.

Gale & Creamery Roads

Colin McCluney was present to discuss the serious condition that continues to exist at the corner of Gale and Creamery that is washing away. The stone that was put there two days ago; right now is washing away. Mr. Blais stated that the water is not going under the road and we have to wait until water goes down. Mr. McCluney

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indicated there is a sink hole big enough for a car. The property owner has given permission for work to be done. Mr. Lilley indicated he is contacting DEC for permits. Mr. Blais sated the drain is open and big. Mr. Sturm thinks we have a permit in place.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk