

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of September 23, 2009 was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Senior Center.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Correspondence from Bethelites**

The Bethelites are requesting to place a small cabinet in the senior building to store their coffee pot and paper goods for their monthly meetings. Motion by Mr. Blais to receive and file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Petition from Bethel-Smallwood Senior Club**

Petition has been received from the Bethel-Smallwood Senior Club supporting the decision of the Bethel Senior Building Committee not to allow anyone to store items in the Sr. Center. Motion by Mr. Blais to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Ms. Frangipane asks who decides whether cabinet can be brought in. Manny Safer explained it is the Building Committee. It has been the Building Committee's job since 1992 to entertain people to use building. They had turned down the Lion's Club to store items; then they did it anyway, decided not to allow anyone. Mr. Sturm stated he is comfortable with decision. Ms. Frangipane would you consider building a cabinet for all groups to share? Mr. Safer replied no.

**#153 Public Hearing Unsafe Structures 8-1- 4.1 – Simcha Leisure Estates**

Motion by Mr. Crumley to open Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. for the Unsafe Structure 8-1-4.1, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Town Clerk read Public Hearing notice.

Marilyn Cayman was present with her son Mark. Mr. Cayman stated the buildings have doors and windows and will be corrected immediately. Mr. Blais roofs rotted through, doors missing. Mr. Blais stated to clean up before we go out to bid or will assess removal onto the property taxes.

Motion by Mr. Blais to send out to for sealed bids based upon the engineer's recommendations, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Ms. Sheehan explained to the Cayman's that she will send them a copy of the bid results and they can to decide to contract with anyone but if they continue to not comply the town will move forward with removal of the structures. Ms. Sheehan also explained that this is no longer in the hands of the Building Department and they must communicate with the Town Supervisor of any progress of the violation.

**Correspondence from SC Division of Public Works County Road 115 Chevron's**

Correspondence has been received from SC Division of Public Works on the Town's request for chevrons on CR 115 near the bad turn by Matt Smith Road. The County has indicated that the chevrons are already in place. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**2009 Budget Memo from Budget Officer/Town Supervisor**

Memo has been received by all departments from the Budget Officer/Town Supervisor requesting that we each stay within our budgets for the rest of the year and to

conserve and to reduce any unneeded expenditures. Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**#154 Discussion on Draft Local Law – Fence Regulations**

Mr. Sturm distributed the draft of a local law for a new chapter in our Town Code Book entitled Fence Regulations. Mr. Sturm asked that the Town Board review and to suggest any changes for it is introduced. Ms. Frangipane indicated that there should not be same rules in all areas; need to be more specific for Kauneonga Lake area. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**#155 Release of Planning Board Escrow Monies – Fernbach**

Correspondence has been received from the Building Department requesting that the Fernbach Planning Board escrow monies be released. Motion by Mr. Blais to receive, file and approve, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**#156 Enforcement Officer request to attend Building Officials Conference**

Correspondence has been received from BJ Gettel, Enforcement Officer, requesting to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> annual New York State Building Officials Conference on October 19-21<sup>st</sup> in Albany at no cost to the Town. There is no cost for this conference since Mrs. Gettel is the secretary of the Tri County Chapter saving the Town \$800. Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**#157 Approve agreement with Literacy Volunteers of SC for Literacy Center**

Agreement between the Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County and the Town of Bethel for the Town to provide for a literacy center has been prepared by Literacy Volunteers. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**#158 Approve 2009-2012 snow and ice removal contract with the County**

Motion by Mr. Crumley to approve snow and ice contract for 2009-2010, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2009-2010 SNOW AND ICE  
CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN**

The following resolution was duly moved, seconded and adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sullivan and the Town of Bethel entered into contract for Snow and Ice control on County Roads from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010;

**WHEREAS**, the contract states the town will be paid the amount Sullivan County received from the State of New York for snow and ice control on state highways the previous snow and ice season; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sullivan was paid the rate of \$4,692.00 per centerline mile for the 2008-2009 contract year; and

**WHEREAS**, said section of the Highway Law of the State of New York requires the approval by resolution of each of the legislative bodies of such County, Towns;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Sullivan pay the amount of \$4,692.00 per centerline mile for two lane highways and \$7,038.00 for three lane highways to the Town for the contract year July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

**PRESENT:**

Daniel Sturm, Town Supervisor       Yes

Robert Blais, Councilman	[X] Yes
Vicky Simpson, Councilman	[X] Yes
Richard Crumley, Councilman	[X] Yes
Denise Frangipane, Councilman	[X] Yes

### **Kauneonga Lake Snow Removal Discussion**

Denise Whipple, contractor from Kauneonga Lake, explained that the businesses in Kauneonga Lake are going to try and stay open this winter. They have had problem for the past 4 years with the businesses shoveling the snow from the sidewalks and then the plow trucks piling it back it. There was a lengthy discussion on who plows the road and town square, responsibility of the town and businesses and how to manage the large piles of snow. Ms. Frangipane suggested a meeting with the Highway Superintendent.

### **#159 Approve Rabies Clinic for 10/13**

Town Clerk Rita Sheehan would like to sponsor a rabies clinic with Dr. Agaston on October 13, 2009. The clinic would be at the Town Hall parking lot at a cost of \$6.00 per shot with all proceeds going to Dr. Agaston. Motion by Ms. Frangipane to approve, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

### **#160 Road Repair Agreement with Hwy. Super. for Lee Cole, Walt Bishop & May**

The Highway Superintendent has prepared a road repair agreement for approval as follows:

Lee Cole Road	2,450'	\$48,960
Walt Bishop Road	2,250'	\$33,720
May Avenue	1,750 l.f.	\$22,320

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

### **#161 Request to attend training for Bookkeeper**

Correspondence has been received from Erin Lynch, Bookkeeper, to attend Basic Accounting School in Syracuse on October 14-16, 2009 at a fee of \$85 plus lodging, meals, and travel. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

### **Letter from Sullivan West School Superintendent**

Correspondence has been received from the Sullivan West School Superintendent offering a surplus sports jersey from the Jeffersonville-Youngsville teams. Motion by Mr. Blais to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5-0. Ms. Sheehan indicated she has already made arrangements to receive several jerseys for the town archives.

### **#162 Cancel Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #3**

Motion by Mr. Blais to cancel Public Hearing scheduled on October 14 for Proposed Local Law #3 to allow attorney to review whether short form is sufficient, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

### **#163 Resignation from Timothy Dexter, Code Enforcement Officer**

Correspondence has been received from Timothy Dexter, Code Enforcement Officer, tendering his resignation with the effective date subject to a two week notice and the expiration of accumulation vacation and personal days as agreed by the Town Supervisor. Town Supervisor has also agreed that all sick days accumulated be applied to service credit in lieu of a monetary payment according to the Town and Civil Service

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policies. Mr. Dexter wishes all the town officials and employees all the best for the future. Motion by Ms. Frangipane to receive, file and approve, seconded by Mr. Crumley Put to a roll call vote with 5 ayes 0 nays as follows:

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

**Voter Registration Meeting**

Ms. Frangipane announced that a public meeting will be held at noon at the Kauneonga Lake Firehouse on the recent voter registration activity.

**Happy Birthday Dan Sturm**

Ms. Frangipane announced today is Mr. Sturm's Birthday. Ms. Simpson announced Mr. Crumley's Birthday recently. Ms. Frangipane suggested to sing Happy Birthday to Mr. Crumley and Mr. Sturm.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk