

The Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of September 9, 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.

Audit of Bills

Motion by Mr. Blais to approve payment of bills, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Voucher</u>
General	\$293,565.74	24583 - 24649
Highway	270,650.02	4291 - 4344
Sewer District	16,659.49	1437 - 1461
Sewer Extension	98,082.09	1112 - 1116
Sewer Rehab	24,903.25	1018
Kauneonga Lake Light District	1,770.27	610 - 611

Request from Bookkeeping Office to attend training and educational classes

Request has been received from Donna Stackhouse and Erin Lynch to attend health insurance seminar at no cost on Wednesday, October 21st. Also, Ms. Lynch would like to attend Quick Books and Microsoft Excel classes at SC BOCES for \$199. and \$69 respectively. Motion by Mr. Blais to receive and file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5 - 0.

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

Building Department Monthly Report – August

August 2009 Fees	\$2,431.00	August 2008 Fees	\$4,547.00
August 2009 Monthly Construction Cost			\$447,100.00
August 2008 Monthly Construction Cost			\$316,800.00
Construction Cost from January – August 2009			\$5,913,250.00
Construction Cost from January – August 2008			\$8,631,150.00

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0.

#147 - Approve Highway Agreement for Huff Road, Moller Road and Eltz Road

Highway Superintendent has submitted road agreements as follows:

- 1) Behr and Moller Road – 1,600 ft. \$21,600
- 2) Huff Road – 1,300 ft. \$17,550
- 3) Eltz Road - \$28,380

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0

#148 - Authorize Bids for Sludge Collector

Motion by Mr. Blais to seek sealed bids for sludge collector, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0. Sealed bids will be opened and publicly read

on October 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Plan and Specifications prepared by Eustance & Horowitz.

Correspondence from Assembly Minority Leader Kolb

Correspondence has been received from Assemblyman Brian Kolb regarding correspondence received from the Town Board in support of his bill he introduced about the school budget average cap. Motion by Mr. Blais to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0.

Request for Justice Court Clerk training

Jessica Butler, Justice Court Clerk, is requesting to attend the NYS Magistrates Association Court Clerk Conference in Albany on October 4th through 7th. The cost is \$705 including meals, plus tolls. Motion by Mr. Blais to approve, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0.

Correspondence from Judge Block supporting training request.

Correspondence has been received from Judge Block supporting the request for Ms. Butler's training. Motion by Mr. Blais to receive and file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0.

Correspondence from Planning Board - Proposed Local Law #3-09

Correspondence has been received from the Planning Board recommending that the Town Board proceed with Proposed Local Law #3. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Blais to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter regarding the Planning Board and Building Department, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a roll call vote and carried 5 – 0 as follows:

Daniel Sturm	aye
Vicky Simpson	aye
Denise Frangipane	aye
Richard Crumley	aye
Robert Blais	aye

At its conclusion, Mr. Blais moved to resume the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0.

#149 - Correspondence from Code Enforcement Officer

Correspondence has been received from Code Enforcement Officer Tim Dexter regarding contemplation of resigning based on the satisfactory terms and conditions subject to mutual agreement.

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0.

Motion by Mr. Crumley to accept contemplated resignation of Tim Dexter, Code Enforcement Officer, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a roll call vote and carried 4- 1 as follows:

Robert Blais	nay	
Denise Frangipane		aye
Vicky Simpson		aye
Richard Crumley		aye
Daniel Sturm		aye

#150 - Resolution to Authorize Town Supervisor to Sign Release of Employment

Motion by Mr. Crumley to authorize Town Supervisor to sign mutual release of employment on behalf of town, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a roll call vote and carried 4 – 1 as follows:

Robert Blais	nay	
Denise Frangipane		aye
Vicky Simpson		aye
Richard Crumley		aye
Daniel Sturm		aye

Henni Anker asked what the terms were of the release. Mr. Sturm state he won't disclose contents until both parties sign; it is a matter of personnel.

Milfoil Fundraiser

Ms. Simpson announced the BLDC is holding a fundraiser to "Save the Lake". The fundraiser will pay for the computer mapping of the lake. Letters are being sent to residents and businesses.

#151 - Recommendation to BLDC to contract with ALSCO Management

Mrs. Simpson would like for the Town Board to recommend to the BLDC that they offer Manger's position to Allan Scott of Also Management. Mr. Scott was an expertise in finance, served as CEO of the IDA, original member of the BLDC, is qualified, and knows the Town.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to recommend that the BLDC offer the Manager's position to Allan Scott, seconded by Mr. Blais.

Ms. Frangipane asked if anyone else inquired about the position. Mr. Sturm indicated there are two or three others.

Ms. Simpson stated that Susan Runnels and Leon Smith were hired and interviews were not conducted.

Ms. Frangipane indicated that at the last BLDC meeting it was decided to post and screen for position even though it was not done in the past and given the critical nature of the BLDC it is worth the investment to post and conduct interviews including Mr. Scott.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to recommend that the BLDC offer the Manager's position to Allan Scott, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a roll call vote and carried 4 aye and 1 nay as follows:

Denise Frangipane	nay	
Robert Blais		aye
Daniel Sturm		aye
Richard Crumley		aye
Vicky Simpson		aye

#152 - Appoint David Biren as Auxiliary Navigational Constable

Motion by Mr. Blais to appoint David Biren as auxiliary constable for lake, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0.

Schultz Road Project

Joan Rohrs asked about Schultz Road all the community centers in town. What are limits for occupancy and parking limits on premises? Mrs. Rohrs would like in writing from all the politicians there position for the Schultz Road court case.

Voter Registration Drive

Henni Altman asked how do you check that registered voters live here for 6 months, are there rules and regulations. Mr. Sturm stated the Board of Elections is responsible for ensuring it.

Gail Rubenfeld asked what the Town Board is going to do to make sure the registered voters are legitimate. Mrs. Simpson stated that the voter registration drive should be handled by the Republican and Democratic Committees, not the Town Board; it is not up to elected officials to challenge voter registrations.

Dave Sager, County Legislator District #1, stated as an elected official it is our duty to protect our community.

BLDC Manager Discussion

Ms. Frangipane commented on the BLDC Manager position decision that it was decided at the last BLDC meeting to canvas or solicit applications, there are at least 3 or 4 other qualified candidates and interested parties that were asked to submit a letter of interest including Mr. Scott. It is not about who is appointed; it is the process by which we appoint people. It is really important in order to move the town forward that we pay attention to the processes that we use. The town deserves the process that provides the most qualified person.

Gail Rubenfeld asked why the Town Board isn't interested in interviewing other the candidates. Why would you not want to see who is available and what experience they have? Why wouldn't you want to see who else is out there? Mrs. Simpson noted that Mr. Scott originated the BLDC; he is a highly qualified person, and three other Town Board members agree with her

Jonathan Hyman asked if the Town Board had interviewed any other candidates. Mrs. Simpson replied, no Mr. Sturm has not interviewed candidates.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Blais moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk