

The January 6, 2010 Re-organizational meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Senior Center.

Council members present: Richard Crumley
Victoria Simpson
Denise Frangipane

Absent: Robert Blais

Opening Remarks from New Supervisor

Mr. Sturm welcomed everyone to our January 6, 2010 re-organizational meeting. Mr. Sturm read the rules of procedure for the conduct of meetings.

Salaries and Appointments

Salaries and Appointments		2010	
Employee	Position	Salary/Hrly	
Anker, Henrietta	Animal Control Officer	\$15,913.50	Yearly
Blais, Robert	Councilman	\$11,124.00	Yearly
Block, Howard	Town Justice	\$18,935.28	Yearly
Brown, Marguerite A	Assessor	\$46,524.80	Yearly
Butler, Jessica	P/T Clerk Bldg Dept.	\$13.27	Hourly
Butler, Jessica	P/T Clerk Justice Ct.	\$15.00	Hourly
Cassarò, Mark	Boat Constable	\$15.09	Hourly
Collins, Michael C.	Wastewater Treatment Trainee	\$29,421.33	Yearly
Conroy, Richard	Assessment Board of Review	\$918.72	Yearly
Crumley, Richard	Councilman	\$11,124.00	Yearly
Davis, Donna	Part Time Transfer Station Operator	\$10.30	Hourly
Davis, James J.	Transfer Station Operator	\$12.31	Hourly
Foster, Carole L.	Deputy Tax Collector	\$20.73	Hourly
Foster, Richard	Part Time Transfer Station Operator	\$14.64	Hourly
Frangipane, Denise	Councilperson	\$11,124.00	Yearly
Gabriel, Debra	Tax Collector	\$19,035.09	Yearly
Gettel, Bette Jean	Enforcement Officer	\$33,639.09	Yearly
Gettel, Bette Jean	Justice Court Part Time Clerk	\$77.25	Monthly
Graffeo, Chris	Laborer, Sewer P/t	\$14.42	Hourly
Heinz, Robert	Boat Constable	\$14.42	Hourly
Katzenberger, Margaret	Assessment Board of Review	\$918.72	Yearly
Ketcham, Douglas W.	Constable	\$22.19	Hourly
La Polt, Eda M	Records Management Clerk	\$13.67	Hourly
Lilley, Lynden	Superintendent of Highways	\$48,666.72	Yearly
Lubniewski, Ann	Sr. Recreation Director P/T	\$633.40	Yearly
Lynch, Erin	Confidential Secretary/ Bookkeeper	\$29,355.00	Yearly
Lynch, Terri E.	Housekeeping/Transfer Station Attendant P/T	\$11.07	Hourly
MacArthur, Jannetta H	Assistant Recreation Director P/T	\$4,304.57	Yearly
MacArthur, Jannetta H	Planning Board Secretary	\$2,185.45	Yearly
MacArthur, Jannetta H	Zoning Board Secretary	\$1,092.73	Yearly
Madaffari, Marion	Deputy Town Clerk	\$13.67	Hourly
Mc Bride, James C.	Wastewater Treatment Operator	\$45,160.56	Yearly
Mc Carthy, Christian	Constable	\$22.19	Hourly
McFadden, Cathy L.	Assistant Recreation Director P/T	\$4,304.57	Yearly
Neuenhoff, Raymond J	Constable part-time as needed	\$22.19	Hourly
Panos, John	Boat Constable	\$15.29	Hourly
Prince, Mary	Clerk to the Justice	\$32,475.85	Yearly
Rhyne, Kevin N	Town Justice	\$20,283.48	Yearly
Schlau, Richard A.	Wastewater Treatment Operator P/T	\$25.82	Hourly
Semenetz, Gregg	Building Inspector P/t	\$25,500.00	Yearly
Sheehan, Rita J.	Town Clerk	\$36,931.26	Yearly
Simpson, Victoria	Councilperson	\$11,124.00	Yearly
Stackhouse, Donna	Highway/Sewer Account Clerk	\$35,364.03	Yearly
Sturm, Daniel	Town Supervisor	\$48,666.72	Yearly
Sturm, Daniel	Budget Officer	\$4,163.00	Yearly

Sturm, Dina M.	Assessor Clerk	\$32,686.03	Yearly
Sturm, Dina M.	P/T Clerk	\$13.27	Hourly
Tyler, Donna	Assessment Board of Review Chairman	\$981.43	Yearly
Van Loan, Kenneth R	Dock Master	\$11.60	Hourly
Vassmer, Marion E	Town Historian	\$1,128.74	Yearly
Vassmer, Marion E.	Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$861.42	Yearly
Weiss, Madelyn J.	Housekeeping (Cleaner)	\$11.07	Hourly
Wood, George	Constable P/T & Court Officer P/T	\$16.73	Hourly
Yates, Daryl	Boat Constable	\$14.42	Hourly
Yates, Daryl	Part time Constable	\$16.00	Hourly

#1 Approval of Salaries

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve salaries and appointments, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

#2 Constable Longevity

10 to 15 Years of Service	Full Time constables only	\$500.00
16 to 20 Years of Service	No provision for Annual Increases	\$1,000.00
21 Yrs of Service & Over		\$1,500.00

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve uniform allowance; \$500.00 full-time only and \$100.00 boat Constable Uniform, seconded by Ms. Frangipane put to a vote and carried 4-0

Designation of Official Newspaper

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to designate the Sullivan County Democrat as the official newspaper and the River Reporter, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Official Depository

Motion by Mr. Crumley to designate the bank depositories, seconded by Mrs. Simpson put to a vote and carried 4-0

- Bank of America
- First National Bank of Jeffersonville
- Catskill Hudson Bank
- J.P. Morgan – Chase
- HSBC

Authorized Bank Signatories

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to designate the following for bank signatures, seconded by Mr. Crumley put to a vote and carried 4-0

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| Daniel Sturm | Supervisor |
| Rita J. Sheehan | Town Clerk |
| Robert Blais | Deputy Supervisor |
| Debra Gabriel | Tax Collector |
| BJ Gettel | Code Enforcement Officer |
| Howard Block and Kevin Rhyne | Town Justices |

#3 Deputy Supervisor

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to appoint Robert Blais as Deputy Supervisor, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 4-0

Engineering Firms

Motion by Mr. Crumley to designate the following engineering firms, seconded by Ms. Frangipane put to a vote and carried 4-0

Glenn Smith, P.E.
Eustace & Horowitz, P.E.
Joseph Gottlieb, P.E.
McGoey, Hauser & Edsall

Attorneys for the Town

Motion by Mr. Crumley to designate the following attorneys for their designated purposes, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0

Robert McEwan	Attorney for the Town
Alan Sorensen	Planner
Jacqueline Ricciani	Planning and Zoning Boards, Building Department
Alexandria Bourne	Traffic tickets at Justice Court

Utility, Postage & Insurance

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to authorize payment of utility bills, postage and insurances prior to audit and to present at the next audit meeting thereafter, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 4-0

#4 Petty Cash

Motion by Mr. Crumley to set petty cash at \$150.00 for Youth Board (Jannetta MacArthur), Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Building Department, seconded by Ms. Frangipane put to a vote and carried 4-0

Bonding Counsel

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to designate Orrick & Herrington LLP as bonding counsel, seconded by Mr. Crumley put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Highway Department - Appropriations

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to authorize Highway Superintendent spend appropriations as set in annual Highway Budget, seconded by Mr. Crumley put to a vote and carried 4-0

Health Officer

Motion by Mr. Crumley to designate Bethel Medical Center as Health Officer for \$1,000. year, seconded by Ms. Frangipane put to a vote and carried 4-0.

#5 Water Patrol Fuel Reimbursement

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to set 2010 fuel reimbursement at \$200 for each water patrol volunteer (Steve Schwartz), seconded by Mr. Crumley put to a vote and carried 4-0

Mileage Rate Reimbursement

Motion by Mr. Crumley to set mileage reimbursement at .50 cents per mile, seconded by Ms. Frangipane put to a vote and carried 4-0

Town Board Liaisons - Supervisor Appointments

Motion by Ms. Simpson to approve Supervisor appointments, seconded by Mr. Crumley put to a vote and carried 4-0

Richard Crumley	Highway Department
Vicky Simpson	Youth and Planning Boards
Bob Blais	Sewer Dept., Solid Waste Comm., Farm Committee
Daniel Sturm	Constables and Solid Waste Committee
Denise Frangipane	Zoning Board and Farm Committee

Auxiliary Constables

Auxiliary Constables presented as follows: Steve Schwartz, Marvin Weiss, Timothy Dexter, Robert Blais, Richard Crumley, Daniel Sturm, Simon Gelb, Vicky Simpson, Denise Frangipane and David Biren. Motion by Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Set Meeting Schedule

Motion by Mr. Crumley to set the Town Board meeting schedule for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Senior Center, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

#6 Cancel 1/20, 2/24 and 3/24 Town Board Meetings

Motion by Mr. Crumley to cancel second meeting of each month for January, February and March, seconded by Ms. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 3 – 1 with Ms. Frangipane voting nay.

Association of Towns Training School

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to approve attendance of 2010 Association of Towns Training School in New York City for any Town Officials who may want to attend, seconded by Mrs. Simpson put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Association of Towns Training School Meal Limit

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to set meal limit at \$150. per day/per person, seconded by Mr. Crumley put to a vote and carried 4-0

Procurement Guidelines

As required in the Procurement Guideline number 7 the Town Board is re-adopting the Procurement Guidelines. Motion by Mr. Crumley to renew the adoption of the procurement guidelines as adopted in 1996, seconded by Mrs. Simpson put to a vote and carried 4-0,

Approve Monthly Audit of Bills

General Fund	\$161,457.57	#24853 - #24900
Highway Fund	\$192,413.54	#4468 – 4501
KL Sewer District	\$363,331.46	#1517 - #1535
Sewer Upgrade	\$175,546.39	#1021 - #1022
Sewer Extension	\$666,594.39	#1129 - #1133
Planning Escrow	\$ 61.25	#1095

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve monthly audit of bills, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

#7 Approve Liquor License Application for the Museum at Bethel Woods

Liquor License Application has been received for the Museum at Bethel Woods. Motion by Mr. Crumley to approve liquor license and waive 30-day waiting period, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

#8 Designate Voting Delegates for the Association of Towns Business Meeting

Designation of voting delegate for the Association of Towns Business Meeting in New York City. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to appoint Richard Crumley as voting delegate with no alternate, seconded by Ms. Frangipane put to a vote and carried 4 – 0 .

#9 Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Liberty Planning Board

Notice of Public Hearing has been received from Town of Liberty Planning Board for notice of a special use permit to construct a staff bungalow on Stanton Corners Road. Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file for special use permit on Stanton Corner Road, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

#10 Request from BJ Gettel to attend required 2010 Code Enforcement training

Request from BJ Gettel to attend the Tri-County NYS Building Officials Conference 2010 Code Enforcement Training as required on the following dates:

January 27th, February 24th, March 24th, May 26th, June 16-18th (Conference), August 25th, September 9th – 11th (Conference), October 27th, December 1st – 3rd, and December 15th.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve training for BJ Gettel for 2010 Code Enforcement Training, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

#11 Correspondence from Bethel Town Clerk regarding M239's, SEQRA Notices and Local Laws.

Correspondence has been received from Rita Sheehan, Town Clerk, regarding filing M239s and SEQR Notices. As of March 1, 2010 Ms. Sheehan will be relinquishing the duties of filing initial and final M239 reports, filing of SEQR notices for the Environmental Notice Bulletin and preparing the local law forms. Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

#12 Correspondence to reappoint Planning Board Chairman and Vice Chairman

Correspondence from Daniel Gettel, Planning Board Chairman, recommending reappointment of himself as Chairman and William Brey as Vice Chairman. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

#13 Correspondence to reappoint Zoning Board member, Chairman and Vice Chairman

Correspondence from Stephen Morey, Zoning Board Chairman, recommending reappointment of Steve Morey for a 7-year term, Steve Morey as Chairman and James Crowley as Vice Chairman. Motion by Ms. Frangipane to approve, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

#14 Request to release escrow monies for Fernbach, Shaw and Young accounts.

Request received from BJ Gettel to release escrow monies for Fernbach, Shaw and Young. Motion by Mr. Crumley to approve the release of escrow monies, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

#15 County M-239 response for Proposed Local Law #4

County M-239 response has been received for Proposed Local Law #4 of 2009. Based on the County's review they have determined that the proposed action will have positive intercommunity impacts by protecting significant natural and cultural resources and enhancing the Town's rural character consistent with the SC Open Space Plan and the Town Comprehensive Plan. Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

Census Recruitment at Senior Center

The local Census recruiter will be conducting testing on January 23rd and February 6th. Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive, file and approve, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

Monthly Building Department Report – December 2009

December 2009	\$2,775.00	
December 2008	\$2,860.00	
Monthly Construction Cost 2009		\$ 675,000
Monthly Comparison Construction Cost 2008		\$ 600,000.

Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Year-End Building Department Report

2008 Fees:	\$73,713.00	
2009 Fees:	\$51,421.00	
Total Construction Cost January - Present 2008		\$13,951.750
Construction Cost January – Present 2009		\$11,148.650

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Town Clerk's Monthly Report – December

Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$4,123.58
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$4,353.72

Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Ms. Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

Town Clerk's 2009 Yearly Report

Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$64,465.95
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$93,484.76

Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

Correspondence from L.J. Mason regarding Town Justice salaries

Ms. Frangipane objects to reading of this letter, due to the nature of the letter. Motion by Ms. Frangipane to waive reading of letter. There being no second to the motion, the motion fails.

Mr. Sturm read the letter that supported Supervisor Sturm, Councilman Simpson and Crumley for voting not to give one of the Justices a pay increase. Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 3-1 with Ms. Frangipane voting nay.

#16 Results of sealed bid for (2) cab and chassis

Sealed bids were received and publicly open and read for two cab and chassis in the Town Clerk's Office on January 6, 2010 with Lynden Lilley and Marion Madaffari present. Bids were received from Mohawk Valley Freightliner for \$17,650. and \$19,970.

New Highway Barn

Lynden Lilley presented specification and prices for a new highway barn.

Dog Control Van

Mr. Lilley mentioned that the dog control van is very large, rear wheel, and uses a lot of gas. Mr. Sturm is looking into a new van, has money set aside.

Water at Transfer Station Offices

Mr. Crumley asked Mr. Lilley how the water at the dump was coming along. Mr. Sturm mentioned he has meeting with Glenn Smith next week about transfer station will discuss water.

#17 Expenses for Katskill Mountain Critters

Lynden Lilley asked the Town Board to consider an annual stipend for Henni Anker caring for animals at her house. Motion by Ms. Frangipane to allow \$400. out of the Dog Control Contractual for Katskill Mountain Critters, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

#18 Reject Sealed Bids for Cab and Chassis

Motion by Mr. Crumley to reject cab and chassis bids, seconded by Mrs. Simpson put to a vote and carried 4 – 0.

Correspondence from Judge Block

Ms. Frangipane was hand delivered a letter by a member of the public from Judge Block just prior to the meeting and did not know what it was about so she asked that it be put on the next agenda.

Natural Gas Drilling

Ms. Frangipane submitted her summary of newspaper articles, press releases, information on task force meetings, and comments on the draft environmental impact statement on the Natural Gas Drilling. She requested that Natural Gas Drilling be placed as a standing item on the Town Board Agenda at least monthly to keep the public updated because when it comes it will happen very quickly. Mr. Sturm has no problem discussing gas drilling at anytime; but does not want on the agenda.

Town Board Correspondence

Jonathan Hyman asked the Town Board for consistency when receiving and reading correspondence to the Town Board.

Dawn Ryder stated that letter from L.J. Mason should not have been read and asked the Town Board to be consistent.

Sullivan Area Citizens for Responsible Energy Development

Karen London, member of SACRED (Sullivan Area Citizens for Responsible Energy Development), has been doing her own research about natural gas drilling and urged the Bethel Town Board to join the Multi Municipal Natural Gas Drilling Task Force. Ms. London submitted copies of the “Legal and Practical Guide to Protecting Your Citizens and the Environment in the Face of Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Drilling “Municipal Guide to Protecting its Citizens” prepared by Kimberlea Rea Shaw.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Frangipane to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk