

The February 26, 2020 Town of Bethel regular Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Dugan Community Center meeting room.

Council members present: Vicky Simpson
Lillian Hendrickson
Dawn Ryder

Council member absent: Bernie Cohen

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Seek bids for Transfer Station tire removal and disposal

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to seek bids for removal and disposition of old/used tires located at the Town of Bethel Transfer Station.

Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Surplus online auction results

	Bid	Accept/Reject
Item #4: 1998 Chevrolet Dump VIN: 1GBS7H1J2WJ102787	1,875	A
Item #12: 1990 International VIN: 1HTSDZ3N3LH212568	1,125	R
Item #8: 2006 Ford Dump VIN: 1FDXF47P66EB2422	900	A
Item #9: Kubota Tractor VIN: 50596	1,700	A
Item #1: 2006 Ford Dump VIN: 1FDXF47P06EB33159	800	A
Item #13: 2004 Chevrolet Pickup VIN: 1GCEK14T04E178106	2,300	A
Item #6: 1995 Case mower VIN: RNCJJE0904765	2,225	A
Item #3: Wolfpack Roller VIN: 312005247	2,850	A
Item #2: Roller	3,750	A
Item #11: 10-yard dump body	710	A
Item #10: Monroe Sander Serial # 98-01-7172	210	R
Item #5: 2011 Dodge Dump VIN: 3D6WU7EL3BG503346	12,900	A
Item #14: Systematics Arc Welder	27	R
Item #15: Bat wing flare mower	560	A
Item #17: Rear flare mower	<u>800</u>	A
	\$32,732	

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to accept online auction bid results as listed above from Surplus online auctions. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

2020 Bethel Visitor’s Maps Quotation

Mrs. Ryder reviewed the new Bethel Visitor’s Maps for 2020. Maps have been updated to include all the Doves in Bethel and the 9 Heritage Trail markers. The map committee worked very hard.

Cost is as follows: 11” x 25” 80 lb. gloss paper, four-color two sides, folded 6.25” x 11”

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the printing of 20,000 copies at a cost of \$3,388 (at 17 cents apiece). Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Request to use Duggan School

Request from Stephanie and Tiffany, Vendor Boutique 845 to use the Dr. Dugan School on April 18, 2020 to benefit Alzheimer’s. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and approve request from Vendor Boutique 845 to use the Dr. Dugan School on 4/18/2020 between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. to benefit Alzheimer’s. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Request to close Old White Lake Tpke 7/25

Request dated from Campo Mahanaim for road closure of Old White Lake Turnpike beginning on Fulton Road and extending to Butrick Road (approximately 1 mile on Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. group using the facility will be sponsoring a Color Run.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and approve Campo Mahanaim request to close Old White Lake Turnpike between Fulton Road and extending to Butrick Road on 7/25/2020. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Public Hearing – 7:45 p.m. Bethel Motorspeedway Permit Renewal

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to recess the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting and enter the scheduled public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Rita Sheehan, Bethel Town Clerk read the public hearing notice as published in the Sullivan County Democrat.

Mr. Sturm stated that the Bethel Motor Speedway has submitted an application to acquire a renewal permit for the 2020 to operate the pre-existing racetrack located at 361 Horseshoe Lake Road, White Lake, New York.

George Van Arsdall, Jr, General Manager, for 2020, we are requesting the once a month scheduled Thursday practice days to remain in place. We have renewed our sanctioning as a NASCAR Home Track, stock and Rusty Wallace Day. To help with the congestion on 17B, SR55, and Horseshoe Lake Road on Saturday concert nights, we would like to renew the option to open our gates on Saturday concert nights at non, to start racing by 2 pm. This staggered start will help both the congestion and help patrons that would like to attend both shows. Also, we would like the option during colder weather months, April, October, and November, as well, our June 26th and July 4th Saturday shows.

Cathy McFadden – As a neighbor, they did a god job last year with their curfews.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to close the public hearing and reenter into our regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Monticello School District Elementary Reconfiguration

Cathy McFadden stated that due to class sizes and special education services the district will have a reconfiguration. Voting March 5, 2020 and will start in the Fall of 2020.

Bethel Motorspeedway Renewal Permit

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the Bethel Motorspeedway Permit renewal for the year 2020. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Lymar (Route 55)

Building Department report on the Lymar Junkyard dated 2/13/2020 as follows – This is an in-active junkyard that has been in existence for over 50 years. They want to maintain their license. Currently there is a landscaping company using the property and storing their vehicles there. I would recommend approval.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the renewal of the Lymar Junkyard permit as per the recommendation by the Building Department. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Lema (Gale Road)

Building Department report on the Lema Junkyard dated 2/13/2020 as follows – The junkyard has been in existence for over 50 years. The property is next to a NYS DEC protected wetland/waterway known as the Mongaup River on the right side of the property. The operation of the junkyard is outside of the 10 ft buffer that is required by the NYS DEC. There is also a mulch, sand and gravel business on the property. It is heavily wooded on 3 sides with an 8 ft high fence along the roadway. I recommend approval.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the renewal of Lema Junkyard permit as per the recommendation by the Building Department. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Ross (Martin Lane)

Building Department report on Ross's Junkyard dated 2/13/2020 as follows – "The junkyard is located at the end of a dead end road. You need to pass the owner's private residence to enter the junkyard, therefore there is no gate at this time. The property is completely screened by heavy woods on all sides. The junkyard has been in operation for over 40 years. There are over 40 years. There are over 30 vehicles on this property and spreading onto other property that the owner owns. There are fire lanes throughout the junkyards. I recommend approval."

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve the renewal of Ross's Junkyard permit as per the recommendation by the Building Department. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Yeomans (Horseshoe Lake Rd)

Building Department report on Yeomans Junkyard dated 2/13/2020 as follows – This is an in-active junkyard that the owner wants to maintain the license on. It has less than 10 vehicles that are located behind the garage and screened from view. I recommend approval.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve the renewal of Yeomans Junkyard permit as per the recommendation by the Building Department. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Shapiro (West Shore Road)

Building Department report on Shapiro Salvage Yard dated 2/13/2020 as follows: This is an in-active junkyard that has been in existence for over 40 years. They want to maintain their license. The property is heavily screened by woods on 3 sides and the garage in in the front. 90% of the operation is located behind the garage and not visible from the roadway. I recommend approval.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the renewal of Shapiro Salvage Yard permit as per the recommendation by the Building Department. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Seven-X Motors (Route 17B)

Building Department report on Seven-X Motors Junkyard dated 2/13/2020 as follows: The property is next to a NYS DEC protected wetland/waterway known as the Mongaup River. The operation of the junkyard is outside the 100 ft buffer zone. There is also an automotive repair/sale operation on the property. There is approximately 10 vehicles waiting to be crushed and removed. I recommend approval.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve the renewal of Seven-X Motors Junkyard permit as per the recommendation by the Building Department. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

23 Woodland Way (Simeone)

Per Building Department report - On February 18, 2020 owner Dominick Simeone was sent final notice of violation for tax map #48.-3-20 advising the owner to remedy the violation(s) immediately. To date there has been no compliance and nothing has occurred. On February 18, 2020 the Building Department notified the Supervisor/Town Board and requested the Town Engineer look at this property pursuant to Chapter 113-4 & 5 of the TOB Code.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and send to the Town Engineer for a reports. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

21 Corwin Ave. (Ottway)

Per the Building Department - February 18, 2020 the Building Department notified the Supervisor/Town Board and requested the Town Engineer look at this property in violation #48-3-6 pursuant to Chapter 113-4 & 5 of the TOB Code. To date the property owner has been notified of the violation and no compliance and nothing has occurred. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and send to the Town Engineer for a report. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

73 W. Read Ave. (Bednarowski)

Per the Building Department – February 18, 2020 the Building Department notified the Supervisor/Town Board and requested the Town Engineer look at this property in violation #47-19-23 pursuant to Chapter 113-4 & 5 of TOB Code. To date the property owner has been notified of the violation and no compliance and nothing as occurred. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and send to the Town Engineer for a report. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

3 Thompson Place (Matthews)

Per the Building Department – February 18, 2020 the Building Department notified the Supervisor/Town Board and requested the Town Engineer look at this property in violation #4220 pursuant to Chapter 113-4 & 5 of the TOB Code. To date the property owner has been notified of the violation and no compliance and nothing as occurred.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file and send to the Town Engineer for a report. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Resignation of Sewer Superintendent

Letter dated February 14, 2020 from Michael Collins, Sewer Superintendent, resigning his employment with the Town of Bethel effective February 28, 2020. He will be using my accrued time off until May 27, 2020.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and accept written resignation of Michael Collins, Sewer Superintendent, effective February 28, 2020. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Per Mr. Sturm – Chris Graffeo will be on his own for a couple of weeks and recommends the following:

1. Approve Chris Graffeo for overtime for three to eight hours per week starting February 29, 2020; and,
2. Bumping up Mr. Graffeo’s salary to current salary of Sewer Superintendent.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve Chris Graffeo for three to eight hours per week of overtime starting February 29, 2020 and approve his salary to the current salary of Sewer Superintendent. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Post Position for Sewer Superintendent/WWTP Operator

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to post ad for Sewer Superintendent/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Resignation of Sewer Dept. Laborer

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and accept written resignation from Jared Rhyne, Water Treatment Plant Laborer, effective February 5, 2020. Please be advised that Mr. Rhyne will be transferring to the Town of Bethel Highway Department effective February 20, 2020. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Post Position for Sewer Dept. Laborer

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to post help wanted ad for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Laborer. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Approving a Decommissioning Bond for BQ Energy Solar Project

Mr. Sturm – this is a yearly lease of \$25-\$30,000. Also, a 13% credit to Bethel residents on NYSEG bills.

Motion by Town Board member Mrs. Simpson to approve decommission bond for BQ Energy Solar Project.

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
APPROVING A DECOMMISSIONING BOND IN RELATION
TO BQ ENERGY/PSYCHEDELIC SOLAR, LLC FOR THE
TOWN OF BETHEL LANDFILL SOLAR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel had issued a Request for Proposal (the “RFP”) regarding the development of a solar photovoltaic project on property owned by the Town including its closed landfill (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel, in accordance with the RFP has entered into a lease with BQ Energy/Psychedelic Solar for the purpose of the Project; and

WHEREAS, BQ Energy/Psychedelic Solar are currently before the Town of Bethel Planning Board for approvals needed to commence construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Town of Bethel Code 345-39(G)(7)(b) BQ Energy/Psychedelic Solar is required to post a decommissioning bond in an amount and type approved by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, BQ Energy/Psychedelic Solar have agreed to post a bond in the amount of \$150,000 to be written by either Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company or Westchester Fire Insurance Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel approves the Decommissioning Bond in an amount of \$150,000 to be written by either Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company or Westchester Fire Insurance Company.

Seconded by Town Board member Mrs. Hendrickson, and Duly adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Simpson	Aye
Mrs. Hendrickson	Aye
Mrs. Ryder	Aye
Mr. Sturm	Aye

Duly adopted by 4 ayes 0 nays the 26th day of February 2020.

Request to close roads for KBP on Father's Day 6/21/2020

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to receive and approve request from Block Party Committee to hold the Kauneonga Block Party 2020 on June 21, 2020 (Father's Day) from 11 am to 5 pm. Need CR141 – RT 55 to West Shore/Mall Road closures. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Cancel Town Board on 4/8/2020

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to cancel the March 4th, 2020 Town of Bethel Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Approve request for Alternate Member to Zoning Board

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and approve memo dated 2/25/2020 from Stephen Morey, Chairman Zoning Board recommending Steven B. Kaufman to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate member, term expiring December 31, 2023. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

John Bishop Road Speed Limit Request

Per a verbal request from Cathy McFadden to lower the speed limit on John Bishop Road (TR19) between Hurd'n Parks Road and CR 141 (Horseshoe Lake Road).

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to request the Town Clerk to notify the Regional Traffic Engineer, Region 9, NYS DOT requesting the lower speed limit on John Bishop Road (TR19).

Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Adjournment

There being no further items on the agenda, motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to adjourn the Town of Bethel Town Board meeting of February 26, 2020. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan
Town of Bethel Town Clerk