

The July 22, 2020 Town of Bethel Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center meeting room.

Council members present: Vicky Simpson  
Dawn Ryder  
Lillian Hendrickson

Council member absent: Bernie Cohen

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Bid Results for Comfort Station**

The \$100,000 grant from the Honorable Jen Metzger (42<sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District of NY) and the Town of Bethel in kind matching amount of \$75,000 is currently on hold by until the NYS Dormitory money is released.

Sealed bids were publicly opened and read on July 20, 2020 at the Town Clerks' Office:

Only one bid was received in the amount of \$225,000 from Malum Enterprises, LLC, Monroe, NY.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to reject the bid due to the cost being too high. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to rebid the Smallwood Forest Reserve Comfort Station. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Discussion on overnight parking on Mall Road (TR 114)**

Mr. Sturm explained that vehicles are parking overnight on Mall Road where vendors are setting up on Saturday mornings for the farmer's market. Mr. Sturm suggested a sign stating "No Overnight Parking 12 AM Friday – 12 PM."

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve order for "NO OVERNIGHT PARKING 12 AM-12 PM FRIDAY NIGHTS" on Mall Road, signs posted, monitored by the Bethel Constables and ticket(s) be issued or the vehicle(s) be towed. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Fireworks Update**

Mr. Sturm discussed that the Town of Bethel Fireworks will be scheduled for August 15, 2020 at dusk.

**Renewal Taxi Application – Mom's Car Service**

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to renew Mom's Car Service LLC, owner and operator, Teresa Layton, for another year on the following three vehicles:

2005 – seats 7, plate #34297LV ID# 1D4GP45R45B103574  
2010 - seats 7, plate #34293LV ID# 2D4RN5D17AR297318  
2011 - seats 7, plate #16161TY ID# 2D4RNDG8BR742865

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

**Public Hearing: 7:45 p.m. – SBL #42.-8-8 13 W. Sullivan (Coppolino)**

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

Dale Boris asked the location. Mr. Sturm said it is on the corner of Gabriel with the chimney.

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

**8C-1. SBL #42.-8-8 13 W. Sullivan (Coppolino)**

BJ Gettel, Code Enforcement Officer for the Town, gave an update. He had no demolition permit, removed some of the structure and left the chimney. You can't do that according to the NYS Code. The original owner was Althaus, then the Sullivan County sold the property to Mr. Coppolino.

Mr. Sturm said – go out to bid that the premises be removed and the property cleared of debris. Back in May 2019 Air Environmental Consultants found the building extremely unsafe to enter and perform asbestos inspections. Therefore this property is to be demolished as an asbestos abatement project and the property cleared of debris.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to send parcel SBL#42.-8-8 out to bid. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Public Hearing: 7:55 p.m. – SBL #48.-3-6 21 E. Corwin (Ottway)**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to recess the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting at 7:55 pm and enter into the scheduled public hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Mr. Ottway - has contacted two demolition companies for removal to be completed by the end of October 2020. Mrs. Gettel – come in to the office for a demolition permit. Mr. Sturm – there is the engineer bill for the report that must be paid. Mr. Sturm - did you receive the engineer report? Town Clerk Rita Sheehan – all property owners have been sent the engineer reports.

**SBL#48.-3-6 E. Corwin (Ottway)**

Mr. Sturm – Please put this on the first meeting of September 9/9/2020 for an update. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to close the public hearing and re-enter the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting.

**Sewer Update**

Mrs. Hendrickson gave an update on the Sewer Plant since JCO Environmental Services took over in March, 2020. Expenses are going down and revenue from septage is going up. Everything is clean and being run efficiently.

**Public Hearing: 8:05 p.m. – SBL #47.-19-23 73 W. Read (Bednarowski)**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to recess the regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting at 8:05 pm and enter into the scheduled public hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Mr. Bednarowski, the owner was present. Mr. Bardnarowski wants to cooperate. A tree fell down and he removed it himself. He is removing the section that the tree fell on and burning one board at a time in a burn barrel.

The neighbor came to the public hearing complaining about the burning. Mr. Sturm said you cannot burn, the house must be removed properly according to code.

**July 22, 2020**

**Regular Meeting**

Mr. Sturm – there is the engineer bill for the report that must be paid. Mr. Sturm - did you receive the engineer report? Town Clerk Rita Sheehan – yes, he was sent the report.

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

**SBL#47.-19-23 W. Read (Bednarowski)**

Mrs. Simpson asked what is the time frame? Will you have this done by the end of September 2020?

Mr. Sturm asked that this be added to the 9/9/2020 agenda to see the progress.

If there is no progress with these to these structures (Ottway and Bednarowski) by our second meeting in September, 2020, they will go out to bid and removed.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Sturm, there being no further items on the agenda, I entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to adjourn the July 22, 2020 Town of Bethel Town Board meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk