

The September 9, 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

Council member present: Dawn Ryder
(via conference call due to being on state mandated quarantine for travelling to a high risk state)

Council member Bernie Cohen arrived at 8 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audit of Bills

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check(s)</u>
General Fund	\$208,200.94	9536-9600
Highway Fund	\$412,968.95	2667, 2670-2698
Kauneonga Lake Light District	\$ 2,083.61	1055
Kauneonga Lake Sewer District	\$ 28,790.04	2058-2067, 2069-2084
Planning & Zoning Escrow	\$ 210.00	1228

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve audit of bills. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

General Fund, 7/10 higher in revenue
 Building Department very busy, up 28% in fees.
 Recreation income down.
 Transfer station fees up 15%.
 Fines/bail down, no courts are open. Being held until NYS OCA given ok to open.
 Town of Bethel is ok, will meet revenue by end of the year.
 Expenditures are ok.
 Expenses – 11% better this year compared to last year.
 Highway - Expenses are down 5% compared to last year.
 More spent on CHIPS this year \$412,000 this year compared to last year of \$341,000.
 Town sand barn is full of sand. This should be ok until January, 2021.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Supervisor’s monthly report as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Building Department Monthly Report

August, 2020 Fees	\$ 12,249.00
August, 2019 Fees	\$ 5,447.00
August, 2020 Construction Totals	\$2,500,861.00
August, 2019 Construction Totals	\$ 712,255.00

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file monthly Building Department report as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Renaming of a portion of Central Avenue to Lake Shore Drive

Request from Chris J. Knapp, Director of Sullivan County Real Property Tax Services to clarify a road naming issue between E-911 and what actually exists in the field and what’s listed on the highway inventory. Roads in question are Lake Shore Drive and Central Avenue.

Whereas, a portion of Central Avenue (TR 100) is listed in the Sullivan County 911 inventory and the Sullivan County Real Property Tax Services as Lake Shore Drive (TR100) as well as Bing, Goggle and other map services; and

Whereas, the residences on that portion of the road have been addressed as Lake Shore Drive since the 1990's; and

Whereas, if the name were to all be changed to Central Avenue every structure would have to be readdressed; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town of Bethel Town Board hereby renames a portion of Central Avenue to Lake Shore Drive starting at the point from Route 55 to the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and Central Avenue a distance of .14 miles (750') and to change the Official Town Highway Map and Real Property Tax Map and State Highway Inventory.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve the renaming of a portion of Central Avenue to Lake Shore Drive and change the Official Town Highway Map and Real Property Tax Map and State Highway Inventory. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Total fees for August, 2020	\$12,159.33
State Share	\$ 2,225.06
Town Share	\$ 9,934.27

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file the Town Clerk's monthly report as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Resolution to adopt the new Retention and Disposition Schedule for Local Government Records (LGS-1)

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL,
SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK TO ADOPT
THE NEW RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE FOR
NEW YORK LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS (LGS-1)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel adopted the Record Retention and Disposition Schedule (MU-1) for use by Towns in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel adopted Chapter 62 of the Town of Bethel Code entitled Records on July 12, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Board of Regents adopted the final local government retention schedule (LGS-1) to become effective August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the new schedule (LGS-1) combines and replaces all four previous local government schedules including the MU-1; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Bethel Town Board that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

- (a) Only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein; and
- (b) Only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

Motion by: Mrs. Hendrickson
 Seconded by: Mrs. Ryder
 Adopted the 9th day of September, 2020.

Correspondence from The Friends of Toronto Reservoir

Email received 9/1/2020 from Nino Nannarone, (Friends of the Toronto Reservoir), regarding the access road to the Toronto Recreational site. Every year Eagle Creek fails to maintain the Access Road which violates their license with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). They request that the Town Board of Bethel play a more active role in safeguarding this public resource by having Eagle Creek to honor their FERC license #10482. They are asking the Town of Bethel to:

1. Send a letter to Eagle Creek notifying them that the Town of Bethel is Holding them accountable.
2. Send a letter to FERC with the FEC license #10482 on the envelope and in the letter stating the Eagle Creek is violating their license.
3. Send copies of these letters to the Friends of Toronto Reservoir.

Mrs. Hendrickson said there was nowhere to keep cool this summer. This summer more than ever. It is important to maintain the access road.

Mrs. Simpson stated that she supports all three (3) of their requests.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson that the Town of Bethel send a letter Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC, Neshkoro, WI. and to FERC, Washington, DC that they maintain the access road to Toronto Reservoir Recreational area.

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

21 E. Corwin (Ottway)

According to this Building Department on 9/7/2020 boarded up windows. Mr. Ottway was present and indicated that on Friday, 9/9/2020 was renting a truck to the County Landfill. Mr. Ottway is having a hard time finding an asbestos contractor. He called NYSEG to disconnect the electric. If it is going to slow them down, maybe the Town will have to take action.

Mr. Sturm stated to Mr. Ottway that he can always work with a contractor before the Town goes out to bid and hires a contractor.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the Town of Bethel to seek sealed bids. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

73 W. Read (Bednarowski)

Mr. Bednarowski attended the meeting and stated that all the walls are down as of today. B.J. Gettel stated that the Building Department is happy with the progress and recommend a 30-day extension.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to table this item, 73 W. Read (Bednarowski) for 30 days until October 14, 2020.

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

Mr. Cohen arrived at 8 p.m. during this part of the meeting.

9 Thompson Place (Hafner) SBL #41.-25-18

B.J. Gettel, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that the buyer for 9 Thompson Place is not going through with the sale.

Lee Cole Road (Lee Cole Home Corp.) SBL #9.-1-4

Mr. Sturm reported that the bidder, LCP Group, has started work and the Town is going forward with the contract.

13 West Sullivan Place (Coppolino) SBL #42.-8-8

B.J. Gettel reported that the owner is removing the debris and chimney from the property. Motion by Mrs. Cohen to rescind bid awarded to LCP Group for 13 W. Sullivan Place, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

9 Thompson Place (Hafner) SBL #41.-25-18

Mr. Sturm explained the bid award was tabled at a previous meeting. The property owner has not cooperated and town needs to move forward. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to award bid of the removal of the structure to LCP Group at a cost of \$15,000. seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson put to a vote and carried 5-0.

The total award to LCP Group is as follows:

Lee Cole Road	\$23,000
9 Thompson Place	<u>\$15,000</u>
	\$38,000
Less discount	<u>-5,000</u>
Total	\$33,000

Mr. Sturm noted that the removal of the buildings need to be completed by November 1, 2020 so the town can include in the 2021 relevely to the County of Sullivan.

Town Board Comments

Mrs. Hendrickson stated what a good job the Town did on the music, farmer’s market, camp, pool and fireworks. She was leery at the beginning, but so glad all went well.

Mrs. Simpson that the Farmer’s market had their last weekend. It was a wonderful market this year. Also, the Town blocked off the street for outdoor dining for the restaurants. The dog park is really doing well. A lot of people are using it.

Mr. Sturm stated if the people in attendance didn’t cooperate the events would not have been a success. Signs were posted to wear a mask.

Adjournment

There being no further business, by Mr. Cohen moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk