

The July 8, 2020 Town of Bethel regular 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
Lillian Hendrickson
Bernie Cohen
Dawn Ryder

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audit of Bills

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check(s)</u>
General Fund	\$172,778.28	9369, 9407-9459
Highway Fund	\$298,620.44	2596-2597, 2614-2618 2620-2636
Kauneonga Lake Sewer District	\$ 54,964.03	2013-2036
Planning & Zoning Escrow	\$ 762.75	1223

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file Audit of Bills. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Mr. Sturm reported the following:

- 10% lower spent in expenses compared to last year.
- 48% of the budget is spent compared to 53% last year (2019) this time.
- Highway revenue is up from the sale of surplus items.
- Expenses spent is 16%.
- 39% of the budget is spent so far compared to 41% last year.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file the Supervisor’s Monthly Report as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Building Department Monthly Report

June 2019 Fees	\$7,256.00
June 2020 Fees	\$6,131.00
June 2019 Monthly Construct Totals	\$1,065,500
June 2020 Monthly Construct Totals	\$ 988,780
year to date	\$2,967,446
year to date	\$3,481,067

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Building Department Monthly Report as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Approve Highway Superintendent Road Expenditure Agreements

The Highway Superintendent has submitted the following agreements for the expenditure of highway moneys.

AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$483,213.36 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 144.67 miles of town highways, including, sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways:
 - (a) On the road commencing at Laymon Road and leading to Silver Lake Road, a distance of 2,270 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$32,000. Type 6 & 7, width of traveled surface 18 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement, 1 inch type 6, 1 inch type 7 top. (Ranger Road)
 - (b) On the road commencing at Dead End, and leading to Hartwood Drive a distance of 850 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$6,700. Type 6, width of travel surface 14 ft., thickness 2 inches subbase pavement. Pave from Dead End High View to Hartwood Drive. (High View)
 - (c) On the road commencing at Dead End and leading to dirt on West Starlight a distance of 1, 025 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$10,000. Type 7, width of traveled surface 15 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement. (West Starlight)
 - (d) On the road commencing at Lake Street & Route 55 and leading to Lake Street and Route 55, a distance of 2171 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$25,000. Type 7, width of travel surface 19 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement. Toms required 458, 2 inches to include T&L. (Lake Street)
 - (e) On the road commencing at Route 55 and leading to Soule Road, a distance of 3,260 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$28,000. Type 7, width of traveled surface 18 ft., thickness 1-1/2 inches, subbase pavement. (Blanchard Road)
 - (f) On the road commencing at Route 55 and leading to Lake Street, a distance of 400 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$4,000. Type 7, width of traveled surface 18 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement. Tons required 80 (Scott Avenue)
 - (g) On the road commencing at Gabriel Street and leading to Dead End Thompson Place a distance of 235 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$3,000. Type 6, width of traveled surface 16 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement.
 - (h) On the road commencing at Gabriel Street and leading to Dead End West Highland a distance of 325 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$3,000. Type 6, width of traveled surface 13 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement.
 - (i) On the road commencing at Gabriel Street and leading to water tower, East Thompson, a distance of 855 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$6,000. Type 6, width of traveled surface 14 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement. Start with 10 ton type 7 to tie into existing road.
 - (j) On the road commencing at Gabriel Street and leading to Dead End West Oakland, a distance of 340 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$3,500. Type 6, width of traveled surface 13 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement.
 - (k) On the road commencing at Thompson Place and leading to Hartwood Drive a distance of 1730 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$17,000. Type 7, width of traveled surface 18 ft., thickness 1-1/2 inches, subbase pavement. (Gabriel Street, Smallwood.)
 - (l) On the road commencing at Lake Shore Drive and leading to the intersection of Galia Road a distance of 2,080 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum

of \$20,000. Type 7, width of travel surface 18ft., thickness 1-1/2 inches, subbase pavement. (Hartwood Drive).

- (m) On the road commencing at Gabriel Street, and leading to Lake Site, a distance of 850 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$6,700. Type airport mix, width of traveled surface 13 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement. (Bethel Place).
- (n) On the road commencing at Gabriel Street and leading to Lake Site, a distance of 635 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$4,300. Type airport mix, width of traveled surface 13 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement. (Oak Street).
- (o) On the road commencing at Dead End and leading to Laura Avenue, a distance of 200 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$2,000. Type airport mix, width of traveled surface 13 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement. (East Starlight).
- (p) On the road commencing at Cliff Street and leading to Lake Shore, a distance of 1,160 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$10,000. Type airport mix & #7, width of traveled surface 14 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement. Start with airport mix, do intersections with type 6 & 7. (Laura Avenue).
- (q) On the road commencing at Dead End and leading to Markley Lane, a distance of 230 ft., there shall be expended the sum of \$1,700. Type 7, width of traveled surface 13 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement. Dead end to intersection of Markley Lane. Dead end Orange Avenue.
- (r) On the road commencing at Dead End Markley and leading to West Starlight, a distance of 850 ft., there shall be expended not over the sum of \$10,000. Type 7, width of traveled surface 15 ft., thickness 2 inches, subbase pavement. Pave first part from Dead End to Orange 13 ft., wide rest 17 ft., wide (Markley Lane)

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Total fees for June, 2020	\$10,534.27
State Share	\$ 262.66
Town Share	\$10,271.61

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Request for sped reduction on Lt. Brender Highway

Town Supervisor has received an e-mail from Susan Mirabella, Lt. Brender Hwy dated July 2, 2020 requesting a speed limit reduction. Currently 55 MPH is the posted speed limit which is too fast for a two lane residential road. There is a high volume of traffic year-round due to the proximity of the hospital and the Town of Liberty Landfill. She is requesting that the speed limit on Lt. Brender Hwy be reduced to 35 MPH. She does not feel this is unreasonable considering the Bushville Road is 45 MPH and Old Rt. 17 is 45 MPH and even 40 MPH in some spots.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive, file and forward Susan Mirabella’s request to the county and state for appropriate disposition. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Final Reclamation Approval for Town Mine

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive and file letter dated June 30, 2020 from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, New Paltz, NY that the DEC staff conducted a

reclamation inspection of the mined land reclamation permit. Mine name: Blum Road Mine, MLF #30086, DEC #3-4820-00003/00002, Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, final reclamation approval. The DEC has determined that all affected lands have been successfully reclaimed or reclaimed in accordance with the approved Mined Land Use Plan. The DEC have closed and placed the mining permit and file in their inactive files. The planned construction of the solar array can comment in the mine site. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

DEC Approval for Landfill Solar Project

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file email from Alicia Scott, BQ Energy, the DEC mining Dept. has officially approved the solar array. BQ Energy are continuing to work through the IDA process and NYSEG. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Discussion Parks and Rec director salary

Mr. Sturm discussed the Parks and Recreation Director Salary. This year is a difficult year; extra planning due to the COVID-19. Cathy McFadden is running camp this summer. A few years ago she declined her raise. Her salary now is \$11,500. I recommend we increase the Parks and Recreation salary to \$14,000.

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve increasing salary of Parks and Recreation Director to \$14,000. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Reschedule fireworks for August

Mr. Sturm suggested that we reschedule our fireworks display for August 15, 2020. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to schedule the Town of Bethel fireworks display for August 15, 2020. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Discussion on request for internet for Jaketown Road from Kim Wingert

Letter from Kim Wingert requesting high speed internet. Her grandchildren reside with them and have no access to do their virtual school work. Mr. Sturm suggested the Town send letters to Spectrum, Hon. Charles E. Schumer, Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, Hon. Antonio Delgado, Hon. Jen Metzger, and Hon. Aileen M. Gunther regarding Old Taylor Road, Jaketown Road, Perry Road and the surrounding areas. Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to send letters to Spectrum and to the above federal and state representatives. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to adjourn the July 8, 2020 regularly scheduled Town of Bethel Town Board meeting at 8 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk