

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

14 AUGUST 2006

Supervisor Gayton opened the August 14, 2006 Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by Councilman Gick leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Officials in Attendance were:

Louis Gayton, Supervisor	Joyce Fleming, Councilwoman
Walter Wenhold, Councilman	Bill Gick, Councilman
Sue Neer, Councilwoman	Bill Shea, Town Justice
Roy Hersee, Highway Superintendent	Tom Douglas, ZEO/CEO

Attendees to the meeting were:

Ray Ladd	Ron Alvord
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Finances

Supervisor Gayton presented the finances for the month of July 2006.

Town Clerk Report – Debbie Douglas

Presented the minutes of the July 10, 2006 Regular Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilwoman Fleming to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2006 Regular Town Board meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Mentioned that the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce Annual Decision Maker's Tour – Innovative Energy Solutions: From the Farm is on September 27, 2006. She has the contact information for anyone who is interested in going.

Asked the Board for permission to sell self-laminators in the clerk's office.

The County Clerks Association was approached to sell the laminators to the hunters for their licenses; however the size is a good fit for any card size document.

The Batavia Town Clerk has ordered 1,000 of them and will sell them to the other town clerks at the desired quantity for \$.35 each to be sold in the clerks' offices for \$1.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to approve the purchase of self-laminators to be sold in the Town Clerks office for \$1.00. The motion passed with All In Favor.

A reminder to everyone that there will be county-wide primaries to be held on September 12, 2006 from 12 o'clock noon until 9:00 p.m.

ZEO/CEO Report – Tom Douglas

Is working on the ISO packet.

Will need to sit down with the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Assessor, Board Members, and Town Clerk to complete.

Will then need to meet with a representative.

The outcome will affect insurance prices.

Has received notification from BMSI that the licensing and maintenance fees for 2007 will increase by approximately 7.5%. However, after reviewing the Town's contract, he found that the town is guaranteed a set price thru 2007. He will talk to them to straighten this out.

The State Legislature has passed and it is in the Governor's hands for signing, legislation mandating that the Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals members have 4 hours of state certified training each year. The county planning department is looking into the possibility of hosting these training sessions.

The Official Zoning map has been ordered with wetlands added.

The County is working on having their GIS available to the towns directly from their server instead of loading it onto each town's computers. This will save both the county and the town money.

The County Planning Department is also working on having the old aerial maps digitized and placed on their website for use by the town planning departments.

ZEO/CEO Douglas is talking with Town Attorney Dave DiMatteo concerning junk cars and will be performing a sweep in the fall to get rid of them before winter.

Inflatable pools are to come under the same ordinances that are used for regular swimming pools per state law. There had been talk that the state would change their law for the inflatable pools but it does not seem to be coming to fruition. ZEO/CEO Douglas will start sending letters to homeowners informing them of these guidelines in hopes that people will become compliant next year and violations will not need to be issued.

The state is also pushing operator's permits that would have to be renewed annually by any business.

A report of all permits issued this year was provided. Permits are down by approximately half compared to the last few years. This seems to be the case in other towns as well.

Highway Superintendent Report – Roy Hersee

Shoulder mowing continues.

Grader patching has been completed on Silver, Smith, Mill, Marsh, Transit, and Clapsaddle Roads. Paul, Buckman, McLernon and Bethany Center Road still need to be done.

In order to complete the grader patching and sealing of the scheduled six miles of road the DA5110.4 will go over the budgeted amount. If the account cannot be exceeded road maintenance will be incomplete for this year. The price of oil has risen by 40% since spring.

Five hundred twenty ton of chipped stone has been hauled in and approximately another one hundred eighty ton will be needed to seal six miles of road.

Have started cleaning ditches on Silver Road.

Helped the towns of Alexander and Batavia with paving. Two workers from the town of Batavia helped here for four days while Kenny and Barb were off.

Truck 1203 was used four times to sand hot roads to prevent pavement picking.

Justice Report – Bill Shea

Court has been slow.

Supervisor Gayton suggested that the justices look into purchasing a convex mirror to be placed to allow the justices to view people entering the hall via the main entrance.

Board Committee Reports

Joyce Fleming, Councilwoman

Planning Board

Unable to hold a meeting on August 3, 2006 due to the lack of a quorum.

ZBA

Met on July 26, 2006 with six members present and 1 absent.

Approved an Area Variance Application submitted by Ed Spence for the property located at 9717 Bethany Center Road to remove the existing accessory structure and construct a larger one.

Walter Wenhold, Councilman

- The Senior Meals program is still looking for a director.

Bill Gick, Councilman

Attended the County Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting where he obtained information concerning seeding practices for ditches.

Sue Neer, Councilwoman

Spoke with some Bethany residents who use the Alexander recreation program. They spoke highly of the activities offered.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Update

Planning Board held a special work session on July 27, 2006.

Public Water Update

The Town of Batavia is still trying to work something out.

Building Update

Suburban Electric has met all of its requirements and will be receiving their final check. Tower Construction still needs to provide the town with the warranty for the roof and still has 1 key. A check will not be issued until these items are received.

Planning Board Secretary – Appointment of

Deputy Town Clerk Cindy Schafer has agreed to be the Planning Board Secretary.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilwoman Fleming to appoint Cindy Schafer to the position of Planning Board Secretary. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Moratorium Extension

Town Attorney David DiMatteo will be present at the next Town Board meeting to present a draft of the extension.

Warrant

The Town Board approved payment of bills as follows:

Prepaid	Total		
General Fund		\$3,017.26	\$10,154.49
Highway Fund		\$2,601.90	\$22,712.22

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Fleming to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
BETHANY TOWN BOARD
DATED: August 15, 2006

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie L. Douglas
Bethany Town Clerk