

TOWN OF BETHANY

ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

08 JANUARY 2007

Supervisor Gayton opened the 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
Roy Hersee, Highway Superintendent	Sue Neer, Councilwoman

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Ray Cipriano, Planning Board Member/Wind Turbine Committee Member  
Francis Ashley, Wind Turbine Committee Chair  
Geoffrey Briggs, Wind Turbine Committee Member  
Elizabeth Briggs

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Appointments – 2007

Supervisor Gayton presented the following appointments for 2007.

Deputy Supervisor	Joyce Fleming
Bookkeeper	William Hakes
Asst. Bookkeeper	Debbie Douglas
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Debbie Douglas
Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer	Thomas Douglas
Cap #1 Assessor	Deborah Conti
Historian	Helen Milroy
Deputy Historian	Debbie Douglas
Deputy Tax Collector	Robert Bower
Deputy Town Clerk	Cynthia Schafer
Deputy Highway Superintendent	Mark Heale
Highway Department Clerk-Typist	Debbie Douglas
Veterans Officer	Harold Zehler
Retained Legal Counsel	David DiMatteo
Rep. Attica Medical Center	Joyce Fleming
Insurance Agency	NYMIR-Thomkins Agency
First Depository	Bank of America
Second Depository	Five Star Bank
Third Depository	M & T Bank
Official Newspaper	The Daily News
Retained Consulting Firm	Clark Patterson Associates
RMO/RAO	Debbie Douglas
Court Clerks	Marie Shea
	Jillian Welch
Court Officer/Bailiff	William Gick
Animal Control Officer	Bill Williams
Planning Board Chairman	Bill Williams
Zoning Board of Appeals Chair	Open
Mileage Rate	\$.35
Planning Board Member	James Phillips
Zoning Board of Appeals Member	Howard Kreutter
Board of Assessment Review Member	Gail Smith

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Fleming to approve the appointments for 2007 as presented by Supervisor Gayton. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Bill Gick indicated that he would continue as Court Officer/Bailiff until such time that another person is found to replace him.

#### Meeting Dates

Supervisor Gayton presented the meeting dates for the Bethany Town Board (second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of holidays where the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday), Town Planning Board (first Thursday of each month) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (fourth Wednesday of each month).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve the meeting dates of the Bethany Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion passed with All In Favor.

#### Fee Schedule

Supervisor Gayton presented the fee schedules for 2007.  
No changes from the previous year.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve the Fee Schedules for 2007. The motion passed with All In Favor.

### REGULAR MEETING

#### Finances

Supervisor Gayton presented the finances for the year to this point.

#### Town Clerk Report – Debbie Douglas

Presented the minutes of the December 11, 2006 Regular Town Board Meeting. Councilman Gick noted that in the section containing his report that debris removal from creeks did not pertain specifically to the Little Tonawanda but to all creeks in town. Correction will be made to the minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Fleming to approve the corrected minutes of the December 11, 2006 Regular Town Board Meeting. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Presented the minutes of the December 28, 2006 Year-End Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2006 Year-End Town Board Meeting. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Town's BJ's Membership is expiring at the end of January. Employee cost is \$21.60 due to the Town Clerk by January 20, 2007. Checks should be made payable to BJ's Wholesale Club.

Newsletter articles should be to the Town Clerk by January 20, 2007.

#### Highway Superintendent Report – Roy Hersee

Worked on installing snow fence. Ran out of ties, more are on order. More road signs have been replaced.

Have done some shoulder and ditch work with the nice weather.

Completed overhauling the sander for 1204 and are currently painting the dump body and replacing the rear lights.

#### Board Committee Reports

Joyce Fleming, Councilwoman  
Planning Board

Met on January 4, 2007 with five members present and 2 absent.

David DiMatteo, Town Attorney discussed Generic Environmental Impact Study (GEIS) in relation to the Comprehensive Plan.

A work session for the Town Board, Planning Board and Attorney DiMatteo will be held on January 18, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. to work on the GEIS.

Walter Wenhold, Councilman

Senior Meals

Noted that recent figures show that in 2015 it is estimated that there will be 25,000 people in Genesee County who are 60 years old and over.

Bill Gick, Councilman

Has found that there is a Stream Bank Pilot Project that may help with the cleanup of debris in creeks.

With this program, the cost is split three ways between the Town, County and the landowner.

Highway Superintendent Hersee will discuss this at the next Highway Superintendent's meeting.

Suggested that the Town look into having the Old Town Hall placed on the State or National Register.

By being on the register it would enable the Town to apply for grants.

Geoffrey Briggs volunteered that he is a member of a preservation group and would bring up the possibility at their next meeting in order to gain information and contacts.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan - Update

Town Attorney David DiMatteo met with the Town Planning Board at their January 4, 2007 meeting to explain Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS).

Work session for Town Board, Planning Board and Town Attorney to work on the GEIS will be held on January 18, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Should be completed in 2 or 3 meetings.

2006 Budget Overages

- Supervisor Gayton noted that there were several overages in the 2006 Budget.

- Some of the most serious were due to insurance costs, October storm and the cost of the building (mainly heating).

Noted that all department heads should let him know in advance if they think that they are going to go over on any line item.

To alleviate some of the building costs, Supervisor Gayton suggested that the Town Board consider siding, insulation, and new windows for the older part of the building to help with heating costs.

He would also like to see a generator installed for emergency purposes as this is the most likely place to be able to shelter and feed people in an emergency.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Travel Request – Deb Conti, Assessor

Has requested permission to travel to the Annual Association of Towns Conference in New York City to be held from February 18 – 21, 2007.

Cost is to be split between three towns.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Fleming to grant permission to Deb Conti to travel to the Annual Association of Towns Conference in New York City to be held from February 18 – 21, 2007 with the cost to be split between Pembroke, Darien and Bethany. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Travel Request – Tom Douglas, Code Enforcement Officer  
Has requested permission to travel to the Annual Building Officials Conference in Buffalo to be held on January 28 – 31, 2007 with the cost to be split with the Town of Pavilion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve the travel request submitted by CEO/ZEO Douglas to attend the Annual Building Officials Conference in Buffalo to be held on January 28 – 31, 2007 with the cost to be split with the Town of Pavilion. The motion passed with All In Favor.

#### GIS Needs Assessment Grant

Genesee County is considering submitting a grant application to Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF).  
Grant would be to conduct a “GIS Needs Assessment” to evaluate current technology and make recommendations for using GIS to improve activities within and between municipalities.  
Municipalities need to contact Genesee County Planning Department by January 16, 2007 if interested in participating in the grant.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to participate in the grant for GIS Needs Assessment with Genesee County. The motion passed with All In Favor.

#### Resolution #1-2007 – 2006 Budget Amendments

Supervisor Gayton presented the 2006 Budget Amendments.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve Resolution #1-2007 – 2006 Budget Amendments as presented by Supervisor Gayton. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Gayton – Yes	Councilwoman Fleming – Yes
Councilman Wenhold – Yes	Councilman Gick – Yes
Councilwoman Neer – Yes	

#### Old Fire Hall – Overhead Doors

Town uses the old fire hall in front of the Highway Department for storage.  
Overhead doors are becoming very dilapidated and need replacing.  
Highway Superintendent Hersee will get estimates for replacement of one or both doors.

#### Wind Turbine Study Committee – Ramon Cipriano

Report from the Wind Turbine Study Committee was turned over to the Town Clerk who will in turn mail to Committee members, Town Planning Board and Town Board.

#### Warrant

The Town Board approved payment of the following bills:

Prepaid		Total	
	General Fund	\$0.00	\$9,413.09
	Highway Fund	\$0.00	\$8,663.25

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE  
BETHANY TOWN BOARD  
DATED: January 11, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Debbie L. Douglas  
Bethany Town Clerk