

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

12 FEBRUARY 2007

Supervisor Gayton opened the Regular Meeting of the Bethany Town Board with a moment of silence followed by Councilman Gick leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Officials in Attendance were:

Louis Gayton, Town Supervisor	Walter Wenhold, Councilman
Bill Gick, Councilman	Sue Neer, Councilwoman
Roy Hersee, Highway Superintendent	

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Danielle Kotmel	Joshua Kotmel
Jim Phillips, Fire Dept. President	Jeff Fluker
Edward Pietrzykowski	Loy Gross

FINANCES

Supervisor Gayton presented the finances for the month of January 2007.

Town Clerk Report – Debbie Douglas

Presented the minutes of the January 8, 2007 Organizational and Regular Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2007 Organizational and Regular Town Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Noted that preparation for the 2010 Census has begun. Clerk will be attending a workshop at the Genesee County Fire Training Center on March 8, 2007. The Clerks office will be closed.

A fire inspection was done on February 8, 2007 by the Department of Labor.

One emergency light in Community Center is not working.

Fire extinguishers were out of date.

Type K extinguishers are now a requirement in the kitchen for commercial cooking equipment.

Town Clerk has called Russell Fire & Safety. They had scheduled maintenance for February; however, they were due in January. They will be out ASAP to inspect existing extinguishers, install a type K extinguisher and are getting a price for a new emergency light.

The Town Board was reminded that the March GAM meeting will be held in Bethany.

Highway Superintendent Report – Roy Hersee

Highway crews have made 56 plow/sand passes this month. Along with using the drott, snowblower and loader to open the roads.

Painted dump body and replaced light at back of truck 1204.

Have started cleanup of debris from ice storm. FEMA and power company crews have left piles of trimmings that are of concern. Town should not have to clean up. If Town crews clean up, Supervisor Gayton asked that a record of expenses be kept to allow the Town to seek reimbursement.

Board Committee Reports

Bill Gick – Councilman

Planning Board Report

Planning Board met on February 1, 2007.

Approved Site Plan Review for Holland Highlift Rentals to erect a canopy for protection from the weather when loading and unloading equipment.

Recommended approval to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an Area Variance application submitted by Phil Lafreneier and John Atkinson to construct a roof over an existing deck without the required front setback.

Miscellaneous

Attended the Genesee County Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting.

Storm Water Conference will be held at the Buffalo Convention Center on March 27, 2007.

Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council will hold their spring workshop on May 11, 2007 in Pittsford. As soon as the Town Clerk receives the registration forms, she will pass them on.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Update

The GEIS (Generic Environmental Impact Statement) has been completed. The Planning Board and the Town Boards need to schedule public hearings.

Newsletter

Newsletter is complete. Board members were asked to review and inform Town Clerk of any changes or corrections.

Clerk will check the price of printing in color. If not exorbitant, will print in color.

2006 State Finances Report

- Report has been completed and filed with the State and with the Town Clerk.

Annual Audit

The Town Board will perform their annual audit at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Officers – Approval Of

Fire Department Officers for 2007 are as follows:

President	Jim Phillips
Vice President	Gail Smith
Secretary	Mel Davis
Treasurer	Ed Tiede
Chief	Matt Keller
1st Assistant Chief	Jeff Fluker
2nd Assistant Chief	Jason Thurley
EMS Captain	Melody Davis
EMS Lieutenant	Mike Thurley

Board of Directors for 2007 are as follows:

Pat Pietrzykowski
 Ed Pietrzykowski
 Bill Shea
 Jason Best
 Gary Smith
 Adam Miller

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve the Officers and Board of Directors of the Bethany Volunteer Fire Company as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Fire Department - Tractor Pulls

Fire Department is looking into the possibility of hosting tractor pulls.

Ask for any input from the Town Board.

Will keep the Board updated.

Fire Protection Contract

Fire Department was advised that they may approach the Town Board regarding contract negotiations in October of each year prior to tax rates being set. Public Hearing for Fire Protection Contract will be held on March 12, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

Snow/Mowing – County Contract

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to grant Highway Superintendent Hersee permission to sign the 2007 Snow Removal and Road Shoulder Mowing Contract. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Siding & Windows – Community Center

Supervisor Gayton suggested that the Town take bids for siding with insulation and windows for the older part of the Community Center. Building is poorly insulated and windows leak air causing high heating bills.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilman Gick to accept bids for siding with insulation and windows for the Bethany Community Center.

New Computer – Supervisor

Supervisor Gayton is requesting a new computer to replace his eight year old computer at a cost of approximately \$1300.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve the purchase of a computer for the Town Supervisor at a cost of approximately \$1300. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Ambulance Service

The City of Batavia is considering discontinuing ambulance service to the county. Discussion of 2-3 towns banning together to pay for ambulance service has been discussed. If the City discontinues service, the Towns will have 180 days to acquire service for their residents.

Snow Removal Complaint

Residents of 9967 Old East Road spoke to the Town Board concerning snow being pushed into their driveway. They also brought pictures to the Board. Highway Superintendent Hersee will go by to look and speak with the driver.

Hall Use Agreement with Fire Department

A proposed agreement to outline responsibilities has been written. The Supervisor will meet with Fire Department President, Hall Steward/Dinner Chair, Town Maintenance Person, and Town Clerk to iron out the details.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to grant Supervisor Gayton permission to sign the agreement with the Fire Department.

Warrant

The Town Board approved payment of the following bills:

Prepaid	Total		
	General Fund	\$2,633.52	\$ 9,469.94
	Highway Fund	\$3,146.46	\$22,599.85

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
BETHANY TOWN BOARD

Respectfully Submitted,

DATED: February 15, 2007

Debbie L. Douglas
Bethany Town Clerk