

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

12 MARCH 2007

Supervisor Gayton opened the March 12, 2007 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
Walther Wenhold, Councilman	Bill Gick, Councilman
Bill Shea, Town Justice	Tom McBride, Town Justice
Tom Douglas, CEO/ZEO	

Attendees to the Meeting were:

David DiMatteo, Town Attorney

FINANCES

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

Town Clerk Report – Debbie Douglas
Presented the Minutes of the February 12, 2007 Regular Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2007 Regular Town Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Attended the 2010 LUCA Census Workshop on March 8, 2007.
G/FLRPC has offered to be the liaison between the Finger Lakes region and the Census Bureau.
There are no long forms for this census.
In July governments will receive an invitation from the Census Bureau to participate. These registration forms should be sent to G/FLRPC.
When materials are received from the Census Bureau the turnaround time is 120 days from date of receipt for review of address lists.
Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held in Batavia on May 12, 2007. Must call for appointment. Information is on bulletin board and will also be posted at the Transfer Station.
Alexander Central School has asked the clerk to participate in interviews with the 4th grade class. This will be on the morning of Wednesday, March 21, 2007 therefore; the clerk's office will be closed that morning.
GAM is meeting in Bethany on March 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

ZEO/CEO – Tom Douglas

Attended Niagara Frontier Building Officials Conference.

Part 1203 is more complicated than originally thought.

Must complete annual reports.

Agricultural inspections are left to the discretion of the local officials.

Are pushing Operating Fees.

2006 Codes should be adopted in 2007

Is required to attend an 8 hour update for the new codes on March 15th 2007.

The State will provide one set of books at no charge.

Will be doing annual fire inspections and road review this month.

Highway Superintendent Report – Roy Hersee

Past month has been very busy with four sanding passes for icing and forty-four plow and sand passes. The snow blower was used nine days the Drott 6 days along with the loader and trucks to keep the roads open.

On February 22, 2007, an accident occurred with truck 1201 (2002 International).

The plow dug into the ground and pulled the truck on top of it.

The insurance adjuster has looked at the damage and the truck is currently at Caledonia Diesel for further evaluation.

Most of the plow equipment including the sander was damaged.

Damage to the truck as of now includes a ruptured oil pan, a broken clutch housing, and possible engine and transmission damage.

Rough estimate for damage is \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Old sander from the 1985 Ford that was on the 2006 Peterbuilt has broken down. The sprocket shafts and apron chain are bad. Since Truck 1201 is in the shop with damage, the sander from that truck was moved to the Peterbuilt.

On March 7, 2007, the Highway Superintendent went to Albany with six other Genesee County Highway Superintendents for Advocacy Day.

Met with Daniel Burling, and Stephen Hawley. Were to meet with Mary Lou Rath however, she was called away to another meeting.

The contingent asked for more CHIPS money and was promised that some of the state's surplus money would be used in that area.

Town Justice Report – Bill Shea & Tom McBride

Court survey for security and compliance must be done in order to qualify for grants.

Justice Shea will call and arrange for the survey.

More education is being required of the Justices by the state.

New Justices are now required to have 7 weeks of training

Yearly update training has gone from 12 hours to thirty hours.

Board Committee Reports

Walter Wenhold

Senior Meals

Betty Grasso is the new meal site coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan & DGEIS

David DiMatteo provided copies of the Final Draft of the Town Comprehensive Plan and DGEIS along with an amended timeline for completion.

Resolution #3-2007 – RE: Comprehensive Plan

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve Resolution #3-2007 accepting the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan from the Planning Board, seeking lead agency status, identifying involved agencies, referring the matter to the Genesee County Planning Board and scheduling a public hearing for April 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Gayton – Yes

Councilwoman Fleming – Yes

Councilman Wenhold – Yes

Councilman Gick – Yes

Wind Turbine Study Committee Reports (2)

Both of the Study Committee Reports will be on the Town website.

Generator for Community Center

Still searching for possible grants for a generator for the Community Center.

FEMA Check

Received a check from FEMA for costs incurred during the October 2006 storm (\$5,681.30).

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Audit

The Town Board reviewed the books of the Town Justices (2), Town Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Supervisor. No abnormalities were found.

Batavia Bus Service

Letter received from Batavia Bus Service offering to speak to the Town Board concerning service in our area or any other questions or concerns

National Fuel Gas Line Replacements

Received notification that National Fuel Gas will be replacing gas lines in the area. If any road work is planned it could be coordinated. Information was passed on to Highway Superintendent Hersee.

Time Warner Cable Rate Changes

Supervisor Gayton received notice of proposed rate changes from Time Warner Cable. Supervisor Gayton noted that there has been talk that the cable company may be made a public utility.

Siding & Windows for Community Center

CEO Douglas is researching and writing the specs for bids for siding and windows for the Community Center. Will match the new Town Offices.

Ambulance Service Rate Change

The charge for a paramedic intercept by the City of Batavia will increase from \$200 to \$500 in May.

Francis Brunner – Resignation

A letter of resignation has been received from Planning Board Member, Francis Brunner.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilman Gick to accept Francis Brunner's resignation with regret. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Advertise for Vacancies

The Town currently has 3 vacancies

1 Zoning Board of Appeals member.

1 Planning Board member.

Court Bailiff (Bill Gick has agreed to stay until a replacement has been found).

The Town Clerk will place a notice in the paper.

Annual Senior Meals Payment

- A report has been received for the Bethany meal site.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve the annual payment of \$500. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair

Since the resignation of Mike Holmes from the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Chair seat has been vacant.

Nancy Burke, who has been on the board for a number of years, has agreed to be chair.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Fleming to appoint Nancy Burke Zoning Board of Appeals Chair. The motion passed with All In Favor.

2007 Fire Protection Contract

Supervisor Gayton opened the public hearing for the 2007 Fire Protection Contract at 8:00 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 9:00 p.m.

No one spoke concerning the contract.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the 2007 Fire Protection Contract. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Warrant

The Board approved payment of the following bills:

	Prepaid	Total
General Fund	\$2,402.20	\$ 8,700.31
Highway Fund	\$ 0.00	\$39,312.31

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Fleming to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
BETHANY TOWN BOARD
DATED: March 14, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas
Bethany Town Clerk