

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

11 FEBRUARY 2008

Supervisor Gayton opened the February 11, 2008 Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:32 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	William Gick, Councilman
Walter Wenhold, Councilman	Susan Neer, Councilwoman
Edward Pietrzykowski, Councilman	Debbie Douglas, Town Clerk
Paul Fleming, Highway Superintendent	William Shea, Town Justice
Lee Hendershott, Town Historian	Thomas McBride, Town Justice

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Ramon Cipriano

Finances

Supervisor Gayton presented the finances for the Month of January 2008 as follows:

General Savings	\$775,669.63	
WCB Savings	\$ 18,162.93	
Highway Savings	\$ 28,190.27	
Capital Project Highway	\$ 29,823.90	
AP/PR Account	\$ 1,863.10	
T/A Account	\$ 1,379.38	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	
Highway Fund Misc. Savings	\$ 2,970.56	
Total		\$858,309.77
Revenues Received		
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 2,064.90	
US Gypsum	\$ 39.18	
County of Genesee (Dogs)	\$ 411.26	
Norma Bower, Tax Collector	\$313,398.62	
Total Revenue		\$315,913.96
Total Revenue and Interest		\$317,113.83

Town Clerk Report—Debbie Douglas

Presented Minutes of the January 14, 2008 Regular Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Received notification from the Town Attorney's office that Local Law #1-2008—Zoning Amendments has a filing date of January 22, 2008. This is the date that the law becomes effective.

Clerk is working with Lisa at the Town Attorney's office to put together an updated version of the Town's Zoning Laws, Sub-division Law and Comprehensive Plan. Pricing is as follows:

25 Sets	
Printing	\$275 - \$300
Binders	\$60

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the purchase 25 binders and printing of 25 new Zoning Law Books along with the Comprehensive Plan and Subdivision Law. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Highway Superintendent Report–Paul Fleming

Finished brake repairs on three plow trucks with new hardware kits and seals.  
 900 ton of salt has been ordered in the past four weeks, most of it has been delivered.  
 Approximately 35 plow/sand runs have been completed since the January Town Board meeting.  
 Repair to road signs damaged by the strong winds will be ongoing.  
 One of the sanders is being refurbished with new chain, bearings and shaft.  
 Pavilion Highway donated their old SNO-GO and it is being dismantled for parts that can be used on the town's machine as parts are hard to come by for this machine due to its age.

#### Town Justice Report–Bill Shea & Tom McBride

Attended a training session for the new courtroom recorders that have been mandated by the state.  
 Beginning on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 all court proceedings will be recorded. The Office of Court Administration can then audit the recordings as they deem necessary.  
 Credit card machines will soon be issued to the courts. There will be no charge to the Town; however the Justices may have to move their accounts to a bank designated by the State.

#### Board Committee Reports

Bill Gick, Councilman

Genesee County Water Quality Coordinating Committee

Was informed at the meeting by GLOW that Waste Management will be tripling the price on recycled plastics.

#### Planning Board

Planning Board met on February 7, 2008 with 6 members present and 1 absent.

Gave preliminary approval to a land separation application submitted by Timothy Hensel (LS0801) for the property located at 9647 Creek Road. Final approval will be given when the required proof of merge is submitted.

Rts. 63 & 20 Corridor was discussed. Councilman Gick supplied data stating that there has been a substantial increase in commercial traffic exiting the Thruway from 1990–2000. This increase correlates with the increase in Thruway tolls.

Reviewed Local Law #1-2008 Zoning Amendments.

Discussed training opportunities. Trying to coordinate something with County Planning. Also discussed the possibility of on-line training available through the NYMIR.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to allow on-line training as another training option for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. This can be the sole source of training or can be used in conjunction with on-site training programs. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Walter Wenhold, Councilman

Senior Meals

All going well. Coordinator will be away for 2 weeks. Seniors have decided to get together on their own during this time and fix their own meals.

#### Pavilion Public Library

Library is growing and is running out of room. Is looking for a way to expand.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### Wind Turbine Study Committee–Dissolution of

As zoning amendments have been completed and filed with the State Supervisor Gayton feels that it is time to dissolve the Wind Turbine Study Committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to dissolve the Wind Turbine Study Committee with the Board's thanks. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Union Contract

The Teamsters Union has agreed to a 2.5% wage increase over the next 3 years with the Town to continue to pay in full for health insurance through the union insurance plan.

Some dates will need to be changed in the contract regarding the start date for the insurance prior to signing.

May have to hold a special meeting when the changes are made to vote on signing.

Will be able to continue with BlueCross/BlueShield for retired Highway Superintendent Roy Hersee until he is able to find other insurance.

Town will have to give 30 days notice for removal of Teamsters employees from BlueCross/BlueShield.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to start the Union Insurance for the Teamsters employees on April 1, 2008. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Putnam Cemetery Driveway

Received notification from the surveyor that the survey has been laid out on the computer.

Supervisor Gayton and Highway Superintendent Fleming will meet with the surveyor to look at it before the final documents are prepared.

#### Water District Contract with Town of Batavia

There has been no agreement between the Town's Attorney and the Town of Batavia's Attorney as yet.

#### Historic Preservation Committee

Will be meeting on February 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Travel Request–Debbie Douglas, Town Clerk

Requesting permission to attend the Annual Association of Towns Conference and Training School in New York City from February 17–20, 2008.

Request includes the cost of round trip flight and conference registration fee. Receipts for meals will be submitted at a later date.

Will be able to room with the Assessor for free as the State reimburses for the Assessor's conference costs.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the travel request submitted by the Town Clerk to travel to New York City for the Annual Association of Towns Conference and Training School to be held from February 17–20, 2008.

The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

##### Travel Request–Deborah Conti, Assessor

Requesting permission to attend the Annual Association of Town Conference and Training School from February 17–20, 2008 in New York City.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve the travel request submitted by the Assessor to travel to New York City of the Annual Association of Towns Conference and Training School from February 17–20, 2008 with the cost to be split evenly between Pembroke, Darien, Attica, and Bethany. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Annual Report to State

The annual report has been completed and is on file in the Clerk's office.

#### Liaison to Fire Department–Appointment of

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to appoint Councilman Pietrzykowski as Town Board Liaison to the Fire Department. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Gayton–Yes	Councilman Gick–Yes
Councilman Wenhold–Yes	Councilwoman Neer–Yes
Councilman Pietrzykowski - Yes	

#### Travel Request–Supervisor Gayton

Requesting permission to travel to Albany to lobby for more CHIPS money from March 4–5, 2008.

Received notification that CHIPS will be down by 4.3% this year.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the travel request of Supervisor Gayton to travel to Albany for the purpose of lobbying for CHIPS funding on March 4 & 5, 2008. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Safe Homes Week–Proclamation of

Councilwoman Neer is on the Board for GCASA who is sponsoring this program.

Program is on the idea of the block parent program however parent pledge to keep children visiting their homes safe from drugs while in their home. These drugs include alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.

Parents sign pledge cards. These pledges are then posted on a website. This allows parents to check the website for parents who have pledged to keep children drug free while in their homes. A proclamation declaring February 25–29, 2008 as Safe Homes Week and commending parents and families who have pledged to encourage a safe & healthy lifestyle for young people.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to proclaim February 25–29, 2008 SafeHomes Week. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Fire Protection Contract & Hall Use Agreement with Fire Department

The Fire Protection Contract and the Hall Use Agreement are both due for renewal on April 1, 2008.

Board to review copies for next regular meeting.

Warrant

The Town Board approved payment of the following bills:

Prepaid	Total		
	General Fund	\$2,822.75	\$11,581.18
	Highway Fund	\$4,512.48	\$19,744.62

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE  
BETHANY TOWN BOARD  
DATED: February 12, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie L. Douglas  
Bethany Town Clerk