

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

10 MARCH 2008

Supervisor Gayton opened the March 10, 2008 Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:31 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	

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Ramon Cipriano	Gail Smith, Fire Dept. Pres.
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Finances

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

General Savings	\$840,867.72	
WCB Savings	\$ 18,164.03	
Highway Savings	\$ 22,237.52	
Capital Project Highway	\$ 29,837.58	
AP/PR Account	\$ 2,501.64	
T/A Account	\$ 365.38	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	
Highway Fund Misc. Savings	\$ 2,970.56	
Total		\$917,194.43
Revenues Received		
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1,549.28	
US Gypsum	\$ 20.61	
County of Genesee	\$106,636.66	
NYS Department of Taxation	\$ 1,655.00	
Genesee County Treasurer	\$ 432.32	
Total Revenue		\$110,293.87
Total Revenue and Interest		\$111,193.43

Town Clerk Report—Debbie Douglas

Presented Minutes of the February 11, 2008 Regular Town Board Meeting.

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

Presented Minutes of the February 28, 2008 Special Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2008 Special Town Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Clerk has provided all Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members with the brochure for the Spring Local Government Workshop to be held on May 9, 2008 in Pittsford. Looked into the NY Planning Federation, the Town would have to pay \$150 to join. Obtained copy of the land use training program provided by NYMIR. Received a report of the number of hits on the Town website.

Since October 23, 2007 the website has received 13,674 hits.

222 of these requested files (minutes, forms, etc.).

There is an average of 683 hits per week.

The Town Clerk will be on vacation from April 7–April 22. The Deputy Clerk will be in the office on Wednesday evenings from 4–7 and Saturday mornings from 9–noon.

ZEO/CEO Report–Debbie Douglas

ZEO left the following report:

Has looked at the NYMIR land use training program and feels that it is more than adequate.

Will be setting up a power point program to review it with the Town Board. Is willing to conduct quarterly training with various boards if the Town Board would like.

Will do road review after returning from vacation and the weather breaks.

Permits are now required for roofing per New York State. Is looking into implementing this permitting process (inspections required, fees, etc.).

ZEO/CEO will be on vacation from April 7–April 22.

Highway Superintendent Report–Paul Fleming

Continuing to maintain salt and sand supply.

DEC performed an audit of the underground fuel tanks and made a recommendation that the tank testing be updated.

Primetime Services was notified and performed the appropriate tests.

Since furnaces are in need of replacing, switching to propane may be the best choice allowing the elimination of the underground tanks.

Plow trucks are in good working order.

Town Justice Report–Bill Shea

The Justice Court was awarded \$9,000 in grant funding.

\$5,000 of that is earmarked for a metal detector to be installed in the community center.

The State is going to require Court Clerk Certification which will require the clerks to accumulate a required number of training hours per year.

Board Committee Reports

Bill Gick, Councilman

Planning Board

Planning Board met on March 6, 2008 with 5 members present and 2 absent.

Discussed zoning amendments pertaining to wind energy.

Up-coming Training Opportunities

Farmland Protection to be held on March 25, 2008 at County Building II.

Historic Preservation to be held on April 22, 2008 at County Building II.

Old Town Hall Committee

Jayne Breschard of G/FLRPC mentioned the Old Town Hall Committee in the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Review, a newsletter from the G/FLRPC.

Ed Pietrzykowski, Councilman

Bethany Vol. Fire Department

The Fire Department's bid for a heavy rescue type vehicle has been accepted.

Many attended the Installation Banquet in February.

Because the state budget has not been passed, all training classes have been put on hold.

Supervisor Gayton attended a Fire Advisory Board meeting today and was informed that classes would be scheduled beginning April 1st.

Researching a proposed law that would require county wide fire departments.

Sue Neer, Councilwoman

Safe Homes Project (GCASA)

Has asked for informational items from the program that can be displayed at the Town Hall.

Walter Wenhold, Councilman

Senior Meals

Numbers are down a little due to illness and snow birds being away.
Office for the Aging will be holding an Open House on March 18, 2008 during normal business hours for anyone interested.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Department Contract–Renewal of
Current contract expires on March 31, 2008.
Contract amount is \$76,000 and contract will run from April 1, 2008 thru March 31, 2009.
Fire Department Budget must be filed with the Town Clerk prior to the Supervisor signing the contract.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilman Gick to allow Supervisor Gayton to sign the 2008–2009 Fire Protection Contract for \$76,000.00 with the Bethany Volunteer Fire Company upon receipt of the Fire Company's budget. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Hall Use Agreement with Fire Department–Renewal of
The Hall Use Agreement with the Fire Department also expires on March 31, 2008.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to renew the Hall Use Agreement with the Bethany Volunteer Fire Company. 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 Road Cemetery Driveway
Supervisor Gayton and Highway Superintendent Fleming have reviewed the preliminary survey. Survey will now be completed and work can begin when weather permits.

Water District Contract with Town of Batavia
Nothing new to report. Attorneys have not come to an agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Smoke Fee Now–GCASA
GCASA is asking that the Town Board pass a resolution encouraging local retailers to voluntarily rearrange or eliminate tobacco advertisements in their stores to protect the health and wellness of our youth.
Resolution also states that the prevalence of advertising promotes smoking to our youth.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve the resolution Encouraging Retailers to Reduce Tobacco Advertising. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Gayton–Yes	Councilman Gick–Yes
Councilman Wenhold–Yes	Councilwoman Neer–Yes
Councilman Pietrzykowski–No	

Ceiling Replacement–Community Center

ZEO/CEO Douglas has put some pricing together for replacing the ceiling in the Community Center. Price is for materials and Highway Department Employees performing the installation at about \$7,000.

Was also suggested that perhaps community service labor could be used.

Right to Farm

Information was distributed to Board members to review for the next meeting.

Black Creek Watershed

Supervisor Gayton attended a breakfast hosted by the Black Creek Watershed Committee.

The Committee has received a \$150,000 grant that requires matching funds for clean-up of the watershed.

Committee is looking to communities in the watershed for funding to match the grant.

Should be considered for the next budget.

Warrant

The Board approved payment of the following bills:

Prepaid		Total	
	General Fund	\$ 2,183.31	\$10,162.76
	Highway Fund	\$ 4,512.48	\$40,864.72

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
BETHANY TOWN BOARD
DATED: March 11, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas
Town Clerk