

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

11 AUGUST 2008

Deputy Supervisor Gick opened the August 11, 2008 Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with a Moment of Silence followed by Councilman Wenhold leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Officials in Attendance were:

William Gick, Councilman	Walter Wenhold, Councilman
Edward Pietrzykowski, Councilman	Bill Shea, Town Justice
Tom Douglas, CEO/ZEO	Debbie Douglas, Town Clerk Lee
Hendershott, Town Historian	

Town Board Members Absent were:

Louis Gayton, Supervisor	Susan Neer, Councilwoman
Paul Fleming, Highway Superintendent	

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Gail Smith, Fire Dept. Pres.	Ramon Cipriano
Esther Leadley, Genesee Co. Legislator	

Finances

Deputy Supervisor Gick presented the finances for the Month of June 2008 as follows:

General Savings	\$639,236.89	
WCB Savings	\$ 18,201.03	
Highway Savings	\$118,218.11	
Capital Project Highway	\$ 29,910.19	
AP/PR Account	\$ 2,593.47	
T/A Account	\$ 372.21	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	
Highway Fund Misc. Savings	\$ 2,972.39	
Total		\$811,754.29

Revenues Received

Town Clerk Fees	\$ 2,339.97	
US Gypsum Co.	\$ 37.36	
Roy Hersee	\$ 61.83	
Genesee County Treasurer	\$104,049.86	
Total Revenue		\$106,489.02
Total Revenue and Interest		\$107,176.23

Town Clerk Report - Debbie Douglas

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

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the July 14, 2008 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Mailed petitions opposing changes by the DEC to the Open Fires law today. Petitions contained 142 signatures. Several residents visiting the Town Hall also mentioned that they had mailed to the DEC the letter that was published in the Drummer Pennysaver.

#### ZEO/CEO Report – Tom Douglas

Distributed report of permits issued to the Town Board.

Due to his laptop crashing and being busier at work, he is behind with a couple of things but is catching up.

Discussed a letter sent to Randall Bow concerning a permit issued for his property at 10524 Bethany Center Road.

#### Assessor – Deborah Conti

The Town Board requested that the Assessor, Deborah Conti be present at the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2008.

#### Highway Superintendent Report – Paul Fleming – read by Debbie Douglas

Sections of Chaddock and Molasses Hill Roads have been oiled and stoned.

Marsh and Brown Roads have been patched.

New flail mower has been delivered and put into service

2,000 ton of salt has been ordered. 1,500 ton has been delivered.

Buckman Road is next to be patched.

Road side mowing is still continuing.

#### Town Justice Report – Bill Shea

Working on JCAP Grant application. Will be applying for money for a generator and possibly an accordion dividing wall for the main hall where court is held.

Need to purchase a handheld metal detection wand.

Feels that there is a need for the Town to hire a prosecutor to handle tickets issued by State Troopers.

Many of the tickets are being dismissed because the Troopers are not showing up for court. This is a revenue loss for the town.

Justice Shea feels that the projected revenue collected from the prosecuted tickets would more than pay for the cost of a prosecutor for one night per month.

Justice Shea has spoken to the Town's assigned DA, Will Zickl and he is putting some figures together.

#### Board Committee Reports

Bill Gick, Councilman

Planning Board

The Planning Board meeting was canceled as there were no applications before the board and no pressing business to be handled.

#### Water Quality Coordinating Committee Meeting

A special collection will be held for pharmaceutical waste such as expired medications, etc.

It is no longer recommended that these medications be disposed of in the drain or the toilet as it is causing water pollution.

#### Ag Environmental Management Committee

An advisory committee is being formed. Two farmers are needed who would be interested in sitting on the committee. Contact George Squires with names of interested parties.

Cornell Pesticide Research Program needs 40 well to test for pesticides. Results will remain anonymous.

#### Walter Wenhold – Councilman

ZBA did not meet.

Senior Meals going well.

#### Ed Pietrzykowski – Councilman

Fire Department is doing well. One member just graduated from the first 40 hour firefighter training boot camp.

OLD BUSINESS

#### Old Town Hall – Update

Met with Dave Woodford of Syracuse who was invited by Breton Construction to look at the Old Town Hall and make suggestions for stabilization of the building. Noted that posts could be place top to bottom in the building to remove and/or stabilize the sag in the roof or the building could be cabled. They felt that the cable would be the best option.

Dan Kelly, another contractor, felt that the Town should have an engineer look at the building. Various roofing materials were discussed.

A special meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 18, 2008 to finish putting together a grant application that has a deadline of August 20th.

Committee is in the process of collecting letters of support to be submitted with grant applications.

#### Recycling – Update

Supervisor Gayton and Councilman Pietrzykowski met with Scott Frail of J.C. Fibers of Rochester, Inc. who then submitted several suggestions.

Councilman Pietrzykowski is looking into purchasing a used baler.

#### NEW BUSINESS

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

Assessor Conti has requested permission to attend the 2008 Annual Assessment Administration Conference to be held on September 21-24, 2008. Cost of the conference will be divided between Bethany, Attica, Pembroke and Darien.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to grant Assessor Deborah Conti permission to attend the 2008 Annual Assessment Administration Conference from September 21 – 24, 2008 with the cost being divided between the Towns of Bethany, Attica, Pembroke and Darien. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Gick – Yes

Councilman Wenhold – Yes

Councilman Pietrzykowski – Yes

##### Resolution #9-2008 – Allowing Awarded Grant Funding for the Old Town Hall to be Spent for Engineering Services- Tabling of

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Gick to table Resolution #9-2008 “Allowing Awarded Grant Funding for the Old Town Hall to be Spent for Engineering Services” until the September meeting allowing more time for the committee to work on funding. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Gick – Yes

Councilman Wenhold – Yes

Councilman Pietrzykowski – Yes

#### Correspondence

Councilman Pietrzykowski forwarded a letter from Governor Patterson’s office concerning Local Government Efficiency Grant Programs to Councilman Gick.

#### Warrant

The Board approved payment of bills as follows:

Prepaid	Total		
	General Fund	\$1,970.32	\$ 6,103.00
	Highway Fund	\$3,796.88	\$19,363.43

#### Suspending Reading of the Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to suspend the reading of the minutes. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Gick – Yes

Councilman Wenhold – Yes

Councilman Pietrzykowski – Yes

Adjournment

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

BY ORDER OF THE  
BETHANY TOWN BOARD  
DATED: August 13, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas  
Bethany Town Clerk