

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

14 SEPTEMBER 2009

Supervisor Gayton opened the September 14, 2009 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:

Louis Gayton, Supervisor	Walter Wenhold, Councilman
Susan Neer, Councilwoman	Edward Pietrzykowski, Councilman
Debbie Douglas, Town Clerk	Paul Fleming, Highway Superintendent
Lee Hendershott, Town Historian	Tom McBride, Town Justice

Town Officials Absent were:

Bill Gick, Councilman

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Pete Neer	Barb Czworka
Ray Cipriano	

Finances

Supervisor Gayton presented the finances for the Month of August 2009 noting that the Town is in good shape and even a little better than last year.

General Savings	\$877,630.25	
Five Star Bank Savings	\$ 18,240.89	
Highway Savings	\$ 56,624.20	
Capital Project Highway	\$ 9,247.34	
AP/PR Account	\$ 9,343.86	
T/A Account	\$ 2,181.71	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	
Highway Fund Misc. Savings	\$ 2,976.43	
Total		\$976,494.68
Revenues Received		
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 3,227.98	
NYS Department of Taxation	\$ 25,000.00	
US Gypsum	\$ 27.98	
Roy Hersee	\$ 489.40	
Total Revenue		\$ 26,745.36
Total Revenue and Interest		\$ 29,054.51

Town Clerk Report - Debbie Douglas

- Presented minutes of the August 10, 2009 Regular Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2009 Regular Town Board meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Harold Zehler, former Town Justice, Councilman and Veteran's Officer passed away on September 8, 2009. Memorials may be made to the Bethany Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to make a \$50.00 donation to the Bethany Volunteer Fire Company in honor of Harold Zehler. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Highway Superintendent Report - Paul Fleming

- Paving is completed on west half of McLernon Road.
- Patching is complete on Mill and Smith Roads
- Received a quote for installation of furnaces in the Highway Department garage from Elite Electrical and Construction. Will obtain 2 more quotes for the board to consider.
- The salt shed is full with 1,300 tons.
- Have received the tentative snow, ice and mowing rates from the County for 2010 and they are up a little from last year.

Town Justice Report - Tom McBride

- The Justices have reviewed the applications for Court Officer and are recommending Peter Neer to fill the vacant position.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to appoint Peter Neer to fill the vacant position of Court Officer at an hourly rate of \$7.81. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

- Budget requests have been submitted.
- JCAP application has been submitted.
- Justices will further investigate the possibility of employing a prosecutor for the Justice Court.

Board Committee ReportsEd Pietrzykowski, Councilman

## Fire Department

- Jeff Fluker, Fire Chief and his family have decided to move to Florida.
- Fundraisers are going well.
- First breakfast was held this past weekend and will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month through April.

## OLD BUSINESS

Old Town Hall Preservation

- The \$25,000 check for the grant from former Senator Mary Lou Rath has been received. This completes the roof project.
- The next step is to repair the foundation to make the building water-tight.
  - o Councilman Wenhold has prepared a pre-application for a grant from NextGen. If selected the Town could receive as much as \$2,500.
  - o Estimated total cost of the project is \$45,000.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to grant permission to submit the pre-application for the grant to NextGen. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

- The Town Historian will begin using the building as soon as possible.
- The Town can lease the remaining space without changing the zoning.
- ZEO Douglas is in the process of researching the codes to determine what has to be done to the building.

Recycling Project

- A proposed contract from JC Fibers was reviewed.
- Recyclable materials will be picked up at no cost to the Town.
- The Town will be paid for salable materials.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to authorize Supervisor Gayton to sign the contract with JC Fibers for the pickup and sale of recyclable materials. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Property Line - Transfer Station

- Surveyors have marked the east property line of the Town's property on Cacner Road where the Transfer Station is located.
- ZEO Douglas was contacted by a neighbor who wanted to know what to do about his accessory building that is located over the property line.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to require that the property owner move his accessory building onto his property with at least one foot between the building and the property line. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Gayton - Yes	Councilman Wenhold - Yes
Councilwoman Neer - Yes	Councilman Pietrzykowski - Abstain

## NEW BUSINESS

Budget Workshop

- Supervisor Gayton has called for a budget workshop to be held on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Purchase of Tables

- Per the agreement with the Fire Department at the time of the purchase of the Community Center, the Town is to replace tables and chairs as they become damaged.
- The new tables and chairs will be the property of the Town and will not be loaned out.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to purchase 5 tables. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Planning Board Secretary

- Cindy Schafer has resigned as Planning Board Secretary.

Warrant

The Board approved payment of the bills as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$7,512.69	\$ 11,992.92
Highway Fund	\$4,296.92	\$105,818.69

Reading of the Minutes - Suspension of

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to suspend the reading of the minutes. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Adjournment

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

BY ORDER OF THE  
BETHANY TOWN BOARD  
DATED: September 15, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Debbie L. Douglas, Clerk  
Town of Bethany