

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

12 APRIL 2010

Supervisor Gayton opened the April 12, 2010 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	Bill Gick, Councilman
Walter Wenhold, Councilman	Susan Neer, Councilwoman
Edward Pietrzykowski, Councilman	Debbie Douglas, Town Clerk
Tom McBride, Town Justice	Bill Shea, Town Justice
Lee Hendershott, Historian	

Town Officials Absent were:

Paul Fleming, Highway Superintendent

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Gail Smith, Fire Dept. President Ramon Cipriano

Finances

Supervisor Gayton presented the finances for the Month of March 2010.

General Savings	\$848,990.80	
Five Star Bank Savings	\$ 18,249.11	
Highway Savings	\$207,639.76	
Capital Project Highway	\$ 14,865.78	
AP/PR Account	\$ 8,410.82	
T/A Account	\$ 5,261.91	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	
Highway Fund Misc. Savings	\$ 2,978.93	
Total		\$1,106,647.11

Revenues Received:

Town Clerk Fees	\$ 981.20
Roy Hersee	\$ 520.67
Tax Collector	\$ 425.25
US Gypsum	\$ 34.37
NYS Dept of Taxation	\$ 2,315.00
NYS Dept of Taxation	\$ 9,253.20

Total Revenue	\$ 13,529.69
Total Revenue & Interest	\$ 13,872.91

Town Clerk Report - Debbie Douglas

- Presented minutes of the March 8, 2010 Regular Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2010 Regular Town Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- A retirement party for Norma Bower, former Tax Collector and Bob Bower her Deputy will be held on June 19, 2010. Invitations will be sent out in May.
- The Black Creek Water Shed Coalition will be participating with a display at the Cool Kids Eco-Fest on April 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. If anyone is available to help man the booth, please call George Squires.
- A Household Hazardous Waste/Pharmaceutical Collection will be held in Batavia on May 15 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Flyers are available in the Clerk's office.
- The Spring Regional Local Government Workshop is being held in Pittsford on Friday, May 14, 2010. Only 3 people have signed up at this time. Please let the Clerk know as soon as possible if you plan on attending.

Highway Superintendent Report - Presented by Debbie Douglas

- All snow fence has been taken down.
- New driveways installed include:
 - o New driveway for Don Frank on Jerico Road
 - o New driveway for National Grid on Buckman Road
 - o Replacement for George Torrey on Little Canada Road
 - o Replacement for Cindy Schafer on Conway Road
- Began ditching on Cacner Road and will replace a few cross culvert pipes.
- Continuing hole-patching on roads.
- Ordered truck box and plow equipment from Henderson at a total of \$86,009.00.
- Sending the 1998 Chevy Pickup that was declared excess equipment to the Teitsworth Municipal Auction in Palmyra to be held on May 8th.
- The Highway/Shared Services agreement has been extended through February 2012 by the Genesee County Legislature.

Town Justice Report - Bill Shea

- Town Justices have received confirmation that they are to receive a \$9,000 grant.
- They may ask permission from the State to use a portion of the grant toward the installation of a generator. It would likely require that the Town co-fund the project.
- The plea bargaining arrangement with the State Police is going well.
- The Justices have started using the new reporting system for their monthly finances.

Board Committee ReportsBill Gick, CouncilmanPlanning Board

- Planning Board met on April 1, 2010 and approved a land separation for Jim Wilkins on Conway Road.

Walter Wenhold, CouncilmanSenior Meals

- Things are going well.
- A St. Patrick' s Day dinner was held.
- There was also a trip to Short Track for fresh maple syrup and pancakes.

Pavilion Public Library

- Statistics show that 75% of families are served by public libraries.
- Public libraries have been subjected to an 18% budget cut over the last 2 years.

Ed Pietrzykowski, CouncilmanFire Department along with input from President Smith

- Last breakfast of the season was held on April 11.
- Training is going well.
- The Spaghetti dinner was successful. Leftovers were delivered to several shut-ins in the community. If anyone knows of people in the community that are shut-in or in need of food please notify the Fire Department so that leftovers from different functions may be delivered to them.
- EMS Day will be held on May 22nd and will be billed as "Wellness Day" .
- Town-Wide Garage Sales will be held in July.

Recycling

- Has been researching possible uses for any grant funding that may be available to include different machines, building expansion and working with other towns.
- Has been researching machines that granulate plastic. Market price is higher for granulated plastic. Used machines are approximately \$10,000.
- Recycling prices are starting to go up.

Susan Neer, CouncilwomanSummer Recreation

- A report has been received from Alexander Recreation for 2009.
 - o 98 children participated overall with 11 being from Bethany.
- It was noted that the pool was closed at Alexander and lessons were held in Attica which may account for a drop in numbers.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Town Hall Update

- The guest speaker from Albany was unable to attend the last committee meeting because his car broke down.
- An easement with the cemetery would cost approximately \$2,050 if there were no problems. A zoning map change would also need to be made.
- The use of the building determines the need for fire separation.
- Dave Carli has written an article about the Old Town Hall to be used on Craig' s List. Jeff Briggs will also try to have it published in a preservation magazine published by the Landmark Society.
- Dave Carli has agreed to monitor the listing on Craig' s List.
- Old Town Hall can be placed on Craig' s List with conditions for purchase.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to place the Old Town Hall on Craig's List for sale or lease with the conditions that the building cannot be changed or that it must be removed from the property. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Land Exchange

- Supervisor Gayton had met with the Surveyor along with Pat Pietrzykowski. The survey should be completed shortly.

Audit by Comptroller's Office

- The final audit has been received and a response along with a corrective action plan was sent to the Comptroller's Office.

Resolution #2-2010 - Reporting of Retirement Days

- Calendars reporting hours worked have been completed as required by NYS Retirement.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to approve Resolution #2-2010 Reporting of Retirement Days. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Request - Highway Superintendent

- Highway Superintendent Fleming has submitted a request to attend Highway School in June.
- Funding has been included in his 2010 budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the travel request from Highway Superintendent Fleming to attend Highway School in June 2010. 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 Department Contract

- The Fire Department has not approved signing of the new contract which expired on April 1, 2010.
- A special meeting will be held by the Fire Department to approve the signing of the contract within the next week or two.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to grant a one month extension of the previous contract so that Fire

Department personnel will be covered by compensation until the contract can be signed. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Ambulance Fund

- Upon the termination of the contract for ambulance service by the City of Batavia, \$1,827 was returned by the City.
- Supervisor Gayton has proposed that those funds be forwarded to Bethany Volunteer Fire Company.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to forward the \$1,827 returned by the City of Batavia for ambulance service to 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	

Senior Meals Annual Payment

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to send the annual payment of \$500 to the Office for the Aging for Senior Meals. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Pavilion Public Library Annual Payment

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to send the annual payment of \$500 to Pavilion Public Library. 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 Contracts

- Supervisor Gayton will be contacting the Union representative to begin working on the contract renewal. Supervisor Gayton will not be involved in negotiations as he has family that works in the Highway Department.

CHIP' s Funding

- It has been reported that CHIP' s funding has been cut from the State Budget. This would be a loss of approximately \$61,000 for the Town of Bethany.

Auditor - Hiring of

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to hire Freed, Maxick & Battaglia to audit the financial records at the end of the year. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Warrant

- The Board approved payment of the bills as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,597.85	\$ 29,420.60
Highway Fund	\$ 4,692.12	\$ 18,020.90
Fire Protection Fund	0.00	\$ 76,000.00
Water Fund	0.00	\$ 3,773.00

Reading of the Minutes - Suspension of

A motion was made by Councilman Gick 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 Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
BETHANY TOWN BOARD
DATED: April 15, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas
Bethany Town Clerk