

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

11 October 2011

Supervisor Gayton opened the October 11, 2011 Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:30 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
Thomas McBride, Town Justice	Paul Fleming, Highway Superintendent
Lee Hendershott, Town Historian	

Others in Attendance were:

Barb Czworka	Kevin Bronson
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Finances

Supervisor Gayton presented the finances for September 2011.

General Savings	\$ 864,214.30	
Five Star Bank Savings	\$ 18,266.41	
Highway Savings	\$ 192,168.67	
Capital Project Highway	\$ 6,752.37	
AP/PR Account	\$ 8,275.47	
Trust & Agency Account	\$ 4,294.35	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	
Highway Fund Misc. Savings	\$ 858.69	
Total		\$1,095,080.26

Revenues Received		
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1,858.76	
NYMIR	\$ 1,866.49	
NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance	\$ 18,128.00	
NYS thruway Authority	\$ 61,933.55	
County of Genesee	\$ 8,590.27	

Total Revenue	\$ 92,377.07
Total Revenue & Interest	\$ 92,663.12

Town Clerk Report - Debbie Douglas

- Presented the Minutes of the September 12, 2011 Regular Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 Regular Town Board meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Have 5 reservation forms for the Fall Local Government Workshop. Need permission to submit reservation fees for prepayment in order to get lower fee of \$50 as opposed to \$60 per person.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by councilman Wenhold to prepay the registration fees for the 5 RSVP' s at \$50 per person. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

- The Assessor has submitted the decisions made by the hearing officer for the 3 small claims cases she had. No reductions in assessment were granted by the hearing officer.
- One of the Zoning Board of Appeals members has moved from town and is no longer able to sit on the board. Clerk will pull previous letters of interest for the Board to review.
- Presented the following resolution

Resolution #15-2011 - Bonding of the Tax Collector

**WHEREAS,** the Town is required by law to file a bond on the Tax Collector with the County Clerk prior to tax rolls and bills being picked up, and

**WHEREAS,** the Town is required by law to bond the Tax Collector for the money in the control of the Tax Collector,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector shall have no more than \$500,000.00 in her control at any time, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector shall be bonded by the Town in the amount of \$500,000.00.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to approve Resolution #15-2011 Bonding of the Tax Collector. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

- GAM will be held in Bethany on October 20, 2011. The Fire Department will be serving dinner at \$10 per person.

Highway Superintendent Report - Paul Fleming

- Worked with the County to finish paving section of Transit Road
- Concentrating on mowing for as long as possible.
- Salt is stocked.

Board Committee Reports

Councilman Gick

- Molasses Hill railroad crossing has been repaired.

- Planning Board met on October 6<sup>th</sup> and approved a land separation application submitted by Walter Mooney.

Councilwoman Neer

- Reminder that the GCASA dinner is on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Gayton, Councilman Gick, Councilman Wenhold and Councilwoman Neer will be attending.

Councilman Wenhold

- New site manager for Senior Meals is Phyllis Minihan of Alexander.
- Pavilion Library will be having a book and bake sale next Friday and Saturday.
- ZBA met on September 28<sup>th</sup> and approved an area variance submitted by Scott Thomson for a porch.

Councilman Pietrzykowski

- Still haven't received any notification of grant funding for the new lights in the hall.
- Fire Department is working on getting pricing for poles and parts for the siren before making a decision.
- A high pressure gas line is leaking in the vicinity of Paul Road. National Fuel is scheduled to make repairs.
- Have noticed a lot of scrap metal is being taken from the Transfer station without permission. When approached the individual is not reasonably compliant. Will be watched more closely and encounters will be documented. In the meantime, new signs will be posted stating that permission must be obtained prior to removing anything from the Transfer Station.
- Crystal Clear has been contacted concerning the collection of florescent lights. Waiting for a reply with pricing.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Town Hall - Update

- There has been no interest so far. Price has been lowered by \$5,000.

Plastics Baler - Motor Repair

- Total cost of repair was \$185. Seems to be working well thus far.

Public Hearing - SUP1102 - Kevin Bronson

- Supervisor Gayton opened the Public Hearing at 7:56 p.m. for the Special Use Permit application submitted by Kevin Bronson for the construction of a pond on the property located at 4895 Paradise Road.
- Mr. Bronson was present.
- No one was present to speak for or against the project however, three property owners within 500 feet of the subject property did contact the Town Clerk's office to inquire about the nature of the project. They did not have any concerns.
- The pond will not be accessible to the Fire Department because of the distance from the road.
- SEQOR was completed with no negative impacts.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Gayton - Yes  
 Councilman Wenhold - Yes  
 Councilman Pietrzykowski - Yes

Councilwoman Gick - Yes  
 Councilwoman Neer - Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve SUP1102 for the construction of a pond on the property located at 4895 Paradise Road per the submitted plans. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Gayton - Yes  
 Councilman Wenhold - Yes  
 Councilman Pietrzykowski - Yes

Councilwoman Gick - Yes  
 Councilwoman Neer - Yes

Roof Repair - Highway Storage Building

- May need to patch the roof to get through the winter. Highway Superintendent to investigate.
- Will need to get estimates for budgeting.

Repair of Blocks over Highway Garage Door

- Seems to be some rotting in beam behind the blocks. Repair may be more extensive than originally thought.

Generator - Installation of

- Installation quotes are being solicited.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Budget Meeting

- Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to work on the budget.
- 2 % tax cap will also be discussed.

Site Plan Review for Ag Projects

- Information concerning Ag & Markets Law was distributed to Board members for their review.

Warrant

The Board approve payment of the bills as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,574.37	\$ 9,129.74
Highway Fund	\$ 4,904.44	\$53,433.03

Reading of the Minutes - Suspension of

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer 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 8.35 p.m. the motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE  
BETHANY TOWN BOARD  
DATED: October 12, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas  
Bethany Town Clerk