

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

09 JANUARY 2012

Supervisor Gayton opened the January 9, 2012 Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Town Officials in Attendance were:

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

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Barb Czworka	Thomas Foss
Ann Lavrincik, Nothnagle Realtors	Judith Walters, Nothnagle Realtors

Finances

Supervisor Gayton presented the finances for 2012 to date.

General Savings	\$628,180.23	
Five Star Bank Savings	\$270,019.23	
Highway Savings	\$ 22,961.67	
Capital Project Highway	\$ 16,204.62	
AP/PR Account	\$ 9,746.43	
Trust & Agency Account	\$ 4,296.42	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	
Highway Fund Misc. Savings	\$ 858.81	
Total		\$ 952,517.41
Revenues Received		
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 2,242.15	
Stanley Staba	\$ 495.90	
US Gypsum	\$ 21.37	
Total Revenue		\$ 2,759.42
Total Revenue & Interest		\$ 3,015.09

Town Clerk Report - Debbie Douglas

- Presented the Minutes of the December 12, 2011 Regular Town Board meeting.
 - o It was noted that one attendee was left off and she will be added to the minutes (Bonnie Goldberg).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2011 Regular Town Board meeting with the noted correction. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Presented the Minutes of the December 29, 2011 Year-End Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to approve the Minutes of the December 29, 2011 Year-End Town Board Meeting. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Read thank you note from Phyllis Minihan, Bethany Senior Meal Site Director.
- The husband of former Town Councilwoman Joyce Fleming and father of Highway Superintendent Fleming, Norman Fleming, passed away on December, 16, 2011.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to send a \$50 memorial to the Bethany Volunteer Fire Department in memory of Norman Fleming. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Highway Superintendent Report - Paul Fleming

- Blocks above overhead doors at the highway garage have been repaired.
- Spoke with Townsend Energy and scheduled to have propane tanks switched out from the Reisdorf tanks.

Town Justice Report - Bill Shea & Tom McBride

- Number of traffic tickets are down. The Sherrif' s Department is down two road patrols and State Police patrols are down because retirees are not being replaced.
- No news on JCAP grant.

Board Committee Reports

Councilman Gick

- Planning Board met on January 5, 2012 and reviewed the Comprehensive Plan. Some changes were made and will be reviewed again.

Councilman Wenhold

- Senior Meals is going well.
- Pavilion Library has been tracking the number of books lent over the past eleven months (23,000). Pavilion Library is considered a small library and this figure is comparable to a medium sized library.

Councilman Pietrzykowski

- Fire Department has been quiet. Breakfast was held this past Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Town Hall - Listing

- Ann Lavrincik and Judith Walters spoke to the Board concerning the options available for the sale of the Old Town Hall. The current listing expires on February 11, 2012.

- The price started at \$84,900 and has been reduced to \$74,900. Ann does not feel that the price is the problem. This building attracts a specific kind of person or organization. She does not feel that the price needs to be lowered further.
- The building could be auctioned and she has the resources to make those arrangements. There was concern expressed by the Supervisor that control of who purchases the building would be lost if auctioned. Ann advised that there is not really control in the sale either way because if the person is willing to abide by the deed restrictions and has the financial capability to purchase the building the town would have to agree in order to avoid discrimination.
- The building appears on approximately 500 historic websites across the country so anyone looking for this type of building can certainly find it the listing.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to extend the listing two months to April 11, 2012 to give the Board time to mull over its options. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Recycling Grants

- Supervisor Gayton and Councilman Pietrzykowski met with Carol O'Connell who is a Grant Consultant from J. O'Connell Associates.
- Town would be able to submit a grant for \$140,000 - \$150,000 for recycling. This is a two stage grant.
- The cost of writing this grant would be \$3,000.00. Half would need to be paid up front with the final payment due upon completion of the second stage of the grant process.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to hire J. O'Connell Associates to write the Pre-Application and Full Application for the NYS DEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program at a total cost of \$3,000.00. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to authorized Supervisor Gayton to move \$1,500.00 for the initial payment to J. O'Connell Associates for the preparation of the Pre-Application and Full Application for the NYS DEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program grant. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Lighting Grants

- NYSERDA released new grant funding at the beginning of the year.

- A new application in conjunction with the Fire Department will be prepared.

Generator Installation

- Contact has been made with Jeff Price of Elite Electrical. He is putting together a price for the installation of the generator.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Gick to wait until the February meeting to make a decision on the installation so that Elite Electrical's estimate can be reviewed. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Resident Causing Problems at Transfer Station

- A town resident has repeatedly caused a disturbance and yelled at Town employees while at the facility.
- Has become a serious problem.
- Supervisor Gayton is to be contacted the next time this person visits the facility so that he may witness what is going on and talk to the person.

2011 Finances

- Supervisor Gayton reported that the Highway Fund expenses for 2011 are approximately \$7,000 under the budgeted amount while the General Fund expenses look to be approximately \$9,000 under the budgeted amount.

Warrant

- The Board approved payment of the bills as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$61.13	\$15,808.67
Highway Fund	\$ 0.00	\$19,251.33

Reading of the Minutes - Suspension of

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to suspend the Reading of the Minutes. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
BETHANY TOWN BOARD
DATED: January 11, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas
Bethany Town Clerk