

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

14 JANUARY 2013

Supervisor Gayton opened the January 14, 2013 Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:24 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
Paul Fleming, Highway Superintendent	

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Barb Czworka	Thomas Foss
Pat Pietrzykowski	Jim Phillips
Carl Hyde, Jr.	Ramon Cipriano

Finances

Supervisor Gayton presented the finances for December 2012.

General Savings	\$673,853.92	
Five Star Bank Savings	\$295,448.66	
Highway Savings	\$ 1,444.49	
Highway Fund Misc. Savings	\$ 859.23	
Capital Project Highway	\$ 16,214.74	
AP/PR Account	\$ 22,605.94	
Trust & Agency Account	\$ 4,300.66	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	
Total		\$ 1,014,977.69
Revenues Received		
NYS Thruway authority	\$ 61,933.55	
Total Revenue		\$ 61,933.55
Total Revenue & Interest		\$ 62,054.21

Town Clerk Report - Debbie Douglas

- Presented the Minutes of the December 10, 2012 Regular Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2012 Regular Town Board meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Presented the Minutes of the December 27, 2012 Year-End Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the Minutes of the December 27, 2012 Year-End Town Board Meeting. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Check for the copier rebate has been received in the amount of \$2,996.35.

ZEO/CEO Report - Read by Town Clerk as submitted by Thomas Douglas

- Provided a Detailed Construction Cost List covering the 2012 calendar year for permits and reported values as well as their progress/status.
- 5 permit applications have been received 12/10/13 - 1/14/13.
 - o 2 accessory building (zoning permits only required)
 - o 1 generator accessory building (zoning permit only required)
 - o 1 accessory building addition
 - o 1 attached garage with breezeway
 - o Residence (denied due to front yard setback and second residence on a lot - area variance application has been received and is scheduled with the ZBA)
- Violation for the recent construction of a light tower on Bethany Center Road is proceeding well. An area variance for height was granted. Site plan has been approved with conditions. Awaiting applicant information to issue permit.
- Will be attending the required Code Enforcement Officer classes on January 28-30th.
- Filed Federal C-404 report (Residential Housing) showing no new residences constructed in the Town of Bethany in 2012.

Highway Superintendent Report - Paul Fleming

- One of the snowplow trucks was rearended on December 29th. There were no injuries. The spinner on the sander was damaged. Repairs have been made and the check from the other driver's insurance company has been received.
- Tanks for LP gas have been changed at the Old Town Hall and the truck garage. Tanks at the Town Hall and the Fire Department will be changed when emptier.
- Highway Superintendent will visit resident who has damage to fencing due to snowbanks being pushed back with loader.

Town Justice Report - Thomas McBride and Bill Shea

- New system of payment to the state is being set up with bookkeeper.
- Court needs a dedicated line for fax. Supervisor will check into the possibility of using an old line that the Fire Department has given up.

Board Committee Report

Councilman Gick

- Planning Board met on January 10, 2013.
 - o Reviewed and recommended approval to ZBA for an Area Variance Application submitted by George Torrey for a seconded residence on a property.

- o Bethany Airpark Site Plan Review application received approval subject to stipulations.
- Attended an informational meeting in Stafford concerning hydrofracking. These meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month with different speakers.

Councilman Wenhold

- Senior Meals going well.

Councilwoman Neer

- Will be attending the Intercommunity Medical Building meeting in February.
- Left message for Tri-Town Athletics letting them know that the Town would be sending some funding.

Councilman Pietrzykowski

- Some of the scrap metal has been taken to Ed Arnold's.
- Have a possible vendor for the recycables.
- Have found a contractor for the electrical work at the Highway buildings. Will prepare documents for the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Town Hall - Easement Update

- The application for an easement from the cemetery has been turned down by the Supreme Court.
- Court would rather have the Town buy the property.
- Attorney DiMatteo talking with the Cemetery Association concerning possible solutions.
- Still no interest from any prospective buyers for the Old Town Hall. Will not relist until a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting with Fire Department Board of Directors

- A meeting will be set up between the Town Board and the Fire Department Board of Directors.

Water District Informational Meeting

- An informational meeting will be scheduled to include the Town Attorney, engineers, and residents of the proposed water district.

Union Contract - Negotiations

- Union Contract expires at the end of 2013.
- Supervisor Gayton excused himself from negotiations as he has two family members who are members of the union.
- The negotiating committee will consist of the remaining board members and possibly Highway Superintendent Fleming.

Warrant

- The Board approved payment of the bills as follows:

<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>Total</u>
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General Fund	\$ 1,508.28	\$12,445.82
Highway Fund	\$ 0.00	\$10,908.39

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 Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
BETHANY TOWN BOARD
DATED: January 15, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas
Bethany Town Clerk