

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

11 MAY 2009

Supervisor Gayton opened the May 11, 2009 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	Walter Wenhold, Councilman
William Gick, Councilman	Susan Neer, Councilwoman
Edward Pietrzykowski, Councilman	Debbie Douglas, Town Clerk
Lee Hendershott, Town Historian	Tom Douglas, ZEO/CEO
Paul Fleming, Highway Superintendent	

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Gail Smith, Fire Dept. President

Finances

Supervisor Gayton presented the finances for the Month of April 2009 as follows:

General Savings	\$ 963,897.74	
Five Star Savings	\$ 18,235.64	
Highway Savings	\$ 199,222.31	
Capital Project Highway	\$ 9,244.68	
AP/PR Account	\$ 1,959.25	
T/A Account	\$ 375.57	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	
Highway Fund Misc. Savings	\$ 2,975.58	
Total		\$1,196,160.77

Revenues Received

Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1,677.13
Norma Bower, Tax Collector	\$ 221.37
Norma Bower, Tax Collector	\$ 1,964.10
Roy Hersee	\$ 489.40
Genesee County	\$ 58,404.94
US Gypsum Co.	\$ 36.04
Genesee County	\$109,911.63

Total Revenue \$172,704.61

Total Revenue and Interest \$172,707.12

Town Clerk Report - Debbie Douglas

- Presented Minutes of the April 13, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- A thank you note was received from Paul Milroy for the donation made to the family after Helen's passing.

ZEO/CEO Report - Tom Douglas

- Has received a response from Patricia Sewor and she is started cleaning up her property.
- Had an appointment scheduled with Ed Christner concerning his property on Route 63 in East Bethany. Mr. Christner cancelled and is to call and reschedule.
- Requested that accessory building fees be changed for buildings under 200 square feet. Accessory buildings under 200 square feet will require a zoning permit only. Currently accessory buildings 150 feet and over require a zoning and building permit.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Gick to change the fee schedule for accessory buildings to require a zoning permit only for accessory buildings under 200 square feet. 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

- Patching of potholes continues.
- Will begin applying oil and stone shortly.
- Have been cleaning ditches.
- New lights have been installed in the highway building.
- Tractor is back from having PTO repaired.

Board Committee Reports

Bill Gick, Councilman

- Cynthia Howk's historical presentation went well and was also aired on the local cable channel.
- The Town has received a copy of the program on DVD which was recorded by students at GCC.
- As discussed by the Town Board at a previous meeting, the Landmark Society of Western New York would receive \$100 for preparing and presenting the program. The students at GCC have asked for \$17 to be split amongst the 3 students who worked on the project.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve payment of \$100 to the Landmark Society of Western New York and \$17 to Anna Rissew of GCC for their work on the historical presentation. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

- Attended the Genesee County Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting. 40 wells in Genesee County will be tested for nitrates and pesticides in order to determine if regulations are working.
- Planning Board held a special meeting on April 23 to review the Site Plan Review Application submitted by Holland High Lift. Approval was granted.
- Planning Board met on May 7 to review an Area Variance Application submitted by Hans Bakker. The Planning Board did not have a quorum and therefore, did not take any action on the application. The application will now go to the County Planning Board and then the Town Zoning Board of Appeals.

Susan Neer, Councilwoman

- Attended the GCASA Smoke Free Seminar/Breakfast. The Town received a Certificate of Appreciation for their support. Bethany was well represented.

Walter Wenhold, Councilman

- Senior Meals are going well.

Ed Pietrzykowski, Councilman

- Fire siren has stopped working correctly and has been disconnected. Looking for and pricing new and used controllers.
- Gail Smith, Fire Department President, stated that the Fire Department's position is that they do not need the siren as they are alerted on pagers and cell phones when a call comes in and are not interested in fixing the siren.
- Councilman Pietrzykowski will look into the cost of fixing the siren and report back to the Town Board.
- Fire Department personnel have been logging a lot of training hours and held a search and rescue drill at the County Park with several other departments. Drill went well.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Town Hall - Update

- Bid specifications were received from the architect and reviewed by the Town Board with necessary changes made.
- Town Clerk will make changes to the bid documents and advertise for bids.

A motion was made by Councilman Gick and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to advertise for bids for re-roofing the Old Town Hall per the amended bid specifications. The bid deadline is Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. with the opening to be Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. 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 Gick to hold a Special Town Board meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of opening the bids for the Old Town Hall Re-roof Project. 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 Update - Baler - Purchase of

- Cost of baler from B&E Equipment is \$7,950 delivered and installed
- Lease amount would be \$550 per month. If purchase option was exercised, half of lease amount paid would be credited toward the purchase. If baler was removed there would be a \$900 removal fee.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to authorize Supervisor Gayton to enter into a contract with B&E Equipment for the purchase of the baler for \$7,950 delivered and installed. The motion was approved with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Mined Land Reclamation Permit - Lor-Rob Dairy Farm - Murta Pit

- Traffic accident information was obtained from the Genesee County Sheriff's Department and forwarded to the DEC pertaining to the intersection near the proposed site (Transit Road and Rt. 63).
- After consideration, it was determined by the DEC that the driveway entering and exiting the pit would not pose a significant risk and the permit was granted.

NEW BUSINESS

Roberta Walker, Wife of Former Highway Department Employee

- Roberta Walker, wife of former Highway Department employee, Wayne Walker, passed away on May 7, 2009.
- Memorials are requested to the Crossroads House or the West Bethany Baptist Church.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to make a \$50 donation to the West Bethany Baptist Church in memory of Roberta Walker. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Town Justice Signs - Removal of

- Councilman Pietrzykowski feels that the Town Justice signs in front of the Town Justices' homes are a safety concern and should be removed. He has spoken to Justice Shea and he would agree with having the sign removed. Councilman will speak with Justice McBride to get his input.

Genesee County Legislature - Staggering of Terms

- GAM has discussed the staggering of terms for the County Legislature and is asking for support from the individual municipalities in the county.
- A letter will be sent to GAM indicating support of the idea from the Town Board.

Warrant

- The Town Board approved payment of the bills as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$19,836.28	\$27,949.63
Highway Fund	\$ 4,296.92	\$11,861.23
Fire Protection Fund	0.00	\$76,000.00

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 9:00 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
BETHANY TOWN BOARD
DATED: May 12, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas, Clerk
Town of Bethany