

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

08 MARCH 2010

Deputy Supervisor Gick opened the March 8, 2010 Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with a Moment of Silence followed by Councilman Wenhold leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Officials in Attendance were:

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

Town Officials Absent were:

Louis Gayton, Supervisor

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Raymon Cipriano	Gail Smith, FD President
Jim Duval	

Finances

Finances for the Month of February 2010 are as follows:

General Savings	\$860,435.31	
Five Star Bank Savings	\$ 18,248.04	
Highway Savings	\$237,608.70	
Capital Project Highway	\$ 14,865.57	
AP/PR Account	\$ 10,036.86	
T/A Account	\$ 4,281.00	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	
Highway Fund Misc. Savings	\$ 2,977.61	
	Total	\$1,148,703.09
Revenues Received		
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 2,518.43	
Roy Hersee	\$ 551.94	
Tax Collector	\$ 94,235.56	
Genesee County	\$103,268.15	
Genesee County	\$ 537.36	
J. C. Fibers	\$ 16.80	
Town of Pavilion	\$ 1,000.00	
Town of Pembroke	\$ 122.50	
	Total Revenue	\$ 202,250.74
	Total Revenue and Interest	\$ 202,590.01

Town Clerk Report - Debbie Douglas

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010 Regular Town Board meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Supervisor Gayton's brother passed away on March 4, 2010. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Town.
- Justice McBride's wife is having surgery on March 9, 2010. Flowers are being sent on behalf of the Town.
- The Annual GCEDC luncheon is being held on March 19, 2010 at Noon. Anyone interested in attending should notify the Clerk immediately.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to approve the payment of the \$15.00 registration fee for the GCEDC Annual Luncheon Meeting being held on March 19, 2010 for anyone interested in attending. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

- Dog license renewal notices were sent out mid-March. A letter explaining the new process for appearance tickets was included with the license renewal notice. The number of delinquencies has fallen.

Highway Superintendent Report - Paul Fleming

- Things are going well. Working on mower for spring.

Town Justice Report - Bill Shea

- Presented the Board with a copy of a Monthly Accountability Checklist that the Justices will be using to reconcile their accounts each month.
- The pilot program for plea bargaining with the State Police is going very well.
- JCAP grant awards have been issued but not received as yet. Should arrive in the next week or two.

Board Committee ReportsCouncilman GickPlanning Board

- Planning Board met on March 4, 2010.
- Approved applications submitted by the Town and Barbara Pietrzykowski related to the land trade on Cacner Road.
- Approved a land separation for Susan Blackburn on Creek Road.
- Discussed the standardization of wind turbine regulations by the State.

Councilman PietrzykowskiFire Department

- Things going well at the Fire Department.
- Department received a grant of approximately \$59,000 which will be used to purchase 12 airpaks and other equipment.
- Gail Smith thanked everyone for attending the Installation Banquet.

- Gail also reported that the Department has decided not to hold the 4-wheeler raffle this year. Other fundraisers will include a spaghetti dinner, Chinese auction, raffle of a patio set, town-wide garage sales, etc.
- Gail also stated that the Fire Department has decided to remove the land line from the kitchen. With the wide availability of cell phones, it does not seem to be a necessity.

Councilman Wenhold

Senior Meals/Information

- Meals are going well and numbers are fairly steady.
- Noted that at the last meeting he had reported that the Office for the Aging had received a grant to purchase a new walk-in cooler. It was a commercial size cooler, not a walk-in.
- The Office for the Aging has put out a flyer "Home and Community Livability Checklist". Clerk will make copies and have them available at the Town Hall.

Councilwoman Neer

Summer Recreation

- Reported that she has heard rumors that due to budget cuts, funding for summer recreation programs may not receive funding.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Town Hall Preservation Committee - Update

- Price's have indicated that it would not be feasible to rent/lease the building for the amount that the Town would need to charge in order to recoup funds invested. They have been looking for space elsewhere.
- The latest grant application to the Rochester Community Foundation was turned down.
- The possibility of listing the building for sale was discussed. Craig's List and publications that deal with historical buildings and preservation were discussed as options to advertise the sale.
- Jim Duval reported that he has spoken to County IT personnel and was advised that a separate website and email address should be set up for the sale of the building.

NEW BUSINESS

Independent Auditor - Contracting with

- Supervisor Gayton provided a quote of \$5,195 plus any out of pocket fees which were estimated at approximately \$125 from Freed Maxick & Battaglia, CPA's PC to audit the 2009 books.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to table the selection of an auditor until 2 more quotes are received. A special meeting will be scheduled when the quotes are received. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Gick - Yes

Councilman Wenhold - Yes

Councilwoman Neer - Yes

Councilman Pietrzykowski - Yes

Plow Equipment - Purchase of

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the purchase of plow equipment on State bid for the new highway truck with the amount to be not more than \$90,000. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilman Wenhold to approve the transfer of \$90,000 from General Funds to Highway Projects for the purchase of plow equipment for the new highway truck. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Addition of Line Item A.1320.1 Auditor

A motion was made by Councilwoman Neer and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to approve the addition of Line Item A.1320.1 Auditor for payment of an independent auditor. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Community Service Workers

- The Town has been approached by two students who would like to perform community service at the Transfer Station in order to meet requirements for their respective classes.
- They would be covered by their respective schools for injury, etc.
- Leigha Tundo - Alexander Central School Senior
 - o Needs to complete 10 hours for Participation In Government class.
- Connie Oderkirk - Genesee Community College
 - o Must complete 20 hours of community service for her Introduction to Human Services class.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrzykowski and seconded by Councilwoman Neer allow Leigha Tundo and Connie Oderkirk to perform community service at the Town Transfer Station as required by their respective classes. The motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Retirement Party - Norma & Bob Bower

- A retirement party will be organized for Norma Bower, former Tax Collector and Bob Bower, her Deputy.
- Will be held at the Community Center with the Fire Department preparing the meal.

Warrant

The Board approved payment of the bills as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ 3,199.38	\$ 8,341.78
Highway Fund	\$ 4,692.12	\$18,316.98

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 Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilman Pietrzykowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
BETHANY TOWN BOARD
DATED: March 9, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas, Clerk
Town of Bethany