

TOWN OF BETHANY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
12 JANUARY 2015

Supervisor Hyde opened the January 12, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Town Officials in Attendance were:

Carl Hyde, Jr., Supervisor	Daniel Adams, Councilman
Walter Wenhold, Councilman	Susan Neer, Councilwoman
Jeffrey Fluker, Councilman	Debbie Douglas, Town Clerk
Paul Fleming, Highway Superintendent	Linda Schmidt, Historian

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Maelynn Hyde	Don Schmidt
Sandy Fluker	Deborah Donnelly
Gary Donnelly	Jim Phillips, FD President
Pat Pietrzykowski	Barb Czworka

Town Clerk Report – Debbie Douglas

- Presented the Minutes of the December 8, 2014 Regular Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Adams and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2014 Regular Town Board meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Presented the Minutes of the December 29, 2014 Year-End Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Wenhold and seconded by Councilman Adams to approve the Minutes of the December 29, 2014 Year-End Town Board meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Read a letter from Crossroads House thanking the Town for their donation in memory of Deb Conti's mother.

Highway Superintendent Report – Paul Fleming

- Highway Department has been very busy plowing and sanding.
- More salt has been ordered.
- Will be attending a meeting with FEMA for an update on the reimbursement for costs incurred during the November snow storm.

Historian Report – Linda Schmidt

- The Historian presented her annual report to the Town Board.

Board Committee Reports

Councilman Adams

- The Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing for the Area Variance application submitted by Julian Moore on January 28th.

Councilman Wenhold

- Senior meals are going well however attendance is down due to the weather.

- The Planning Board met on January 8, 2015 and made a recommendation of approval to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Area Variance application submitted by Julian Moore.
- A response to the letter from NYS DEC concerning the Town's pre-application for grant funding for expansion at the Transfer Station was sent.

Councilwoman Neer

- The Attica Intercommunity Medical Center Committee held an emergency meeting to review an offer received from Dr. Craddock for the purchase of the building at \$300,000.00.
 - o As the appraised value is \$425,000.00 the committee felt that this offer was extremely low and rejected the offer.
 - o At this point the committee has decided to continue as usual.
 - o Councilwoman Neer asked the Board for their thoughts concerning listing and/or advertising the building for sale. The Board agreed that it should be made known that the building is for sale.

Councilman Fluker

- Noted that the Fire Department has several new line officers.
- Gear inspection is being performed tonight.
- Breakfast was held on Sunday with a very good turnout especially considering the weather.

OLD BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION #4-2015 RESCINDING RESOLUTION #66-2014
CONTRACTING WITH COHEN LAW GROUP FOR TIME WARNER
FRANCHISE NEGOTIATIONS SERVICE**

WHEREAS, upon further review by the Town's Attorney he has advised that it is not necessary for the Town of Bethany to incur the added expense associated with contracting with Cohen Law Group for Time Warner franchise negotiations services; now

On **MOTION** made by Councilman Adams duly seconded by Councilman Wenhold, be it

RESOLVED that the Bethany Town Board hereby rescinds Resolution #66-2014 Contracting with Cohen Law Group for the Time Warner franchise negotiations services.

Motion **PASSED** with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Hyde – Yes	Councilman Wenhold – Yes
Councilwoman Neer – Yes	Councilman Adams – Yes
Councilman Fluker – Yes	

Proposed Water District – Clipnock/Torrey/Little Canada/East Bethany-LeRoy – Update

- Information has been sent to Stafford and Bethany's attorneys so that the petitions can be drawn up.
- Informational meetings will be held followed by a vote.

Proposed Water District – Creek/Putnam Roads – Update

- Income surveys are being prepared.

Construction of Portable Judge's Bench – Update

- Two quotes were received however one of the contractors had to rescind his quote due to a change in his job situation.

On **MOTION** Councilwoman Neer duly seconded by Councilman Adams to re-quote the construction of the judge's bench.

Motion **PASSED** with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Hyde – Yes	Councilman Wenhold – Yes
Councilwoman Neer – Yes	Councilman Adams – Yes
Councilman Fluker – Yes	

Radio Contract with Genesee County

- Councilman Fluker reported that they are working on more changes.
- Will have more information by next meeting.

Union Contract Negotiations – Update

- The Board will enter into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeremiah Neyman – Hiring of

- Highway Superintendent Fleming requested that the matter be tabled pending further conversation with Mr. Neyman.

On **MOTION** of Councilman Adams duly seconded by Councilman Fluker the matter of hiring Jeremiah Neyman is tabled pending further conversation with Mr. Neyman.

Motion **PASSED** with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Hyde – Yes	Councilman Wenhold – Yes
Councilwoman Neer – Yes	Councilman Adams – Yes
Councilman Fluker – Yes	

Cable Expansion Grant Funding

- Governor Cuomo's office announced that there will be \$500 Million in grant funding for the expansion of cable.
- Supervisor Hyde has been in touch with Legislator Torrey and will also be in touch with Senator Ranzenhofer and Assemblyman Hawley concerning this funding.

RESOLUTION #5-2015 CREATING BUDGET LINE W3-1420.4 PROPOSED WATER DISTRICT - CREEK & PUTNAM ROADS

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethany is exploring a proposed water district on Creek and Putnam Roads, and

WHEREAS, the Town will need to charge back expensed to the Water District, now

On **MOTION** of Councilwoman Neer duly seconded by Councilman Fluker, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to establish Budget Line W3-1420.4 for the Proposed Water District – Creek & Putnam Roads.

Motion **PASSED** with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Hyde – Yes	Councilman Wenhold – Yes
Councilwoman Neer – Yes	Councilman Adams – Yes
Councilman Fluker – Yes	

Cleaning Quotes for Town Hall, Community Center and Highway Office & Restrooms

- Supervisor Hyde has obtained quotes for cleaning the Town Hall, Community Center and Highway Office and restrooms.
- He is currently compiling figures for the cost of in-house cleaning to see which would be more cost effective.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Councilman Fluker duly seconded by Councilman Wenhold that the Town Board and Highway Superintendent enter into Executive Session to discuss Union contract negotiations at 7:52 p.m.

Motion **PASSED** with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Hyde – Yes	Councilman Wenhold – Yes
Councilwoman Neer – Yes	Councilman Adams – Yes
Councilman Fluker – Yes	

Returned from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Fire Department Reporting Requirements

- Fire Department President Jim Phillips spoke to the Town Board about reporting requirements that he learned of during recent training.
- The Fire Chief is responsible for reporting all activities of the Fire Department to the Town Board.
- The Town Board must be presented a list of active members for approval for workers compensation purposes.
- Jim presented a current list of active members for the Board's approval and it was noted that all active members will be participating in fit testing and having physicals in the very near future.

Bethany Volunteer Fire Company Active Members Roster – Approval of

BETHANY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
ACTIVE MEMBERS

Bronwyn Adams	Josiah Berkemeier	Brian Britton
Mel Davis	James Duval	Bradley Fluker
Jamie Fluker	Jeff Fluker	Sandy Fluker
Wade Geedy	Jeremy Hausfelder	Ryan Hendershott
Carl Homer	Laurel Li Jackett	Peggy Johnson
George Larish	Tom McBride	Todd Mogenhan
Dan Nash	James Phillips	Ed Pietrzykowski
Jeff Pietrzykowski	Kim Pietrzykowski	Pat Pietrzykowski
Howard Ridall	Kyle Rombaut	Bill Shea
Gail Smith	John Szymkowiak	Wayne Walker
Jillian Welch	Jeff Wolak	Vicki Wolak

On **MOTION** of Councilman Adams duly seconded by Councilman Wenhold the Board approved the current list of active members of the Bethany Volunteer Fire Company until a new list is compiled after the results of the fit testing and physicals are received.

Motion **PASSED** with the following Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Hyde – Yes
 Councilwoman Neer – Yes
 Councilman Fluker – Yes

Councilman Wenhold – Yes
 Councilman Adams – Yes

Warrant

– The Board approved payment of the bills as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,296.04	\$ 4,902.84
Highway Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,689.48
Fire Protection Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Water Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
Justice Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,662.95

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Wenhold duly seconded by Councilwoman Neer to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The motion **PASSED** with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
 BETHANY TOWN BOARD
 DATED: January 14, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas
 Bethany Town Clerk