

**TOWN OF BETHANY**

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**09 May 2016**

Supervisor Hyde opened the May 9, 2016 Town Board Meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a prayer offered by Supervisor Hyde followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Officials in Attendance were:

Carl Hyde, Jr., Supervisor	Daniel Adams, Councilman
Susan Neer, Councilwoman	Timothy Embt, Councilman
Debbie Douglas, Town Clerk	Linda Schmidt, Historian
Donald Schmidt, Deputy Historian	

Town Officials Absent were:

Jeffrey Fluker, Councilman	Joel Merle, Highway Superintendent
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Attendees to the Meeting were:

Maelynn Hyde	Joe Nowakowski
Ray Cipriano	Jim Phillips

**FINANCES**

Supervisor Hyde presented the finances for April 2016.

General Savings	\$1,101,657.75
Highway Savings	\$ 460,797.98
Capital Project Highway	\$ 192,523.54
AP/PR Account	\$ 31,931.19
Trust & Agency Account	\$ 12,978.45
Highway Checking	\$ 7.00
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,800,095.91</b>

Revenues Received	
Debbie Douglas, Town Clerk	\$ 1,858.20
Debbie Douglas, Tax Collector	\$ 1,286.88
Time Warner	\$ 6,832.55
County of Genesee	\$ 182,520.03
Debbie Douglas, Tax Collector	\$ 250.00
US Post Office	\$ 40.46
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 192,788.12</b>
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>\$ 39.77</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 192,827.89</b>

**Town Clerk Report – Debbie Douglas**

- Presented the Minutes of the April 11, 2016 Regular Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Adams and seconded by Councilwoman Neer to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2016 Regular Town Board meeting as presented. The motion passed with All In Favor.

- Rich Kuczynski from NYS Racing & Wagering will be speaking at the South Byron Fire Hall on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He will be answering questions concerning Games of Chance licensing.
- Walter Wenhold submitted a report for the Senior Meal site. Ellen Foster, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, spoke to the group in April about seasoning alternatives for salt. Attendance is up a little bit because the "snow birds" have returned.
- The Clerk's Monthly Report and Bank Statements for April were reviewed by the Town Board.

#### **Highway Superintendent Report – Joel Merle**

- Plows, sanders and related equipment have been removed from the trucks and are cleaned and lubricated for storage.
- Trucks have been cleaned and serviced for summer work.
- Inventory has been completed.
- Cacner road should be paved in July, weather permitting. Consulting with other highway superintendents and contractors to decide the best way to solve the problem of the crushed glass insulators working up from the base of the road. The crushed insulators were used to build up the road bed.
- The gravel section of Mayne Road has been graded and rolled. Some repair needs to be done to the paved sections.
- Approximately 1/3 of the chip stone needed for road resurfacing has been hauled in. The remainder should be hauled in this week.
- Will be using shared services from the County and other towns to help with work this summer.

#### **Town Justice Report – Bill Shea & Tom McBride**

- Justice McBride and Shea's monthly reports for April 2016 was reviewed by the Board.

#### **Historian Report – Linda Schmidt**

- Attended spring conference.
- Will be hosting an open house at the Old Town Hall during the town-wide garage sales that the Fire Department is sponsoring on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The subject will be the farms of Bethany.

#### **Board Committee Reports**

##### **Councilman Adams**

- Area variance application submitted by Robert and Patricia Puleo (AV1602) was reviewed by the Planning Board. A recommendation of approval was sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

##### **Councilman Fluker By Clerk Douglas**

- FASNY Recruitment Weekend went well. A couple of applications were received.

##### **Councilwoman Neer**

- There has been no word from John King concerning the sale of the Intercommunity Medical Building.

##### **Councilman Embt**

- The ZBA will be meeting to review the area variance application submitted by Robert and Patricia Puleo.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Old Town Hall – Update**

- The people who are interested in purchasing the building flew in from Florida and met with Supervisor Hyde for a walk-thru. It was a positive meeting. They will have an answer by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Transfer Station – Update**

- The Transfer Station is still operating in the black.

**Excavator – Sale of**

- The excavator sold on Auctions International for \$4,050.00. This is \$2,000 more than expected.

**Insurance Inspection**

- NYMIR performed an inspection of all insured buildings valued at \$50,000 or more. Supervisor Hyde received notice that the valuation of all buildings is satisfactory.

**Broadband – Grant Funding**

- The Governor pulled the program on April 15.
- Supervisor Hyde met with other municipal officials who have been trying to obtain funding for some time.
- The grant requirements as they stand now, are out of the Town’s reach. The matching funds required are exorbitant for the town.
- Ray Cipriano spoke with Mark Meyerhofer, Director of Government Relations for Northeast-Western New York. Time Warner is interested in obtaining funding from this program. He suggested that Supervisor Hyde will send a letter requesting a survey of the availability and non-availability of cable/internet service in the Town of Bethany. Supervisor Hyde will do so.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #23-2016 – ESTABLISHING FUND TYPE – HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town, on occasion, designates excess equipment to be sold, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Supervisor wishes to designate funds received from the sale of such equipment to be used toward the purchase new equipment for the Highway Department, now

On **MOTION** of Councilman Adams, duly seconded by Councilman Embt, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to establish a “Type” fund for Highway Equipment Reserves.

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

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| Supervisor Hyde – Yes   | Councilman Adams – Yes     |
| Councilwoman Neer - Yes | Councilman Fluker – Absent |
| Councilman Embt – Yes   |                            |

**RESOLUTION #24-2016 – AMENDING 2016 BUDGET –DA5112.2**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bethany will receive more in CHIPS Funding than budgeted from New York State and will increase both Estimated Revenues and Appropriations;

Now on **MOTION** of Councilwoman Neer duly seconded by Councilman Embt, be it

**RESOLVED**, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to modify the 2016 Budget in the following manner:

DA5112.2                    Increase from \$70,000 to \$78,160.88

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

Supervisor Hyde – Yes	Councilman Adams – Yes
Councilwoman Neer - Yes	Councilman Fluker – Absent
Councilman Embt – Yes	

**RESOLUTION #25-2016 AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE TO LOGGING LEVEL 1 TRAINING**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to trim limbs and dead trees from the sides of the roadways, and

**WHEREAS**, this work is routinely performed by the Highway Superintendent and the MEOs (Motor Equipment Operators), and

**WHEREAS**, the Town’s insurance provider has stated that anyone performing such work must be certified, and

**WHEREAS**, the insurance provider has reviewed the Logging Level 1 course to be offered in Varysburg, NY on September 14, 2016 and has approved its content, now

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

**RESOLVED** that Highway Superintendent Joel Merle, MEO Mark Heale and MEO Adam Miller are hereby authorized to attend a Logging Level 1 training to be held on September 14, 2016 in Varysburg, NY at a cost of \$25.00 each.

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

Supervisor Hyde – Yes	Councilman Adams – Yes
Councilwoman Neer - Yes	Councilman Fluker – Absent
Councilman Embt – Yes	

**Warrant**

- The Board approved payment of the bills as follows:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,157.66	\$ 10,128.20
Highway Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,392.38
Trust & Agency	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Highway Capital Funds Project	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Fire Protection Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Water Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Justice Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,168.00

**Adjournment**

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Adams, duly seconded by Councilman Embt to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The motion **PASSED** with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE  
BETHANY TOWN BOARD  
DATED: May 10, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas, RMC  
Bethany Town Clerk