

TOWN OF BETHANY
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
27 MAY 2020

Supervisor Hyde opened the May 27, 2020 Town Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

*****Please note that this meeting is being held outside of Executive Order 202.1. The Town of Bethany is not technologically equipped to hold virtual meetings and therefore, must meet in person to conduct essential business. The public is welcome to attend however, facial covering and social distancing regulations must be adhered to.**

Town Officials in Attendance were:

Carl Hyde, Jr., Supervisor	Jeffrey Fluker, Councilman
Timothy Embt, Councilman	Daniel Street, Councilman
Diane Fowler, Councilwoman	
Barbara Czworka, Highway Superintendent	

Supervisor Hyde called a Special Meeting to discuss financial actions due to the loss of Genesee County sales tax.

The Board and Supervisor discussed the severity of the county's decision to stop the sales tax revenue sharing agreement.

Sales tax revenue is 50% of the towns budget. Ramifications to the property tax were discussed. In order to make up the lost revenue, the tax rate would have to go from \$3.70 per \$1,000 to \$8.50 per \$1,000 which is unacceptable.

The Supervisor was directed by the Town Board to contact the State Comptroller's office to discuss the situation in Genesee County and the Town of Bethany.

Roadside mowing, purchasing salt, and funds for plowing were discussed with the Highway Superintendent. The furlough of Highway Department employees was discussed. The furlough would allow the town to save enough money to fund plowing this winter. The Highway Superintendent and the Town Supervisor are keeping a close eye on expenses.

RESOLUTION #24-2020 FURLOUGH OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, Genesee County has stopped all distribution of sales tax to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town must address the unanticipated reduction of its finances; and

WHEREAS, the largest portion of the Town's budget is the Town's Highway Department, now

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

RESOLVED that the Town shall place the employees of the Town's Highway Department on furlough effective June 1, 2020 through at least August 31, 2020, and be it further

RESOLVED that Supervisor Hyde is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement regarding such furloughs on behalf of the Town.

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

Supervisor Hyde – Yes

Councilman Fluker – Yes

Councilman Embt – Yes

Councilman Street – Yes

Councilwoman Fowler – Yes

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Street, duly seconded by Councilman Embt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The motion **PASSED** with All In Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE
BETHANY TOWN BOARD
DATED: June 8, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl L. Hyde
Town Supervisor