

**TOWN OF BETHANY**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**14 June 2021**

**\*\*\*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.**

Supervisor Hyde opened the June 14, 2021, Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer lead by Councilman Embt.

Town Officials in Attendance were:

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| Carl Hyde, Jr., Supervisor                | Jeffrey Fluker, Deputy Supervisor |
| Timothy Embt, Councilman                  | Daniel Street, Councilman         |
| Diane Fowler, Councilwoman                | Tom Douglas, Town CEO & ZEO       |
| Barbara Czworka, Highway Superintendent   |                                   |
| Ruth A. Bodkins, Town Clerk/Tax Collector |                                   |

Attendees to the Meeting were:

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|----------------|------------------|
| Debbie Douglas | Brian Whitmore   |
| Don Frank      | Bill Elsasser    |
| Joe Nowakowski | Jeffrey Ackerman |
| Jim Phillips   | Calvin Whitmore  |
| Darin Loft     | Rhonda Nolt      |
| Ramon Cipriano |                  |

**FINANCES**

Supervisor Hyde presented the finances for May 2021.

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund           | \$ 1,053,100.53 |
| Highway Fund           | \$ 912,089.82   |
| AP/PR Account          | \$ 65,224.00    |
| Trust & Agency Account | \$ 1,113.28     |
| Highway Checking       | \$ 2,685.11     |
| Supervisor             | \$ 302,599.25   |
| Water District #2      | \$ 51,573.85    |
| Water District #4      | \$ 10,171.02    |
| Water District #5      | \$ 00.00        |
| Petty Cash             | \$ 200.00       |
| Total                  | \$2,398,756.84  |

**Revenues Received**

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|--|--------------|
| Ruth A. Bodkins, Tax Collector – P&I     | \$1.92       |
| VERIZON -Refund                          | \$38.19      |
| NYS Dept of Labor                        | \$12,915.45  |
| Ruth A. Bodkins, Town Clerk              | \$330.00     |
| County of Genesee – Mortgage Tax         | \$14,662.19  |
| County of Genesee/Voluntary Distribution | \$34,177.00  |
| US POST Office                           | \$100.00     |
| Nicholas Falcone, Justice                | \$1,505.00   |
| Total Revenue                            | \$ 63,729.75 |

|                |    |           |
|----------------|----|-----------|
| Total Interest | \$ | 183.72    |
| Total Revenue  | \$ | 63,913.47 |

### **Town Clerk Report – Ruth A. Bodkins**

- Presented the Minutes of the May 10, 2021, Regular Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Fluker, duly seconded by Councilwomen Fowler, to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2021, Regular Town Board meeting as presented. Motion passed with All In Favor.

- The Clerk's Monthly Report for May and bank statements for April and May 2021 were reviewed by the Town Board.

### **CEO/ZEO – Thomas Douglas**

- Working on several permits for pods, decks and one house.
- Noise complaint discussed.
- Notice of Violation drafted and mailed \*Copies made for Board Members\* and on file with the Town Clerk.
- Two Special Use Variances submitted (Re: Seasonal Agricultural Business/s).
- Two applicants interested in anticipated vacancy for the Town of Bethany Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Board Officer. Attending tonight to introduce themselves are Darin F. Loft of Attica and Rhonda Nolt, of East Bethany. The Town Supervisor and Board Members have been provided with their resumes.

### **Highway Superintendent Report – Barbara Czworka**

- Stripped last truck of plow equipment.
- 1202 taken to and picked up from Valley Fab for Tarp system replaced.
- Our end of the Old Creek Road has been chip sealed.
- Pavilion, Batavia, LeRoy, Alexander, Stafford, and Byron received help from us with chip sealing and Batavia, Alexander, Pavilion and Stafford did the same for us.
- We have been working steadily to mow roadsides throughout the town.

### **Board Committee Report**

#### **Deputy Supervisor and Fire Chief Fluker:**

The Fire Department desperately needs volunteers and the need for an Ambulance Driver is crucial. Applications are being accepted with no experience necessary. Training is provided and applications for any of the above mentioned are available at the Fire House. The need for reaching the younger generation and attracting them as volunteers is a priority. We appreciate any suggestions that help do this. The estimated number of calls for the month are sixteen.

**Councilman Street:** No meeting held this month.

**Councilman Embt:** Reminder regarding the Public Hearing.

**Councilwomen Fowler:** Monroe County service charges are increasing to help cover the cost of water to the city of Batavia. This increase should not; impact Bethany residents at this time because Bethany buys directly from Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA).

**Supervisor Hyde:** Presented Water District Updates as listed below in Old and New Business and any Resolutions to be voted upon. In addition, Supervisor Hyde, presented Debbie L. Douglas, former Town Clerk of Bethany, with a gift and Proclamation on behalf of the Town of Bethany in recognition and thanks for Nineteen years of Public Service to our community. Several other gifts were presented by means of donation from town residents and fellow municipal officers by the Town Clerk. Supervisor Hyde, then gave the floor to Debbie and her husband Tom, who presented some very generous farewell gifts to the Town of Bethany that include Defibrillators and Thermal Imaging cameras which will be placed in the Community Center and Fire House. A few Lanyards were donated by the American Automated External Defibrillators (AED) with the gifts. Debbie and Tom expressed the

pleasure it has given them to serve the community and thought it only fair to give back one last time.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Modifications to the Judges Bench are being prepared. The updates will enlarge the entrance and exit location on the bench and provide for better handicap accessibility.

#### **Water District #4**

- The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC) application for payment number five was reviewed, discussed, and signed for delivery.
- A letter from CPL of notice to Rochester Pipeline, Inc. Re: Water District #4 final punchlist items to be addressed before project closeout was discussed and reviewed.

The Town Clerk rescheduled the Public Hearing re: Adoption of Local Law for Solar and Accessory Use based on lapse in time to notify the public. A Special Meeting is now scheduled for 24 May 2021 and the Town Clerk has published the notice in the Batavia Daily News.

#### **Water District #5**

- Paperwork has been submitted to the State Comptroller office.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Hyde would like to contract with Bonadio & Co., LLP who are Certified Public Accountants, to audit the Town Clerk records for each month during the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020. The recent change of hands to the Town Clerk position, warrants such protocol based on guidance from the New York State Comptrollers office. The procedure letter and schedule with further details can be found in the Town Clerks office.

A **MOTION** was made by Deputy Supervisor Fluker, duly seconded by Councilman Street, to enter the contract with Bonadio & Co., LLP  
The motion **PASSED** with All in Favor.

#### **Warrant #6**

- The Board approved payment of the bills as follows:

|                               | <u>Prepaid</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| General Fund                  | \$4,801.76     | \$10,368.09  |
| Highway Fund                  | \$ 0.00        | \$52,489.40  |
| Capital Project               | \$ 0.00        | \$ 2,990.00  |
| Fire Protection Fund          | \$ 0.00        | \$ 0.00      |
| Highway Capital Funds Project | \$ 0.00        | \$ 0.00      |
| Water Fund                    | \$ 0.00        | \$ 0.00      |
| Justice Fund                  | \$ 0.00        | \$ 0.00      |

#### **Adjournment**

A **MOTION** was made by Deputy Supervisor Fluker, duly seconded by Councilman Street, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion **PASSED** with All in Favor.

BY ORDER OF THE  
BETHANY TOWN BOARD  
DATED: 14 June, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Ruth A. Bodkins  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector