

DRAFT VERSION

TOWN OF BETHANY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
DATE 11.13.2023

Supervisor Hyde opened the November 13, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:06pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer offered by Councilman Embt.

Town Officials in Attendance were:

Carl Hyde, Jr. Supervisor
Jeff Fluker, Councilman
Timothy Embt, Councilman
Diane Fowler, Councilwoman
Steve Wells, Councilman
Tina Frank, Deputy Town Clerk
Barbara Czworka, Highway Superintendent

ATTENDEES TO THE MEETING:

Terry Morgan	Paula Rock
Bill Rock	
Katie Laberksi	Kris and Jerry Kujawski
Sharon Coyle	
John Hollwedel	Sheila Hollwedel
Chris Wiater	
Janet Cook	Jack and Kathie Worka
Amanda Sorbello	
Dean Couto	Ann Miller
Jim Phillips	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Town Clerk (presented by Carl Hyde, Jr.) Presented the Minutes of the October, 2023 Regular Town Board meeting

On **MOTION** made by Councilman Fluker, duly seconded by Councilman Embt, to approve the Minutes of the October, 2023 Regular Town Board meeting, as presented. Motion passed with All in Favor.

CEO/ZEO (presented by Carl Hyde, Jr.)

Written report given on 11/14/23

Highway Superintendent (presented by Barbara Czworka)

All 10 wheelers and 1 ton are inspected for the year

Have 1203/1204 set up for winter

We have put 16 new tires on 1203 and 1204

1209 mower is up and running after 4 weeks waiting for parts

We are having an issue keeping the arm mower up and running
We have helped County Mill and Fill Shoulders
All Salt is in shed and sprayed with brine for the season. The
estimated total is 1100 ton in salt shed
Backhoe is up and running
All trucks plus loader have been Rust-Kote
All Roads we chip sealed have been broomed
Metal around the shop and compactor have been sent to scrape
Hydraulic pumps have been put in road widener
Covered 2 pipes one Paradise Rd and One on Chaddock Rd, also
filled potholes at end of Transit Rd. by Rt 63 with help from Stafford
Floor grates are back in, and we have had BVM out to give us an
estimate on changing the floor drain. Waiting to hear from them yet
Had Wall's Paving out for estimate for in front of cupola, no
estimate yet. I called Yasses to tell them of the changes and still no return
estimate from them yet. Will not get to do this year because Black top plants
are shutting down on hot material shortly.
We are working on Roadside mowing, mowing back for winter

Town Justices (no report)

Town Historian (no report)

Board Committees:

Steve Wells (no report)

Diane Fowler:

The County is feeling same effects as we are.

Jeff Fluker

12 calls (fire and EMT) for BVFD. OSHA training done

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Tim Embt (no report)

Town Supervisor, Carl Hyde, Jr.

NEW BUSINESS (Town Supervisor, Carl Hyde, Jr.)

Water district #5 Update:

We are first in line item for all three federal appropriations budgets.
WIAA grant- all resident letters were forwarded to State and Federal
Representatives. Report- 50 of 400 homes in Water District #5 have no water.
This is 20% and we are in "severe drought status". Brian Quinn was given
resident letters to submit to media newspapers. We have filed an emergency
declaration with the USDA. We have met with them, and Rural Development.
Report will be put in Daily News, Batavian, radio and website. Possible USDA
loan will be a 38-year loan, for up to \$5M, at 3.12% interest. The cost of
materials has decreased by 8%. If Water District #5 goes through, new surveys

will be sent to Water District #6; 51% must be in favor before the Town Board will move forward. FEMA was contacted regarding our “severe drought status”. Emergency water tanks, trucks, bottled water, etc. were denied, due to “population not large enough”.

Resident reported that over thirty years ago, Bethany was promised water.

Residents may call/email: Rochelle Stein (County Chair), Gregg Torrey (Legislator), Steve Hawley (Assembly), George Borrello (Senator), Charles Schumer (Senator), Claudia Tenney (Representative), Kristen Gillebrand (Senator)

Resident brought discolored water sample to the meeting.

A Water District #5 resident meeting will be scheduled after WIAA grant is released.

One resident will be re-levied for unpaid water bill in arrears for \$526.74. **MOTION** made by Councilwoman Fowler, seconded by Councilman Wells. Motion passed with All in Favor.

Resolution to approve Final Budget for 2024 was made and passed.

Final Budget: **MOTION** made by Councilwoman Fluker, seconded by Councilman Wells. Motion passed with All in Favor.

Cupola Update

Resident reported a hole in shoulder of road near residence. Town Supervisor Hyde to inspect site.

Set Year-end Meeting date: 12-27-23 Wednesday, 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Fluker, duly seconded by Councilman Embt to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. The motion **PASSED** with all in favor.

BY ORDER OF THE BETHANY TOWN BOARD

Respectfully submitted, Tina Frank, Bethany Deputy Town Clerk
DATED: November 15, 2023