

TOWN BOARD
OCTOBER 11, 2006

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem was held on the above date at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Theresa Egan, Supervisor
Daniel Plummer, Councilman
Tim Gordon, Councilman
Kyle Kotary, Councilman
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk
James T. Potter, Esq., Town Attorney

ABSENT: Sam Messina, Councilman

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The Supervisor welcomed everyone to a regular meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board and invited them to join in the pledge of allegiance.

The Supervisor Egan stated that Den 7 and Den 9, Cub Scout Troop 258 from St. Thomas and Elsmere were here visiting. They are working on their Citizenship Badge.

The Supervisor asked if there were any public comments on agenda items and asked that any non-agenda items be held until the end of the meeting.

Mrs. Capone questioned whether or not the names of the people who gave a donation to the Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service would be listed. The Supervisor stated that it would.

The Supervisor asked if there were any other comments on agenda items and there were none. The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Plummer to close the Public Comment period. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kotary.
Noes: None.
Absent: Mr. Messina.

The next item was to approve the Town Board minutes of September 13, 2006.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve the Town Board minutes of September 13, 2006 as submitted. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kotary.
Noes: None.
Absent: Mr. Messina.

The following item was to set a public hearing with regard to the 2007 Tentative Town of Bethlehem Budget. Could advertise October 18, 2006 and hold public hearing 6:15 p.m. on October 25, 2006.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve setting a hearing on October 25, 2006 at 6:15 p.m. regarding the 2007 Tentative Town of Bethlehem Budget. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kotary.
Noes: None.

Absent: Mr. Messina.

The next item was a request from Senior Services Director, Karen Pellettier, for acceptance of donations to benefit the Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service.

The motion was made by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Plummer to approve the acceptance of the following donations to be held in the restricted account to benefit the Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service:

In memory of Josephine Dare	\$160.00
In memory of John Albino	450.00

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kotary.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mr. Messina.

The following item was a request from Administrator, Nan Lanahan, Parks and Recreation Department, for approval of appointment of seasonal personnel.

The motion was made by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve the appointment of seasonal personnel as requested by Nan Lanahan, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department, as listed on the Memorandum dated October 11, 2006 at the titles and salaries listed. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kotary.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mr. Messina.

The next item was a request from Chief of Police, Louis Corsi, regarding approval of an agreement with Albany Medical Center for AEDs.

Councilman Plummer questioned whether this was going to be a service that will be provided to Town Hall or Town wide. The Supervisor stated this is Town wide. The AED machines are at Town Hall, at the Town Park, in the cars with the Police Officers and every time they are used they have to get certified. Chief Corsi stated that this was a renewal from the original contract.

Councilman Gordon questioned how the program has been working and the reporting after use. Chief Corsi stated everything is done on the computer in a timely manor and this is a wonderful tool.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Plummer to authorize Supervisor Egan to sign the Collaborative Agreement with Albany Medical Center between the Town of Bethlehem (Volunteer or Not-For-Profit 'PAD' Provider) and Albany Medical Center Hospital (AMC or Emergency Health Care Provider). The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kotary.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mr. Messina.

The next item was an addition to the agenda. It was a request from Town Engineer, Eric Deyoe, to accept two (2) easement conveyances for properties on Feura Bush Road.

Mr. Deyoe stated this is part of a land division that is required to transfer ownership of an existing sewer force main that is along Feura Bush Road to the Town to provide sewage service to the new lot that is going to be created as part of the land division. He said the land division has been in the Economic Development and Planning office for about four to five months.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Plummer to approve the easement conveyances as requested by Mr. Deyoe, Town Engineer as listed in the Memorandum dated September 28, 2006 at the locations listed.

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kotary.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mr. Messina

Public Comment on non-agenda items.

Mrs. Capone stated this year the Town built another pool for ¾ million dollars and could you imagine how much that would have done for the Town offices. There was no petition for it and it didn't work most of the time. Today in the Spotlight it said Public Works Director, Bruce Oliver.

Supervisor Egan stated that Bruce Oliver is still a detective.

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Discussion regarding the skate park took place with a few students. A student questioned what has taken place since the last Board meeting. He stated they have a U-Haul truck, which can be used to transport the Skateboard Park.

Parks and Recreation Department Administrator, Nan Lanahan stated there is a lot of equipment and it will take multiple trips to transport it. It needs to be taken apart and then put back together. Before a decision is made the Town needs to know where it is going and this is one of the things that is holding this up. She said if the Middle School does not work out the Town would need to look at other sources of property within the Town. Supervisor Egan stated that the Town could not commit until they know where it is going. She also stated the last discussion ended that they would be contacting Dr. Loomis and the School Board to see if they could find a place at the Middle School. Administrator Lanahan stated they have been in contact, however, there are some legality issues with having it on school property.

Mrs. Lanahan said there is a gentleman who owns a shelter in Albany who may want to run it and has some equipment that he is willing to donate. There are still many issues that need to be worked out. Supervisor Egan told the students they are not being put off, people are working at it and it takes time to work things out. The student stated that the Town should be focusing on getting this park for free while it is still available. Nan Lanahan stated we have two free parks available to the Town, there are a lot of equipment options, however, finding the right site and figuring out legality issues are some of the factors that are complicating this project. Mrs. Capone questioned whether or not anyone has looked into the cost of the insurance for this park.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Plummer to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 5:47 p.m. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kotary.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mr. Messina.

Town Clerk