

TOWN BOARD
OCTOBER 27, 1999

A public hearing 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 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Sheila Fuller, Supervisor
George Lenhardt, Councilman
Doris M. Davis, Councilman
Robert C. Johnson, Councilman
Susan Burns, Councilman
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk
Bernard Kaplowitz, Esq., Town Attorney

SUPERVISOR FULLER: Good evening and welcome to meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board. Would like to invite all of you to join us in the pledge of allegiance.

The first item on tonight's agenda is a public hearing on the preliminary budget for the year 2000 for the Town of Bethlehem. I would ask the Clerk to read the call of the hearing.

TOWN CLERK NEWKIRK:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2000 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY at 7:30 p.m. on the 27th day of October 1999 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained.

Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following officers are hereby specified as follows:

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| Supervisor | \$75,793 |
| Councilmen (each) | 10,500 |
| Town Clerk | 51,279 |
| Superintendent of Highways | 70,997 |
| Receiver of Taxes & Assessments | 45,638 |

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Notice shall be published once in the following newspapers: THE SPOTLIGHT, the official newspaper of the Town on October 20, 1999 and the TIMES UNION, an Albany newspaper, on October 22, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC/AEE
TOWN CLERK

State of New York)
County of Albany)

A.D. COOPER, C.A. FLEMING of the City of Albany, being duly sworn, says that he/she is Principal Clerk of The TIMES UNION, a daily newspaper printed in the County of Albany, Town of Colonie and Published in the County of Albany, Town of Colonie and the City of Albany, aforesaid and that notice published in the said ALBANY TIMES UNION, times a week for successive weeks, 1 times commencing on the 22nd day of Oct., 1999.

/s/ A. D. Cooper

Sworn to before me this 25 day of Oct. 1999.

/s/ Sean M. Martin
Notary Public, Albany County

Public Hearing
for Preliminary
Budget for year
2000 Town of
Bethlehem

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 COUNTY OF ALBANY) ss.:

KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York and that I posted on October 22, 1999, a Notice of Public Hearing, a copy of which is hereto attached, on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision six of Section thirty of the Town Law.

/s/ Kathleen A. Newkirk
 Town Clerk

Sworn to before me this
 27th day of Oct. 1999.
 /s/ Catherine T. Picarazzi
 Notary Public

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The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to indent the Notice of Public Hearing, Affidavit of Publication and Affidavit of Posting on the minutes of the meeting. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson,
 Ms. Burns.
 Noes: None.

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SUPERVISOR FULLER: The budget for the year 2000 public hearing tonight basically from when our budget was presented on September 22, 1999 to the community. We had.. it was called the Tentative Budget at that point. Tonight for the public hearing it's Preliminary and the night we vote on it will be the public final vote on the budget for the year 2000.

The Board had about 14 hours of budget work sessions that were held on 3 nights the first week and 2 nights the second week. These work sessions were open to the public and 1 resident attended and 1 newspaper reporter.

We had many decisions to make and in the end, the budget remains just about the same as it was presented. The taxes will increase \$7.46 cents on an average home for \$130,000. We made decisions to upgrade the Town hall computer network; to purchase Building Department software and related hardware; reconstruction of the Elm Avenue park basketball courts and of the Selkirk park's tennis courts; installation of new air conditioning units and related HVAC controls for Town hall; and we also have advanced the radio communications proposal for emergency services providers to the next step.

Are there any questions from the audience? Some of the students were here when the budget was first presented. Okay.

Is there anyone wishing to speak in favor of the budget? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition?

No opinion on our budget. You are all happy, I am sure, with the basketball courts. I saw the smiles in the audience.

Okay, any questions or comments from the Board? Okay, may I have a motion to close the public hearing?

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to close the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson,
 Ms. Burns.
 Noes: None.

Kathleen A. Newkirk
 Town Clerk

Supervisor Fuller convened the regular Town Board meeting following the close of the public hearing. She indicated the budget for the Town of Bethlehem for the year 2000 would be adopted on November 10, 1999 which is the next Town Board meeting.

The next item was a recommendation from the Traffic Safety Committee for a proposed local law to amend the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for parking prohibited at all times on Ridge Road at East Poplar Drive and Kenwood Avenue; and addition of a stop sign on Crystal Lane at Crestwood Lane. Could advertise November 10, 1999 and hold public hearing on Tuesday, November 23, 1999.

Traffic Safety to set Public Hearing on Parking Prohibited at all times Ridge Road at East Poplar Tuesday Nov. 23, 1999 Addition stop sign Crystal Lane at Crestwood Lane

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Johnson to hold a public hearing on November 23, 1999, Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. to consider a proposed local law regarding an amendment to the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to permit addition of parking prohibited at all times on Ridge Road at East Poplar Drive and Kenwood Avenue; and add stop sign on Crystal Lane at Crestwood Lane. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Burns.
Noes: None.

The next item was a recommendation from Engineering Services Administrator, Michael Cirillo, for acceptance of a check from RSR Associates to allow release of a Letter of Credit for Haswell Farms Subdivision.

Engineering Services to accept check from RSR Associates to allow release of Letter of Credit Haswell Farms

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the reduction in bonding from \$65,000 and accept a check in the amount of \$34,800 from RSR Associates, Delmar, NY for Bonding for Haswell Farms, Phase 1 Subdivision to allow release of a Letter of Credit from Trustco Bank and the establishment of an escrow account. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Burns.
Noes: None.

The following item was a recommendation from Michael Cirillo, Engineering Services Administrator, for acceptance of deed for storm drainage work on Asprion Road, Glenmont.

Engineering Service acceptance of deed for storm drainage work on Asprion Road

The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the acceptance of a deed for a storm drainage easement on Asprion Road, Glenmont, NY from Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey VanSchaick, 19 Asprion Road, Glenmont, NY. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Burns.
Noes: None.

The next item was to acknowledge receipt of Conditional Approval for Autumn Woods Subdivision, Delmar, NY from the Planning Board for information purposes.

Acknowledge Conditional Approval for Autumn Woods Subdivision Planning Board

The following item was to acknowledge receipt of the Final Plat Approval for Hauerwas Subdivision, Blessing Road, No. Bethlehem from the Planning Board for information purposes.

Acknowledge receipt of Final Plat approval for Hauerwas Subdivision Blessing Road No. Bethlehem

The next item was to approve Town Board minutes of October 13, 1999. Supervisor Fuller asked that this not be done until the next meeting because the minutes are only of the public hearing.

Approve
Memorandum
of Agreement
for Police
Contract

The following item was to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Police Contract. Supervisor Fuller explained this is a 3 year contract for the Bethlehem Police Department. She said the Police have a Memorandum of Agreement that was voted on Monday afternoon and the Board is asked to vote on this. She said next week the contract should be signed and at that time the details will be made available to the public. She said right now the approval from the Town Board is only for the Memorandum of Agreement which basically is that they agree with what the Police have voted on. She said they both exchanged their packages and the Police approved it Monday night.

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Police Contract. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson,
Ms. Burns.
Noes: None.

Supervisor Fuller asked if anyone wished to address the Board. There were none.

Adjourn
meeting to
executive
session.

Supervisor Fuller asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session on negotiations. The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve meeting in Executive Session following the close of the regular Town Board meeting to discuss negotiations.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson,
Ms. Burns.
Noes: None.

The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson,
Ms. Burns.
Noes: None.

Kathleen A. Newkirk
Town Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no formal action taken at the Executive Session.