

TOWN BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 14, 1994

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  
Frederick C. Webster, Councilman  
George Lenhardt, Councilman  
Freeman T. Putney, Councilman  
Doris M. Davis, Councilman  
Donald DeAngelis, Acting Town Attorney  
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk

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SUPERVISOR FULLER: Good evening and welcome to a meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board. First order of business is to ask the Clerk to read the call of the hearing.

TOWN CLERK NEWKIRK:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on September 14, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law No. 7 of 1994, amending Local Law No. 5 of the year 1991 which rezoned certain lands from Residence "A" and Planned Residence Districts to Residence "AA" and Residence "AAA".

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
Kathleen A. Newkirk  
TOWN CLERK

Public  
Hearing  
Local Law  
No. 7, 1994  
Amending  
Local Law  
No. 5, 1991  
Rezoning

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State of New York)  
County of Albany )

CAROL STUART of the Town of Bethlehem, being duly sworn, says that she is the Advertising Coordinator of THE SPOTLIGHT, a weekly newspaper published in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, and that the notice of which the annexed is a true copy, has been regularly published in said THE SPOTLIGHT ONCE A WEEK FOR 1 WEEK consecutively, commencing on the 31st day of August 1994.

/s/ Carol Stuart

Sworn to before me this 31st  
day of August 1994.  
/s/ Kathryn Olsen  
Notary Public, Albany County

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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 August 31, 1994, 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  
7th day of September 1994.  
/s/ Catherine T. Picarazzi  
Notary Public

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The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Putney 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. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

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SUPERVISOR FULLER: You are here to do a presentation for the Town Board this evening, please.

MR. MANCINI: Ralph Mancini. Attorney for Charlew Construction. I believe a very detailed presentation was made by the Town Planner at the previous meeting. I would ask Mr. Bob Walsh, Engineer, employed by Charlew Construction to explain the subdivision map which is placed up here. This map is the map that was presented earlier by the previous owners of this project to the Planning Board. Mr. Walsh has made some additions to this map and has some explanations to the Town Board as to what is proposed for the site. Thank you.

MR. WALSH: Good evening. For the record, I am Bob Walsh with Charlew Construction Company. The map that you are looking at tonight is basically the same map that was presented to you at the time the Local Law which we are discussing was originally adopted. The only changes that have taken place on the map since then is the areas that are shaded in blue have been delineated by field biologists as Federal wetlands and they have been submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers for their approval. As you can see, where the wetlands are located it appears we are only going to need to disturb a small portion here and a small portion here. So, we have no reason to believe at all that we will be disturbing anywhere near an acre of land. So, that will be a mute issue which really won't come into play. Basically, Charlew Construction has been looking at this project back when the previous owners owned it and were very interested in the project and as a result of that, we really don't intend to change anything. The only changes we will be making would be maybe a minor road alignment change due to the wetlands or possibly shifting some lot lines around to make lots a little more even. But under no circumstances do we intend to exceed the 65 lots which was approved in the original ordinance and we really don't intend to make any changes to the road system that would really be recognizable. We may have to move them a foot or two but that is not something that would really be seen. Since we became involved in the project, we have spoken with the Town and we are continuing to work with the Engineering Department to progress as they wished us to progress. We have stopped until we receive your approval to move forward on this or else we would have to change the layout. We have done some preliminary design on it, working with sanitary sewer, water and storm water, again working with the Department heads. Basically, it is pretty much the same plan that you saw originally. We do not intend to make any significant changes to it at all. We liked what we saw originally and we still like the plan and that is why we have asked for the extension so we can more or less move along in the same direction that the original owner was. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: And, you have asked for the extension for 3 additional years.

MR. WALSH: Yes, ma'am.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: Questions from the Board Members?

ATTORNEY DE ANGELIS: Does Charlew presently own this property?

MR. WALSH: Yes, we do.

ATTORNEY DE ANGELIS: You do?

MR. WALSH: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: I would just like to make a comment. At the meeting of August 10, 1994, I made a note indicating that I was placing on the record the comments that Jeff Lipnicky had made as far as considerations and other expectations relating to the plan as it was originally proposed and I would like to reiterate that I still would like to put those on the record as they were read on August 10th.

(Ask Lisa S. if JLs memo of August 3 is still in processor)

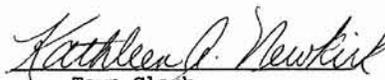
SUPERVISOR FULLER: Said, yes, this also follows the LUMAC plan. Is there anyone here who would like to speak in favor of extending the zoning change for an additional 3 years? There were none. Is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition? There were none. Motion to close the public hearing.

The motion was made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mrs. Davis to close the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

  
Town Clerk

The Supervisor convened the regular Town Board meeting following the close of the public hearing. Mrs. Fuller noted there would not be a decision on the previous public hearing in order to allow for receipt of a reply from the Albany County Planning Board. This item will be on the agenda of September 28, 1994.

Accept  
resignation  
Public  
Information  
Specialist

The next item was to accept the resignation of the Public Information Specialist.

The motion was made by Mr. Putney and seconded by Mr. Webster to accept, with regret, the resignation of Lynn Corrigan, Glenmont, New York from the position of Public Information Specialist. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

Resolution  
re: Voting  
Machine  
Display  
Primary  
Election

The following item pertained to the voting machine display for the Primary Election. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Putney:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Election Law Article 7, Section 7-130, the date of September 8, 1994 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. is set whereby a voting machine showing the candidates to be voted on at the Primary Election, September 13, 1994 will be exhibited at the Town Hall, Room 106, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following persons will serve as Election Inspectors during the hours the voting machine will be on display September 8, 1994 and that they be compensated at the rate of \$6.25 per hour:

Election  
Inspectors  
for Voting  
Machine  
Display

Fran Clouse	Republican
Whitehead Street	
Selkirk, NY 12158	

AND

Rita Mero	Democratic
16 Pineridge Place	
Delmar, NY 12054	

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

Accept  
Sidewalk  
Easement  
and  
Agreement  
New Scotland  
Road, Sling.

The next item was a recommendation from Michael Cirillo, Engineering Services Administrator, for acceptance of sidewalk easement and agreement for New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Webster to accept the sidewalk easement from William and Ellen Scoons, 1463 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY and the agreement from Michael and Diane Dugan, 1435 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY for the purposes of constructing a sidewalk to the Slingerlands Post Office along New Scotland Road. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Judith Kehoe, Comptroller, to designate another authorized depository.

Request  
from  
Comptroller  
to designate  
additional  
authorized  
depository

The motion was made by Mr. Putney and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the designation of an additional authorized depository, Onbank & Trust Co. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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The following item was a request from David Austin, Administrator, Department of Parks & Recreation, for approval of seasonal personnel.

Approve  
Seasonal  
Personnel  
Parks & Rec.  
Dept.

The motion was made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Putney to approve the appointment of seasonal personnel as listed on the Memorandum from David Austin, Administrator of Parks & Recreation Department, dated September 14, 1994 at the titles and rates indicated. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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The next item was a request from John Flanigan, Building Inspector, for appointment of Clerk Typist II, Building Department.

Appoint  
Clerk  
Typist II.  
Bldg. Dept.

The motion was made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the appointment of Marlyn Dunn, Delmar, New York to the position of Clerk Typist II, Building Department, at a salary of \$21,483, effective September 19, 1994. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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The following item was a request from the Chief of Police to approve attendance at an accreditation seminar.

Approve  
attendance  
Accreditation  
Seminar  
Police Dept.

The motion was made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Putney to approve the attendance of Lts. Holligan and Vanderbilt and Sgt. Corsi at a seminar on accreditation at Binghamton, NY, September 21-22, 1994 with expenses paid and transportation by police vehicle. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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The next item was a request from the Chief of Police to approve attendance at seminar on Oleoresin Capsicum spray.

Seminar  
Oleoresin  
Capsicum  
Spray  
Police Dept.

The motion was made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the attendance of Officers Demarest and Rinaldi at a training program on Oleoresin Capsicum spray to be held September 8, 1994 with registration fee paid and transportation by police vehicle. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

Accept  
resignation  
Animal  
Control  
Officer

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The next item was a request from Chief of Police, Richard LaChappelle, to accept the resignation of Craig M. Sleurs from the position of Animal Control Officer.

The motion was made by Mr. Putney and seconded by Mr. Webster to accept the resignation of Craig M. Sleurs from the position of Animal Control Officer, effective September 15, 1994. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

Supervisor Fuller noted she wished him very well and success in his new position as an Altamont Police Officer.

Establish  
Clerk Typist I  
Position  
Police Dept.

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The next item was a request from Richard LaChappelle, Chief of Police, for the establishment of the position of Clerk Typist I and appointment to the position.

Councilman Webster asked if Mrs. Markel was a transfer from the Highway Department. Supervisor Fuller said she was. Councilman Lenhardt asked if this was a new position. Chief LaChappelle said it was. Mr. Lenhardt asked who has been doing this function prior to this. Chief LaChappelle indicated she has. He said the position was originally established under Clerk I and the requirements of the position were unknown at that time. He noted after working this more than a year, the Clerk Typist I position is more appropriate for the duties handled in this position. He said it is the same salary. Councilman Putney asked if this was an additional position or not. Chief LaChappelle said it is a reclassification of the Clerk I position to a Clerk Typist I.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Webster to approve the establishment of the position of Clerk Typist I, Police Department and approve the appointment of Frances Markel to the position, effective September 14, 1994. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

Seminar  
HydroCad-Storm  
Water  
Modeling  
Engineering  
Dept.

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The following item was a request from Michael Cirillo, Engineering Services Administrator, for approval of attendance at seminar, HydroCad-Storm Water Modeling.

The motion was made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the attendance of John Fenzl, Senior Engineer, at a seminar on HydroCad-Storm Water Modeling, to be held October 4, 1994 at Manchester, NY with expenses paid. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

The following item was a request from Michael Cirillo, Engineering Services Administrator, for acceptance of deed for Weisheit Road, Selkirk.

Accept Deed  
Weisheit Road

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Putney to approve the acceptance of deed for highway purposes from Salvator and Madeline Trianni, Weisheit Road, Selkirk, NY. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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The next item was a request from Bruce Secor, Commissioner of Public Works, for approval to go to bid for removal of Colonial Acres sewage pumping station.

Go to bid  
Colonial Acres  
Sewage  
Pumping  
Station

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Putney:

WHEREAS, the Town desires to advertise for bids for the construction of approximately 780 L.F. of 10" diameter gravity sanitary sewer main and removal of the Colonial Acres Sewage Pumping Station located at Concord Road (undeveloped), Colonial Acres, Glenmont, pursuant to law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk advertise for such bids in THE SPOTLIGHT issue on the 21st day of September, 1994 and that bids be received up to 2:30 p.m. on the 6th day of October, 1994 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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The next item was a request from Bruce Secor, Commissioner of Public Works, for approval to go to bid for Contract 1B, Expansion of Water Supply Facilities.

Resolution  
Go To Bid  
Contract 1B  
Expansion  
Water Supply  
Facilities

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Putney:

WHEREAS, the Town desires to advertise for bids for Contract 1B, Expansion of Water Supply Facilities, pursuant to law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk advertise for such bids in THE SPOTLIGHT issue on the 21st day of September, 1994 and that bids be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 6th day of October, 1994 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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The following item was to approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings of July 27, August 10 and August 18, 1994.

Approve Minutes  
7/27/94,  
8/10/94 and  
8/18/94

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Putney to approve the Town Board minutes of July 27, August 10 and August 18, 1994 as prepared. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Supervisor Fuller noted for Mr. Sherwood Davis's information, the fact that the answers to his comments in regard to the Water Supply Expansion project will be included at the end of the July 27, 1994 meeting minutes. Mr. Davis asked if that will also be in the Library. Town Clerk Newkirk indicated they would.

Acknowledge  
receipt of  
North St.  
Yard Waste  
Facility  
Final  
Closure  
Plan

Following Supervisor Fuller acknowledged the receipt of the Final Closure Plan for the North Street Yard Waste Facility for information purposes. The Supervisor noted this was presented to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on August 30, 1994. The plans were submitted as required by the modified order on consent for the North Street facility. She noted copy of the plan is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Approve  
Reconstruction  
Wildwood Lane

The following item was a request from Bruce Secor, Commissioner of Public Works, for approval of reconstruction of Wildwood Lane.

Commissioner Secor explained the proposed work to be done in regard to Wildwood Lane. He noted this is a parcel of land on Elm Avenue about 1 mile south of the Town Park at the intersection of Wildwood Lane. He said it is a small farm access road, a road by user. Mr. Secor indicated the roadway will be deeded to the Town for the road. He noted the developer is constructing storm water inlet structures, putting in a sanitary sewer and putting in a water main and making the other improvements as part of the development of his lots on this parcel. This has been given Conditional Final Approval by the Town of Bethlehem Planning Board and the developer will soon start constructing his utilities. Mr. Secor further explained the Highway Superintendent has suggested that it would be timely, as a safety improvement and improve access to this area, if this reconstruction was done at this time.

Attorney DeAngelis asked if this was a dead end street. Mr. Secor said it is at this time. He said it goes back and hooks back. He said the developer owns this land and if he wishes to develop this, he would have to come back to the Planning Board with other access. He noted this could not be used as his only access. Mr. Secor said the developer is also constructing a stub street to give access to the parcel and other vacant lands.

Councilman Webster asked if this would be built to Town standards. Mr. Secor said yes, he said he did not know if 24 feet of pavement is required here. This is being looked at, according to Mr. Secor.

Councilman Webster further asked if the water line was all the way in. Mr. Secor said the water line extends from the back, Mr. Covey and Mr. Serrett and Mr. Crisafulli's son paid out of their own pockets to bring the water line to this point for water service to their homes. They did their own water district extension. Therefore, the water line comes in part way and Mr. Crisafulli is going to bring the water main from here out to Elm Avenue. Mr. Secor if this goes forward, the water main would be all tied together and provide another network connection into the Skycrest development. Councilwoman Davis indicated there are people eager for that connection in the area. Mr. Secor noted this was correct.

Councilman Webster asked if this was below the back section of Skycrest. Mr. Secor said it was kind of parallel to it but you are getting down near that. Mr. Webster further asked if this will every hook into there. Mr. Secor said the problem with getting back around to the lower end of Skycrest is that the big ravine is in there. The developer spent approximately \$300,000 crossing that ravine once, according to Mr. Secor, and he does not think he will do it the

second time. He said there is a possibility that the back section could tie up to Route 32.

Councilman Putney made a statement regarding Mr. Secor is very cooperative in regard to his questions and concerns. He said he has a natural tendency not to change the character of country lanes. But, he noted he thinks in this case it has been done very well and that he is happy to support it.

The motion was made by Mr. Putney and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the reconstruction of Wildwood Lane, Selkirk and authorize the Supervisor to sign the paperwork to acquire necessary parcels of land for highway right-of-way purposes. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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The next item was a recommendation from Supervisor Fuller for the appointment of Richard Lewis, Delmar, New York to the position of Public Information Specialist. Supervisor Fuller noted this is a replacement for Lynn Corrigan, whose resignation was accepted earlier. She noted he has served as the Deputy Director of the NYS Office of the Senate Communications most recently and prior to that he was Public Information Officer for the NYS Court of Appeals.

Appoint  
Public  
Information  
Specialist

The motion was made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the appointment of Richard Lewis, Delmar, New York to the position of Public Information Specialist. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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The next item on the agenda pertained to the proposed Local Law No. 7 of 1994 regarding a change in law pertaining to Veterans Exemptions. Assessor M. David Leafer gave background information pertaining to the new law. He noted there are 2 forms of exemptions, one being the eligible funds which is the older form of exemption, and the second form is the alternative veterans exemption, noting this is a straight 15 percent exemption and a time limit of 10 years if they actually served in combat zone. He said in a combat zone, they receive an additional 10 percent exemption during the 10 year period. He said there is another form of alternative exemption which involves disability which does not have any time limit and which can accumulate. He continued to explain these exemptions further, saying after 1985 or 1986, anyone applying for the first time could only apply for the alternative veterans exemption. He also noted the alternative veterans exemption is not affected by the new law. These exemptions only apply to County and Highway taxes, according to Mr. Leafer.

Discussion  
Proposed  
L.L.No.7, 1994  
re: Veterans  
Exemptions

Mr. Leafer noted the new law which was signed by Governor Cuomo, he believed at the end of July, has the basic function of allowing towns to adopt local legislation preserving the benefit of the veterans eligible funds exemption after a major reassessment either the initial revaluation in the town or a major update that may occur periodically after that.

Another element allows towns to extend to any veteran who had previously opted out of the eligible funds exemption in favor of taking an alternative exemption because they received a better benefit by doing so, that veteran now under this new law will be allowed to opt back into the eligible funds exemption provided they apply to do so within a period of a year after the town has adopted this law. Prior to this law going into effect, anyone who had made

the option to go from an eligible funds exemption that they were carrying to an alternative exemption could not go backwards.

Several towns, Mr. Leafer noted, including some in our immediate area, have heavily encouraged people to opt to the alternative vets exemption because there was an immediate dollar benefit, either small or large or whatever. He said within our town -- and the credit goes primarily for this to Diane Busick and Polly McIntyre in my office, probably to Brian Lastra, the previous Assessor also -- at the time of the revaluation, they were very careful and looked over each exemption for people who were thinking about switching to the alternative exemption.

The third element of the new legislation permits the Town to opt to allow this to be retroactive for this year's taxes, 1994, provided the local law is adopted by September 30th of this month.

The fourth option, of course, Mr. Leafer noted was not to adopt this at all.

Mr. Leafer also gave some information regarding pro-rating following a revaluation. He said the new law does not work on the basis to pro-ration. He said it is set up so that you preserve the benefit rather than by pro-rating by applying what is known as a level of assessment change.

Mr. Leafer asked if there were any questions. Councilman Lenhardt asked if the pro-rated one had a 10 year limitation on it. Mr. Leafer said it did not. Councilman Putney asked if this Local Law was adopted, what the revenue effect would be on the Town. Mr. Leafer indicated there would be none. Councilman Putney further asked what the benefit to the veterans group would be in terms of change that would help them. Mr. Leafer said the individual veteran, himself, would be seeing a larger exemption and therefore a better tax benefit here. He said the overall effect on the Town tax payers is a matter of a slight increase in the tax rate. Councilman Putney asked what the aggregate benefit would be to the group of veterans. Mr. Leafer said in terms of total dollar, the best he could say is to look at the difference on the pro-rata. Councilman Putney asked Mr. Leafer to attempt to determine some information for the public hearing.

Supervisor Fuller noted this Local Law would have to be adopted by September 30th. She asked Assessor Leafer if this was done, if it would make the exemption retroactive for 1994. Mr. Leafer indicated it would. Supervisor Fuller and Councilwoman Davis thanked Mr. Leafer for the information distributed.

The motion was made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mrs. Davis to set a public hearing for September 28, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. to consider Local Law No. 8 to amend the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, Article 111, Taxation. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

Award Bid  
"Bethlehem  
Diary"

The following item was a recommendation from Floyd Brewer, Senior Editor, Bicentennial Publications, for award of bid for printing of Bethlehem Diary.

The motion was made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to award the bid for the printing of the book, Bethlehem Diary, to Hamilton Printing Company, Rensselaer, NY at a cost estimate of \$10,290. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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Supervisor Fuller noted the Bethlehem Report had indicated the LUMAC Master Plan public hearing would be held September 28th. She said the public hearing will not be held on September 28th, it will be scheduled for October. She further said there will be a special meeting set, perhaps October 19th, but the Board Members needed to check their calendars. She said it was anticipated to be later in October but if it can be done sooner it would be.

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Supervisor Fuller asked if anyone would like to speak to the Board.

A resident questioned the total assessed valuation in Town. Assessor Leafer said roughly 1.9 billion.

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Mr. Harvey Westervelt, Bridge Street, Slingerlands, next addressed the issue of street name changes as published in the Spotlight and objection by himself. He presented a letter with signatures from other residents of Bridge Street with regard to the renaming of Bridge Street. He requested the Town Board reconsider the adopted street name changes. Mr. Hutchinson also addressed the historical value of the name Bridge Street which goes back to 1906 when the previous bridge was built.

Discussion  
Street name  
changes re:  
Bridge Street

The Town Board had previously approved street name changes, including Bridge Street, Slingerlands at their meeting August 14, 1994. Supervisor Fuller asked Lt. Vanderbilt to give some background. He noted the County had recommended in the 911 guidelines that all duplicate names be eliminated. He said in discussion, Supervisor Fuller and he had discussed the proposed idea of north, south, etc. Supervisor Fuller thanked Mr. Westervelt and Mr. Hutchinson for their perseverance and noted letters have been sent out to residents asking for input. She said there have been other contacts in regard to this and the situation is being reviewed, including contact with the County 911 representatives.

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Supervisor Fuller asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. The motion was made by Mr. Putney and seconded by Mrs. Davis to meet in Executive Session following the regular Town Board meeting. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Executive  
Session

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.

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The motion was made by Mr. Putney and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Putney,  
Mrs. Davis.  
Noes: None.

  
Town Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no formal action at the Executive Session.