

TOWN BOARD
SEPTEMBER 28, 2005

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 called to order by the Supervisor at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Theresa Egan, Supervisor
Daniel Plummer, Councilman
George Lenhardt, Councilman
Thomas Marcelle, Councilman
Tim Gordon, Councilman
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk
James T. Potter, Esq., Town Attorney

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Supervisor Egan welcomed everyone to a regular meeting of the Town board and invited them to join in the pledge of allegiance.

The Supervisor asked if there was any public comment on any item on the agenda. She said if there were any comments on items other than the agenda to please hold those comments until the end of the meeting.

Mr. Jarod King said he questions the pie charts, asking what public works was. Supervisor Egan asked what he was referring to. Mr. King said he is looking at water/sewer. He said he finds it interesting that 9 percent of the revenues for water and sewer and yet 32 percent of the expenditures are devoted to that. He said that is a heavily subsidized item. Comptroller Kehoe said the charts are looking at a total tax bill. She said the first handout is self-explanatory and just shows the total budgeted amounts and then shows how the budgeted items will be funded. She said the chart that shows where tax dollars are used is not on the revenue source. She said this is what appeared in the Bethlehem Report a few weeks ago when it came out. She said from a resident's perspective of the total tax dollars that you pay, 57 percent goes to school taxes, 4 percent to the library, 16 to the County and 17 percent into the Town's highway, water and sewer. She said from a resident's perspective of your total taxes that are paid, these are the jurisdictions that benefit from that.

Mr. King said now that that is defined, let's divide the revenue by .57 and it would be a little less than double so not even 18 percent and that would be the tax revenue but the expenditure is 32 percent. He said it seems that there is a huge subsidy for sewer and water from taxes that are not directly related to direct taxes associated with their use. Mrs. Kehoe said not the case, she said each one is required to be segregated and that will be covered within the budget presentation. She said each fund stands alone. Mr. King said then the entire construction cost and all the usage costs are all covered by the 9 percent and no Town tax money is used other than the direct sewer and water charges. Mrs. Kehoe said the sewer fund has a tax rate and user charges. She said the Water Fund has a water tax. She said the water and sewer districts do not encompass all of the Town. Mr. King said the Town does not put anything into that other than those charges.

Mr. King said the last question is it appears to be raised from the general fund, \$971,300 total sources of funding \$16,700,000. He said he assumes there may be some State funding but that seems to be odd. Mrs. Kehoe said on the first worksheet the estimated revenue excluding taxes are all other sources of revenue which would include sales tax, mortgage tax, user fees, Planning Board fees, park program revenues – things of that nature. She said the planned deficit and then the amount to be raised by taxes. Mr. King asked if the \$971,300 was property taxes. Mrs. Kehoe confirmed it was. Mr. King then asked if the \$16,700 was user fees and other things described. Mrs. Kehoe said \$16,700,000 was the total funding.

Supervisor Egan suggested the presentation be done and hopefully the questions will be answered. The Supervisor said that is one of the revenue streams that drives the budget.

Supervisor Egan said the budget presentation will be moved to the end of the agenda in an effort to complete all the other business first.

The Supervisor noted George Leveille, Director of Economic Development and Planning has returned. She said he will be back full time on Monday.

The first item was a request from Department of Public Works to accept utility easement from Bethlehem Central.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Marcelle to accept a utility easement form Bethlehem Central School District, 500 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was to acknowledge receipt of the Planning Board recommendation for a negative declaration for SEQR determination along with an approval of the zoning application in relation to Beverwyck. Supervisor Egan noted the Board had been provided with a very thick packet.

The next item was a request from Planning Department to adopt SEQR negative declaration in relation to Beverwyck.

The following resolution was presented for adoption:

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
RESOLUTION
SEQR DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
APPLICATION TO AMEND ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY
PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (A.K.A. PRD NO. 12)
KRUMKILL ROAD
BEVERWYCK (PHASES IV & V)

- WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has received a joint application and an Environmental Assessment Form from Beverwyck, Inc. and Beechwood, Inc. to amend the established zoning district boundaries of the Planned Development District also known as PRD No. 12, which is located on Krumkill Road; and,
- WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the zoning district boundaries would change the existing zoning district designation on two parcels, of 1.03 acres and 42.36 acres, from Residential A District to Planned Development District; and,
- WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the zoning district boundary would increase the land area of the Planned Development District by 43.39± acres, resulting in approximately 76 total acres within the District; and,
- WHEREAS, Beverwyck, Inc. and Beechwood, Inc. have submitted conceptual plans for further development of the District, Phases IV and V, in the event that the zoning amendment is granted and said plans entail construction of 7 duplex cottages (containing 14 total independent living units) and a one-story addition to the existing assistive living facility for an additional 18 assistive living units and 20 skilled nursing beds, with additional parking for approximately 30 vehicles; and,
- WHEREAS, Section 128-44 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem contains procedures for the establishment of a Planned Development District, and said procedures authorize the Town Board to establish such a District upon referral to, and recommendation of, the Town Planning Board; and,

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(a) require that no agency may undertake, fund or approve an action until it has complied with the requirements of SEQR; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the SEQR regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(a), the Town Board at its meeting of December 16, 2002: (1) determined that the PDD application constituted an "action" subject to SEQR; (2) identified other involved agencies for the purpose of coordinated review; (3) made a preliminary classification of the project as an "Unlisted" action; (4) required a full Environmental Assessment Form to assist the lead agency in its determination of significance; and (5) determined that the proposed action was not located in a certified agricultural district and therefore not subject to the provisions of the Agriculture and Markets Law; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the SEQR regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) the Town Board at its meeting of December 16, 2002 also initiated a coordinated review of the action, declared its desire and intent to be lead agency for SEQR review, and subsequently circulated the PDD application and full EAF to all involved agencies; and,

WHEREAS, no objection to the Town Board as lead agency was received from any involved agency within the time period prescribed by SEQR, thus establishing the Town Board as lead agency; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board at its meeting of December 16, 2002 also referred the PDD application to the Planning Board for a recommendation on both the application and on a SEQR Determination of Significance; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board at its meeting of September 20, 2005, after careful review of the application, the full Environmental Assessment Form and supporting materials submitted by the applicant, and the potential environmental effects of the proposal, adopted a Resolution recommending that the Town Board issue a SEQR Negative Declaration and approve the PDD application; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has independently reviewed and considered the PDD application, the full Environmental Assessment Form and supporting materials submitted by the applicant; and,

WHEREAS, supporting materials include, but are not limited to, a geotechnical report, a safe setback report, a storm water pollution prevention plan, and trip generation information, and a conceptual project plan which addresses site layout, utilities, storm water management, grading, landscaping, site lighting, location of federal wetlands, and other site development factors; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has also reviewed and considered the Planning Board's recommendation, Town Planning and Engineering staff comments and memoranda, and comments received from involved agencies, which address potential areas of environmental concern in amending the PDD and constructing the assistive living/skilled nursing addition and duplex cottages within the amended district; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted materials which respond favorably to the comments and correspondence noted above, and to comments raised by the Planning Board in reviewing the application, and said materials satisfy the Town Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has conducted its own independent analysis of the application and its potential environmental effects;

WHEREAS, the Town Board has concluded that the applicant has adequately addressed identified areas of concern and will provide appropriate environmental mitigation for the project; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
that based upon its review of the PDD application, the full EAF and other supporting materials submitted by the applicant; the recommendation of the Planning Board; comments on the application submitted by the Town Planning Department, Town Engineering Division, and involved agencies; its own independent analysis of the application; and comparison with the Criteria for Determining

Significance found at 6 NYCRR Part 617.7, the Town Board hereby concludes that approval of the Beverwyck, Inc. / Beechwood, Inc. application to amend the current zoning district boundaries of the Planned Development District also known as PRD No. 12, by adding an additional 43.39 acres to the district, for the purpose of constructing an addition to the existing assistive living facility, along with additional parking area for approximately 30 vehicles, and seven duplex cottages, constitutes an action which will not have a significant impact on the environment, and therefore, does not require preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Statement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that this negative declaration is based upon the following facts and conclusions:

1. The two parcels totaling 43.39 ± acres proposed to be rezoned to Planned Development District (PDD) are currently surrounded by residential land (PDD and Residential A District). Rezoning of, and subsequent construction on, the 1.03 acre parcel on Krumkill Road, which contains a single family dwelling to be removed, will eliminate an isolated lot and residence, which is currently surrounded on three sides by the existing PDD.
2. In accordance with the goals of the Town's Comprehensive Plan, the expansion of the Beverwyck PDD will provide additional housing options, specifically 14 additional independent living units for seniors, 18 assistive living units specifically designed for seniors with Alzheimer's disease, and 20 skilled nursing beds for seniors.
3. A geotechnical analysis of the site of each proposed phase was performed by Daniel G. Loucks, P.E. Recommended procedures to be followed for the construction of the addition to the existing assistive living facility are contained in a report entitled "Geotechnical Report For Beverwyck Phase V Slingerlands, New York", dated 11 February 2005. A "safe setback line", as shown on the conceptual plans for Phase IV and labeled as "safety setback line", was established for the site of the additional cottages, as outlined in a report entitled "Safe Setback Report For Phase IV Beverwyck Cottages Slingerlands, New York", dated 8 February 2005. The cottages have been sited to be located on the upland side of the geotechnical engineer's "safe setback line" to avoid impacts to the stability of the slopes to the south and east of the cottages. The design and construction of the projects will be required to follow all recommendations of these geotechnical reports.
4. The proposed action is not expected to have a significant effect on a protected water body. The Krum Kill, which is a protected stream (Class C(T)), flows through the southerly portion of the Phase IV site. A November 25, 2003 letter from NYSDEC states that the project as proposed will not require a Protection of Waters Permit. Storm water runoff from the area of the proposed cottages will be treated and discharged into a tributary of the Krum Kill in accordance with existing drainage patterns.
5. The proposed projects (Phases IV and V) include two privately owned stormwater management facilities designed to meet the NYSDEC GP-02-01 requirements for treating stormwater quality and quantity. An erosion and sediment control plan (E&SCP), which prescribes construction-phase erosion and sediment controls, will be required as part of any site plan approval issued for the project. A stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), dated February 16, 2005 and prepared by Brett L. Steenburgh, P.E., has been submitted. The applicant is required to file a notice of intent (NOI) for project coverage under NYSDEC GP-02-01 following any site plan approval issued for the projects. NYSDEC also requires the owner of the stormwater facilities, through a legally binding maintenance agreement, to be responsible for long-term maintenance of the stormwater facilities

- throughout the lifetime of the project's facilities.
6. The Phase IV and V projects will not have a significant adverse impact on wetland resources. There are no State designated wetlands in the vicinity of the project site. A June 10, 2003 letter from Ingalls, Smart Associates states that there are no federal wetlands located within the site of the Phase V project (the addition). Construction of the proposed projects requires the filling of approximately 0.20 acres of the 0.23± acres of federal wetland as delineated on a map entitled "WETLAND IMPACT ANALYSIS, The Eddy, Beverwyck Phase IV, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York", prepared by Brett L. Steenburgh, LLC, dated July 22, 2003 and revised 2/18/04. The federal wetland delineation shown on that map was confirmed in an April 23, 2004 Army Corps of Engineers letter. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any permit(s) which may be required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As stated in the July 21, 2003 "Request for Jurisdictional Determination & Pre-Construction Notification" letter from Brett L. Steenburgh, P.E. to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and in an October 8, 2003 letter from Brett L. Steenburgh, P.E. to Andrew Dangler of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the applicants propose to mitigate this impact on the federal wetlands by deed restricting the buffer area and remaining waters of the United States to prevent its future development (note: buffer area is labeled on the Wetland Impact Analysis map cited herein). In a June 27, 2005 telephone conversation with Andrew Dangler, Mr. Dangler indicated to the Town's Deputy Town Planner that the proposed deed restricted buffer area mitigation concept is acceptable to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
 7. The proposed projects are within the existing municipal water district. Approximately 140 feet of public water main will be added by the owner in the vicinity of the proposed addition in order to serve the proposed development and to improve the water service by providing a looping of the municipal water system. A utility easement for this main will be provided to the Town by the owner. Ownership will be transferred to the Town upon satisfactory construction of the main.
 8. The project sites are located within the Bethlehem Sewer District and adequate capacity exists within the district to serve the proposed projects.
 9. No impacts to any historic sites or structures or other cultural resources as a result of the proposed project have been identified. A report entitled "Phase IA Literature Review and Sensitivity Assessment and Phase IB Archeological Field Reconnaissance", dated May 2003, was prepared by Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc. to address potential impacts of the project on archeological resources. This report concluded: "No cultural deposits or features were encountered during Phase IB archeological field reconnaissance for the APE of this project. No further archeological investigation is recommended for the proposed Beverwyck Retirement Community Phase IV and V Expansion Project." (Note: APE = Area of potential effect.) Correspondence received from the Director of the Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) dated June 11, 2003 states that the project will have no impact upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.
 10. Trip generation information prepared for the Phase IV and V projects by Creighton Manning Engineering (CME), as contained in a January 28, 2005 letter, estimates a total AM peak hour trip generation of 9 vehicles and a PM peak hour generation of 12 vehicles. This amount of traffic generation will be a negligible increase to area roadways. As CME states, "The inherent

variation in peak hour traffic on the area roads is greater than the trip generation that can be attributed to the proposed expansion of Beverwyck. No improvements are required to accommodate the traffic generated by the proposed expansion.”

11. Access to the project will be from existing streets: Beverwyck Lane, Hickory Drive, and Stryker Ridge (a.k.a. Carrol Drive). No public roadway construction is proposed.
12. The project will not have any significant impact on agricultural resources. The site is not located in or near a certified agricultural district. The site is not currently used for, nor has it been used in the recent past for, agricultural purposes.
13. The proposed action will not have a significant adverse aesthetic impact. The architecture of the proposed projects will be similar to the existing structures in the district and the materials will match those of the existing buildings.
14. The project will not have a significant adverse impact on noise levels in the vicinity of the project site. Noise associated with construction will be temporary and of short-term duration.
15. Review of the site in the field and with available environmental data revealed no other environmentally sensitive characteristic of the projects or parcels, issues which have not been addressed, or areas requiring further study.

On a motion by Mr. Lenhardt, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 0 absent, this RESOLUTION was adopted on September 28, 2005.

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Supervisor Egan said part of what is required for this extension is to rezone 2 parcels within the Planned Development District. She said a public hearing must be scheduled and suggested the hearing on October 26, 2005 at 5:45 p.m.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Marcelle to set a public hearing for October 26, 2005 at 5:45 p.m. to consider a proposed local law pertaining to rezoning of certain property from Residential A District to Planned Development District for the Beverwyck, Inc., North Bethlehem, Town of Bethlehem. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The following item was a request from Town Engineer, Erik Deyoe, Department of Public Works, for acceptance of deed document for Waldenmaier Subdivision, Phase 2. Supervisor Egan noted this has to do with a drainage easement.

The motion was made by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Marcelle to approve the acceptance of a deed document for easement purposes for the Waldenmaier Subdivision, Phase 2 as requested by Town Engineer, Erik Deyoe. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was to acknowledge the resignation of Voting Machine Custodian, Gregg Sagendorph, Jr., Delmar, New York. Supervisor Egan noted Mr. Sagendorph would like this resignation effective immediately upon the Town Board's acceptance. She said it is hereby acknowledged. She asked if there was another person in this capacity. Town Clerk Newkirk said Jeff Hammond is the

Alternate Voting Machine Custodian and he will work with the other Voting Machine Custodian.

The following item was to consideration a Resolution for Cornell University Cooperative Extension. Supervisor Egan said they are celebrating their 90th anniversary and this resolution is being adopted by communities who serve them. She noted this is certainly a worthwhile cause. The Supervisor said the Board can pick the week for Cornell Cooperative Extension week and National 4H week. She suggested the first week in October to be designated.

The following proclamation was presented for adoption:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County enables people to improve their lives and communities through partnership that puts experience and research experience and research knowledge to work; and,

Whereas: The Cornell Cooperative Extension system is a viable partnership between: federal, state and county governments; the educational outreach of Cornell University knowledge and research; and youth volunteers, and staff; and,

Whereas: Nearly 450 Extension Educators partner with 65,000 volunteers to assist six million individuals and business people in New York State and assist 10,000 individuals and business people in Albany County every year; and

Whereas: All has served one of every six Americans since its creation as part of the Land Grant University system in 1914, and today continues to provide meaningful youth development experiences for 10,000 youth of Albany County; and,

Whereas: Cornell Cooperative Extension through the Youth Development Program invests in the state's future by enriching the school experience and helping young people learn about healthy lifestyles, to develop their personal leadership skills, contribute to their communities, and strengthen their science and technology abilities; and,

Whereas: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County is involved in programs that strengthen the economic and social vitality of communities; and,

Whereas: An investment in Cornell Cooperative Extension builds local capacity and leadership by responding to community issues; and,

Whereas: Cornell Cooperative Extension's holistic view of the interrelationships between individuals, families, and communities, offer a framework for empowering communities to viable, dynamic and sustaining relationships; and,

Whereas: Albany County Association Community and Economic Vitality Program encompasses small business development, work force development, community economic renewal, local government training, leadership development, family resource development, agriculture and food systems economic development, Community non-profit development, environmental issues, 4-H development, and housing issues; and,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, does hereby designate the week of October 2-8, 2005, as Cornell Cooperative Extension Week and National 4-H Week in the Town of Bethlehem.

The motion was made by Mr. Marcelle and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the above Proclamation. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

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Councilman Lenhardt asked about the 4th whereas on the resolution, noting it may be him but he thought it was a land grant university. Supervisor Egan said she did not know but she will check on it and have the proper wording on the proclamation.

Supervisor Egan said the next item was to consider adoption of a local law in relation to Planning Board. She said the new Zoning Code included provisions and criteria and requirements for training for the ZBA in order to bring everything into compliance and make sure that there is not one Board member all upset that

one board has to do one thing and not the other, as well as, trying to get the criteria and the status protocol. She said they have the proposed language, noting it would be a local law.

The motion was made by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve setting a public hearing for October 25, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. to consider proposed local law regarding a new chapter to the Bethlehem Town Code Book, Planning Board. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from the Supervisor to set a public hearing to consider Agency Plan for 2006 for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for December 14, 2005 at 5:45 p.m. with public notice at least 45 days prior to December 14, 2005. The Supervisor noted this is done on an annual basis noting there is a 45 day time frame on this. She said the hearing will be set for December 14, 2005 at 5:45 p.m.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve setting a public hearing for December 14, 2005 at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the Town's proposed Agency Plan for 2006 for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Presentation of 2006 Tentative Budget to Town Clerk and set public hearing regarding 2006 Tentative Budget for October 26, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with publication of notice on October 12, 2005. Supervisor Egan noted everyone has handouts but there was a power point presentation.

Supervisor Egan said this was the presentation and the workshop will be held at the conclusion of the Town Board meeting on October 12, 2005 with the hearing on October 26, 2005 and a proposed vote on November 9, 2005. She said the first thing was the discussion of the policy. She said they had tremendous community participation certainly going through the comp plan and the zoning process and welcome the same involvement going through the 2006 budget process.

Supervisor Egan said as they prepared for this, as always there is not enough money to give everybody everything they want. She said in considering what programs are going to be provided and funds, it is important that there is an informed discussion about the services provided and the manner in which those services are going to be funded. She said unfortunately the increase in costs of electricity and fuel have to be multiplied and understood that the Town is feeling the same pinch as everyone else. She said if there was an infinite pot of money it would make it easy.

The Supervisor said hopefully the magic has been worked with cooperation of all of the department heads. She said the idea is to ensure the fiscal sustainability over the long term by making decisions that are not just for today but with an eye toward moving into the future.

Supervisor Egan said the tax rates is how much as a community are we willing to pay and then more importantly to a certain degree is how much can you pay. She said it comes down to whether it is a senior program, a pipe in the ground or whether it is a new gymnasium some place, what are we able to pay. She said discussions are held about how best to do this. She said one example used at the

school was public safety and the fact that you are not going to go out and hire your own personal guard. She said resources will be pooled and look to see from a community perspective how that public service can be provided as opposed to everyone walking around with their own armed guard. She said similarly the Town has to do the same thing. She said the services that the Board want to provide have to be evaluated for how best the Town can do that. She said often times it is not just community for our community working in conjunction with adjoining communities, in conjunction with the County and the State and often times with the Federal government especially when you are talking about transportation and infrastructure.

The Supervisor said decisions have to be made on finite resources looking at the good of the entire community. She said these are the things that the Board goes through in trying to make determinations as to how and what will be funded.

The Supervisor noted people think the tax rates are burdensome, noting just completing the month of September. She said she spent a lot of time explaining that school taxes are really not a Town function. She said as rates are getting higher, they are looking at how this can be combated and achieve greater operating efficiencies. She said they want to get more for less and this is needed. She said one thing that the Board will be turning their eye to over the next few months will be how to gain greater efficiency internally – staffing, software. She said maybe teaming up with another community might help with infrastructure issues. She said they will look at all of these things.

Supervisor Egan noted they will also look at where the funds come from, not just taxes. She said it is a portion of the sales tax, part of the mortgage tax and noted it is a finite source. She said to generate more non-tax revenues they will be looking at user fees; the Planning Board fees, the building inspection fees and all of the things that the Town now charges will be looked at community wide. She said they will look at the neighboring communities to see where they are at and whether we are in line or are we too low or too high. The Supervisor also noted they will have to look at dropping any non-essential services. She said the question of non-essential to one may be essential to someone else. She said it is back to the balance again.

The Supervisor said in tight times if it is something that is not essential, it may be a service that, unfortunately, would be cut. She said ideally what needs to be done is a combination of all 3 of these items. She noted there is no specific answer here. She said doing that they want to look at the benefit to the community over all, being sensitive to the fact that we have various levels of socio-economic levels in Town. She said they need to make sure all of the resident's interests are represented as the budget process is completed.

The Supervisor said there has to be a long-term financial view on this. She said they will talk about 4 separate funds with their own separate budgets. She said the General Fund projections as they have been talked about historically, show a potential for a growing shortfall. She said the State Comptroller's office which they look to often times for best practices has recently provided some direction and have indicated that any municipalities receiving supplemental aid is something called Aid and Incentives to Municipalities. She said they now say that in order to receive that aid, long-term projections must be prepared. She said they want the municipalities to map out where the municipality will be in several years and how they expect to pay for it. She said the gap widens and their job now is to keep the gap as narrow as possible. She said it is not unique to Bethlehem and crisis management is not good management.

The graph exhibited related to the General Fund and did not include sewer, water or highway. Supervisor Egan said the assumption here is that expenses are increasing at about a 5 percent rate and the revenues are increasing at about a 2 percent rate. She said there are national and state trends and that is what determined this. She said as we move forward the gap is getting bigger.

The Supervisor noted the issue of the quality of life in our community was a theme through the comp plan process. She said looking at future economic development is absolutely critical. She said there are various steps being taken to move in that direction. She said the rezoning of the Route 9W area coming out of the zoning and recommendations in the comp plan. She said there are also mixed economic development zones and continue to market the rail yard areas in regard to creating economic development that will be sustainable here in the community. She noted last years 12 million dollar growth included about 10 million dollars was residential growth. She said it is indicative of the imbalance between the residential and the commercial growth that has been seen historically here.

Supervisor Egan said she thinks the tools are now in place with the comp plan and zoning to try to attract the economic development that is crucial to help provide some additional revenue and to start to bring the tax situation into balance. She said the highway, water and sewer facilities are key components of the infrastructure and work on their own funds.

Supervisor Egan said in continuing to make choices and identifying priorities, right now community based policing is in the Town. She said since school has been in session, noting there is a school resource officer at the high school, but that is something that is in all of the schools right down to the DARE program. She said park facilities are another large item and are regarded as too much and too little or not enough and how are these going to be funded.

Supervisor Egan noted this is a pedestrian friendly community. She said sidewalks and connected hamlets and trails are all a part of the planning. She said today was a good day with 4 people coming in today commenting on the Elsmere Avenue sidewalks. She said they think it is a good asset and are using them. She said logical connection is to extend them to Somerset. She said it is a substantial expense and thoughts have to be put into weighing the cost.

Supervisor Egan said the ultimate goal is to achieve a balance. She said a balance between what is desired and what is affordable. She said reasonable tax rates are a part of this. She said they have to look at a regional basis. She said it is not just the Town of Bethlehem, noting there are a lot of other things to be considered. Supervisor Egan said it is not just Bethlehem but the tax bill comes from sources other than the Town – Albany County, the school district, the fire districts, library. She said the Town does not control these items but it is lumped into the taxes. She said the Town cannot control the Medicaid expense for the County but our thoughts on the piece of it that affects Bethlehem's budget can be acknowledged to the County.

Supervisor Egan said when everyone works together it will result in the taxpayers winning.

The Supervisor said the highlights of this year included the comp plan and zoning ordinance being adopted; being deselected as a dewatering site; sidewalk construction on Elsmere Avenue and Maple Avenue in Selkirk; Maple Ridge Park construction has started; infrastructure improvements – sewer pump station replacements, as well as, the water and sewer upgrades at South Bethlehem; and this is just a short list of what has been done.

Supervisor Egan said in 2006, she said there will be internal efficiency evaluations and be looking to a continued partnership with the IDA to formalize economic development strategies. She said the IDA has set up 2 sessions to talk about that issue and only that issue and will be working with the Town's office for Planning and Economic Development. She said they will be facilitating the development of the VISTA technology campus. She said she had a meeting 2 weeks ago and additional meetings have been set. The Route 9W corridor study, according to the Supervisor, has seen the paper work returned and they will be looking and soliciting any interest of individuals interested in that community based committee. She said the New Scotland Road hamlet plan will be looked at noting that is what is done with the area of New Scotland once Route 85 is extended.

Supervisor Egan said the riverfront revitalization plan received the grant and as soon as the paperwork is received, it can move forward. She said there will be a little bit of interplay obviously with the Route 9W corridor study so that services are not duplicated and maximize the State dollars that have been received. She said the formation of the Citizen Advisory Committee on Conservation came out of the comp plan and will be put together over the next couple of months and as indicated there were several opportunities that identified themselves going through the comp plan process.

Supervisor Egan said evaluation of internal operations and facility needs is an operational, as well as, a physical evaluation and assessment. She said the facility needs assessment is being completed, noting she is expecting a report in October.

The Supervisor said final resolution to the Clapper Road Water Plant is being pursued, noting testing is being done at this time. She said hopefully in the next couple weeks they will have an indication as to which direction this should go. She said that will be addressed when they reach the water fund.

Supervisor Egan said there is also a complete assessment update. She said this has to do with facilities.

The Supervisor said this is just a small overview of what is to come in 2006. She said the pie chart is to show where the taxes come from. She said it brought a lot of feed back from the Bethlehem Report.

Comptroller Kehoe proceeded to review the information on the budget. She noted the retirement system and health insurance costs will be rising next year. She indicated a 4 percent COL increase has been proposed for the employees for 2006. She said the fuel and energy costs are a concern. She said of broader concern is the ripple effect in the economy. She said if there is a negative slide on the economy, the Town could see impacts from that.

Comptroller Kehoe noted once the budget is adopted, it is a tool and something that is monitored and prepare the actual results to. She said adjustments are made as things go forward based on where the reality is.

The Comptroller next reviewed each individual funds. She noted there is a higher balance carried in the General Fund because 70 percent of the revenues received are subject to fluctuation if the economy falters. She noted preparation was made for deficits in previous years, however, a surplus was realized. She said they do expect a deficit in 2005 and have budgeted \$819,000. She said they do have a plan to absorb the planned deficit for 2006 of \$750,000. She said this would drop the fund balance down to about 4 million dollars. She said the minimum that she would recommend be maintained is about 2.5 million and this gives the ability to pay the bills on time throughout the year and to insulate taxpayers from rate increases in the event there is a problem with the economy.

Comptroller Kehoe noted there is a 3 percent tax rate increase proposed which brings the rate up to 51 cents per thousand which is a relatively modest tax rate. She said that translates to an increase of \$1.49 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Comptroller Kehoe addressed the Highway Fund and the fact that an 8 percent increase will be necessary. She noted this would mean about \$14 per \$100,000.

Supervisor Egan addressed the Water Fund. She noted the Clapper Road is kind of the grinding force with regard to this fund in the upcoming year. She said in 1990 there was a recommendation made to the Town to address ideally the long-term water supply of the Town to build a facility. Construction was started, according to the Supervisor, and there was a whole complex technologically engineered solution here with an infiltration gallery. She said it was constructed

and operated around January 1996. She said it became clear that it was not going to produce what was indicated and lawsuits started. She said this went on for many years and in 2002, the Town had to apply for an emergency permit from DEC to actually pull water from the Hudson River to provide for the industrial needs. She said that permit is in place but communication has been received at after December of 2005 the permit will not be renewed. She said it is creating an issue since the industrial water demands go from 2 million to 4 million gallons a day.

The Supervisor said this is a substantial concern, especially if the river is not able to be used. She said over the last several months they have been working with the company to try and get the Clapper Road facility running. She said they are in a testing phase and have several reservations about it, noting there is a quantity, as well as, quality issue. She said the quantity may be okay but the quality is at issue. She said there is an iron and manganese issue right now. She said they are hopeful the tests will be okay but there is a concern. She said this means looking at ramping down the Clapper Road facility which on one hand is a good thing because the budget will reduce by about a million dollars in operating budget costs, however, the water will have to be obtained from the City of Albany. She noted the agreement is in place and the water is available but it costs. She said this is an unknown until the tests are complete.

Supervisor Egan said even with the purchase of additional water from Albany to meet the industrial needs, in the short term they are proposing only a 3 percent tax rate. She said Mrs. Kehoe has the numbers in regard to what that means, \$2.71 per \$100,000 of assessed value. She said the rate schedule is continuing to be looked at, noting a modest increase per user fee is all that is expected. She said this would be associated with larger users and bigger fees with an eye toward conservation.

Comptroller Kehoe next addressed the Sewer Fund noting good news in this area. She said it is stable, healthy and self-sustaining, noting there are no major changes proposed in this fund. She said there are 2 components to the sewer tax bill. She said there is a tax based on assessed value which is the ad valorem fee. She said they are holding that flat. She said there is no tax increase for the sewer fund.

Comptroller Kehoe said there is a second charge based on front footage. She said many but not all parcels in Bethlehem have the front footage charge to their property. She said they are proposing a 3 percent decrease on the front footage. She said most residents will see a decrease on their sewer taxes when the January 2006 bills come out.

Comptroller Kehoe said the usage charges are being reviewed and there are no major increases anticipated in this structure.

The Comptroller said our services of our employees and given the need to control expenditures, they very carefully weigh staffing decisions especially in instances where they have attrition and it gives an opportunity to look at the way to realize they can do things in a more efficient manner. She said in addition to the staffing realignment that the Board approved in early 2005, they had eliminated 2 vacancies and used the savings in order to fund the position for GIS. She said this is a crucial initiative as the Town moves forward with economic development for the Town. She said they also added an economic development and planning position.

Comptroller Kehoe said in the 2006 budget they have proposed the elimination of one engineering and one sewer crew position. She said there were vacancies and after discussion, these positions were eliminated. She noted the Chief of Police has requested 2 new officers in response to service demands. She said this is something the Board will be considering during the course of the budget review.

Comptroller Kehoe reviewed additional slides and taxes for the year 2006.

Comptroller Kehoe mentioned the auto pay plan which was introduced in 2005 and was available only for water and sewer customers. She said similar to direct deposit in payroll only in reverse. She said about 450 customers have signed up for this and noted there has been inquiries of whether or not this could be done with property taxes. She said she has worked with Receiver of Taxes, Nancy Mendick, and this will be available in January 2006. She said this will be for taxpayers who are non-escrow only and participation is completely voluntary.

Mrs. Kehoe said the deduction date will be somewhere around January 18th, noting they tried to balance the payment date. She said there are times when bank accounts are changed and therefore, they want to leave a little lead time to correct any changes.

Mrs. Kehoe said the first workshop will be held on October 12, 2005 following the regular Board meeting. She said it will be a chance for the Board members to ask questions about the program and requests from the Department heads to them. She said the public is invited to attend this noting there is no public comment at these meetings. She said it is truly a workshop for the Board to ask their questions. She said the public hearing is on October 26, 2005 and that is when the public have a chance to comment on the budget as presented. She also noted November 9, 2005 is the meeting for it to be considered for adoption.

Comptroller Kehoe said there was the overview and there are complete copies of the budget in the Town Clerk's office and the Library. She said if anyone is interested in a line-by-line copy that makes up the totals, these can be seen at these 2 locations. She also noted the power point presentation will be available on the website.

Supervisor Egan thanked Comptroller Kehoe for all the time it took to put this together and all the department heads that acted cooperatively. She said this is not something that happens overnight. She noted the process started in August. She asked if the Board Members had any questions.

Councilman Gordon asked Comptroller Kehoe about the slight reduction in the debt service and asked what has been paid off or what created this change. Comptroller Kehoe said some of the public works debt, noting it was for the Water Fund, has had its final payment and said the debt amount declines slightly over time also. She said there is also some reduction with the financing on the Clapper Road Water Plant. She said this saves about \$88,000 a year. Supervisor Egan said this was the refinancing on the bonds.

Councilman Plummer said what stands out to him is the Highway Fund. He asked about the recommended appropriation from the General Fund to the Highway Fund, noting this has been done consistently. Comptroller Kehoe said this has been done consistently and noted it has been funded at about \$500,000 a year from the General Fund. She said the Town's General Fund and the Highway Fund are what is known as town-wide funds and include every single parcel within the Town of Bethlehem and monies are allowed to be transferred from the General Fund for the benefit of the Highway Fund because it is the identical tax base. She said the Town needs to ramp down from that level of commitment to the Highway Fund because it is becoming too much of a drain on the General Fund. She said this was the reason for the proposed reduction down to \$115,000. Councilman Plummer said his only point is that the unfunded balance or the percentage in the General Fund is significant and healthy and he wondered if she had considered a larger appropriation to the Highway in order to reduce the 8 percent. He said he thinks this area need to be discussed at the workshop and the Board needs to do what it can to help Mr. Sagendorph get the expenditures under control or find a better way to prevent the increases from being as significant as they have over the years.

Supervisor Egan noted the Comptroller had started this projection to try and phase this out. She said they have been working on this with a projected long term of looking at adjustments every year. Councilman Plummer asked if that was to phase out the General Fund appropriation. Supervisor Egan said that was correct to try and make Highway self-sufficient basically.

Councilman Lenhardt said he was going to hold off until the workshop but asked about the fund balance. He said during the presentation, he thought the Comptroller said the General Fund balance could go down to between 2 and 3 million dollars. Comptroller Kehoe said about 2.5 million. Councilman Lenhardt said it is projected to be about 4 million. Supervisor Egan said that goes from recommendations that come out of the State Comptroller's office as the percentages and what is healthy and what is not. She said they give a range and she thinks the 2.5 million that the Comptroller noted would take it to the lowest acceptable range with OSC. Comptroller Kehoe said and from a cash flow standpoint as well explaining that if you drop below that level you have no safety net underneath you. She said with the deficits that are proposed for the General Fund, the difference can be eaten up between the floor and where the Town is at very quickly.

Councilman Plummer said the other question he has is the timing on the determination as to the quality as it relates to the Clapper Road water plant. Supervisor Egan said it is a come as you see type. She said the tests are being run now and at some point if it exceeds a certain point, the tests are shut down. She said no, there is no solid answer on that. She said they will hopefully have some indication by the next Board meeting. She said there was a little quirk in the system last night and they almost had to shut it down at 9 p.m. last night. She said she was assuming that the 5 o'clock meeting they did not shut anything down. Commissioner of Public Works Holmes said it is still going. Councilman Plummer said the Town is at a point where DEC has said no beyond December of 2005 for the Hudson River. Commissioner Holmes said the Town is going to have to show within the next 7 to 10 days where we are. Supervisor Egan said the answer to Councilman Plummer's question is that DEC has indicated they are not willing to extend that permit beyond December of 2006. She said they have a 45 day window in which the application would have to be made and depending upon the tests, they may do the application anyway but they are not hopeful at this juncture that they would renew the permit. Commissioner Holmes said when the application was made last April for a one year extension, the response was to give the Town 6 months to develop an action plan on how the Town was going to stop. Councilman Plummer said the options are Albany or something that works out at Clapper Road. Supervisor Egan said they are hoping it will be short term noting there are other options they continue to explore with Albany. She said the Town is buying finished water from Albany and there is chatting going on to other alternatives to that. She said they all have hope that Clapper Road will come through and work the way it was originally envisioned with the modifications that have been proposed. She said for purposes of next year's budget, they took a very conservative approach to make sure there is enough funding to ensure the residents and industrial customers an adequate supply of water.

Supervisor Egan said before general public comment, she wanted to announce a couple of things. She said again, the Route 9W corridor study was starting to ramp up so if anyone was interested in serving on the citizens committee, please send a letter of intent and background to her with qualifications.

The Supervisor said the Town is sponsoring an event on October 16, 2005 from 12 noon to 6 at the Elm Avenue Town Park called Bethlehem KARES to benefit the Katrina victims. She said they sent out letters to the civic and community groups, as well as, the businesses and the response has been phenomenal. She said the article was in the Spotlight and there are all kinds of things coming. She said the monetary contributions have been great.

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Supervisor Egan asked if there was any public comment. Mrs. Marie Capone said there is not enough money to give everybody what they want but the aquatic pool at the park costs close to a half million dollars and asked if this came about from a woman at Price Chopper that told the Supervisor that she saw it in Albany over at Jerry Jennings and did you say we'd get it or did you have a petition. Supervisor Egan said it was a recommendation and several people

suggested a spray ground and it was something Parks and Recreation had in the works actually for quite a few years.

Mrs. Capone said the Supervisor says she repeats herself quite often and noted she has to because it does not seem to be absorbed. She said you are talking about sidewalks, what about the sidewalk from Verstandig's to Jay's station. She said the kids cross the street back and forth, are you waiting for an accident to happen. Supervisor Egan said there is a sidewalk in that same little area and there are other areas of the Town that there is a sidewalk on at least on one side of the road. Mrs. Capone said this is a very busy road.

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Mr. Jared King asked Comptroller Kehoe to clarify when she speaks of total sources of funding being mortgage fees and sales tax, etc., what the big money is. Comptroller Kehoe said the big money is sales tax.

Mr. King complimented the Town Supervisor but basically what is being done with the water and the usage fees are excellent. He said there a lot of large industrial users who use a lot of water. He questioned the water charges and the tax on front footage not on assessed value or was it both. Comptroller Kehoe said it was both. Mr. King commented the front footage will be phased out with the assessed value. He asked why does the assessed value matter, why not just charge based on water usage. Comptroller Kehoe said usage charges do make up a sizeable source of the revenue stream for the Sewer Fund and the Water Fund recognizing that very philosophy. She said everyone should pay based on the amount of usage. She said property taxes are a small component of it and that is something that will be looked at.

Mr. King said the COLA is an estimate made this year for next year, asking if this was correct. Comptroller Kehoe said that was correct. She said it is a recommendation to the Board to consider. Supervisor Egan said just so it is clear, the cost of living adjustment at 4 percent that was referred to is the suggestion in regard to the increase in the salaries for Town employees. She said it is not really a guesstimate.

Mr. King asked about the health insurance that is 12 percent and has been going up for years, what is the Town considering doing. He said there are a couple interesting ideas, one is larger co-pay, a couple companies put doctors on staff. He said this created a reduction in cost when the doctors were on staff. Comptroller Kehoe said the companies that Mr. King mentioned are considerably larger and there is about 248 employees noting this is not a viable option for the Town. She said what is offered is the HMOs and the Empire Plan which is one of the traditional indemnity plans. She said they work with the carriers and explore what the options are so the rates can be kept lower.

Mr. King also mentioned the fact that the Supervisor commented we are not an island. He said he thinks we are, noting this is a revelation to him to see that most of the local government expenditures are provided for by County taxes which are sales tax and mortgage tax for payment of local services. He said a lot of what is being talked about, the 25 percent as opposed to the 70 something percent. He said the second thing is that we have a one time revenue and the ongoing tax interest is just the assessed portion which is a small portion of a solution to the problem.

Mr. King said the third thing is that the issues where the main burden to the citizens is the schools and people complain to the Town. He said the Town has to start coordinating and addressing problems. He addressed the issue of handicapped children being educated at Bethlehem due to its high ranking. He said families move to Bethlehem because of this situation and the cost is high. He said there is a high diagnosis of autistic children and this is a high cost. He said he thinks the Town is focusing on the minutia as opposed to the big stuff. He said he was asking why there is a focus on the little stuff as opposed to focusing on the big picture. Supervisor Egan said she did not say it was not the Town's problem, but she said the Town does not have control over it. She agrees it is a problem that faces

everyone but there are certain things when looking at fiscal restraints and what money is available and where the efforts are to be concentrated, her feeling is that it is the Board's responsibility to concentrate those efforts in an area that they can actually affect.

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Mr. Robert Jasinski asked about the Clapper Road plant and what was said as to whether there is a plan to mothball the plant in case the water quality or quantity does not come or is the Board looking for other sources like wells or some other form of water that might be available to this Clapper Road plant. Supervisor Egan said they are doing both. She said there is a possibility that it may have to be ramped down but that does not necessarily mean turning the whole thing off for a while. She said it might be but it depends on what the tests are. She said what they are looking at is if it does not produce the quantity and quality that is needed – pursuant to the settlement agreement there may be a period of time while exploring the possibilities of how this is enforced – that the plant may need to be shut down, ramped down, reduced in level, any one of the possibilities. She said they need to look at what is done in the mean time. She said short term the answer is the issue be resolved because the water can be obtained from Albany, long term they started looking at other alternatives in trying to find another raw water source that they may be able to use the plant. She said it is a combination of all of these things.

Mr. Jasinski next asked if the plant is shut down or cannot get the quantity or quality and the water must be bought from Albany, is there a clause where if the increase in cost to the Town is greater than what the cost had been anticipated from Clapper Road that the Town can pass that charge onto the commercial plant. Supervisor Egan said they are exploring different provisions and talking about other things that they have with the people that they have contracts with. She said not all of them have contracts, some are just water users. She said they are certainly exploring the possibility of passing some of the cost on to the contract users. She said you cannot just amend the terms of a contract without some other triggering event. She said the attorneys are looking at that and in addition, they are looking at does that increase the expense and can it be passed through to Earth Tech pursuant to the settlement agreement terms. She said there are several irons in the fire right now and until the tests are completed, they have different plans under consideration.

Mr. Jasinski asked commercially, if Clapper Road does not produce the quality/quantity will this curtail industrial building and commercial building in that area. Supervisor Egan said it would not, stating right now there is more than enough surplus under the contracts that they can get as much as is needed. She said the economic development that has been talked about is not like landing a plant tomorrow, they are demanding 100,000 gallons a day. She said it certainly will come with time but the contracts have enough flexibility built into them that they have more than enough water to satisfy those potential requirements.

Mr. Jasinski asked if there is an anticipated 3 percent increase on property. Comptroller said yes, in the General Fund. Supervisor Egan said overall it is a 5 percent rate increase. Mr. Jasinski said there is going to be a reval for 2006 and said it is not going to go down so that is going to increase. He said actually the taxpayer will wind up paying a greater amount. Supervisor Egan said that was not true. She said they will have the assessed value pool that you start with will go, presumably, go up and she thinks it is a fair assumption to say that properties have appreciated since the last reval in Town. Mr. Jasinski agreed. The Supervisor said the pool will go up but the rate will go down. She was going to remind everybody that on October 5, 2005 there will be a public meeting here to talk about the whole reval process. She said the assessed value pool goes up but as a result of that, the rate goes down.

Mr. Jasinski asked next about the cost of everything, noting the Town owns lots of property and wondered if there was any anticipation of selling some of these properties in order to recoup some money to have it. Supervisor Egan said at this time the answer is no. She said they have not considered selling any because most

of it is being used for Town use. Mr. Jasinski said he could tell of some that is not being used.

Mr. Jasinski asked about purchasing the rifle range which he spoke with the Supervisor about previously. He noted he was against it and nothing has come out about it since indicating they were still negotiating. The Supervisor said that was correct. Mr. Jasinski said he pointed out that it would be lead contaminated and it would be a piece of land that was contaminated that the Town should not buy since the Town can use it and pay a small fee he assumed. Supervisor Egan said it was because the property is up for sale and the Town may not be able to use it if the new owner does not allow it. Mr. Jasinski said a rifle range some place else could be used. The Supervisor said there would be a cost associated with that including travel and time away the office and various other things. Mr. Jasinski said the Town will take something then and buy it and it takes it off the tax rolls and now it is another problem. Supervisor Egan said the cost is not increased again noting it is a very small parcel, less than 5 acres, that would be taken off the rolls. She said the entire piece would be sold to a new owner, indicating the Town would retain just the range. She said the bottom line is that it has not been purchased, there are various issues in regard to access that have not been worked out. Mr. Jasinski asked if DEC would come in and contaminate it and form it as a red zone. Town Attorney Potter said if it was the Town's bullets that caused the contamination whether the Town owned it or leased it, the Town would still be responsible for it. Mr. Jasinski said other people use the range besides the Town. He said he would let that one go.

Mr. Jasinski next asked about the IDA meeting, he said the Supervisor was at the meeting and spoke. He said he talked to Mr. Marcelle about 3 months ago that there was a thought to pay 50 cents per citizen to the Center for Economic Growth. He said this would be about \$16,000 dollars to the Center for Economic Growth to advertise more or less in their magazine. He asked if that was IDA money or the Town's money. Supervisor Egan said first it was not to advertise because that is a totally separate item. She said this was a request by the County Executive where he was asking the municipalities within Albany County to basically step up and get involved in the entire tech valley initiative and that it would be used, not only for marketing but for education, toward the portal that provides the communication access for communities nationally and internationally to access the availability of sites here in the community, the County and the entire tech valley region. She said there was much more of a focus than just advertising. She said this was to make sure it was clear. She said in regards to where the funding would be coming from, the funding would be coming from IDA funds, not tax money but IDA funds. Mr. Jasinski said indirectly. Supervisor Egan said not indirectly but IDA funds from fees derived from deals that were struck by the IDA. Mr. Jasinski said yes, from bonding and stuff like this. The Supervisor said they were through this before but she would be willing to go through how the fees were derived again in regard to the whole process. She reiterated it was IDA fees no tax money.

Mr. Jasinski thanked the Board and Supervisor.

The Supervisor asked if there were any other comments.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to adjourn the regular Town Board at 7:00 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Town Clerk