

TOWN BOARD  
APRIL 8, 1998

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem was held on the above date at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor at 7:30 p.m.

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

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Supervisor Fuller welcomed everyone to a regular meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Two Proclamations of Bethlehem Youth Awards to recipients of Bethlehem Community Partnership Workshop established the award to acknowledge outstanding examples of leadership, reliability, honesty, generosity of spirit and positive attitudes. This award is presented to young people who show sensitivity and concern for others, who are interested in the well being of others and who exhibit a desire to share knowledge or experience with others.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: JOHN GOMBEL, JR., A JUNIOR AT BETHLEHEM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF, HIS FAMILY, HIS SCHOOL AND THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BY DEVOTING HIS TIME AND TALENTS TO THE SERVICE OF OTHERS IN HIS COMMUNITY; AND,

WHEREAS: AS A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, JOHN HAS PROVIDED INSPIRATION, LEADERSHIP AND GENEROSITY WHILE MINISTERING TO CHILDREN IN CHURCH AND WORSHIP PROGRAMS; AND,

WHEREAS: THROUGH HIS UNIQUE COMBINATION OF COMPASSION AND LEADERSHIP, JOHN HAS HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP A STRONG MORAL FOUNDATION, ETHICAL CHARACTER AND A KNOWLEDGE OF ONE'S RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY TO OTHERS; AND,

WHEREAS: BY DEDICATING COUNTLESS HOURS TO WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN CHURCH GROUPS AND SCHOOL'S OUT, JOHN HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS CONCERN AND CARE FOR THE WELFARE OF OTHERS; AND,

WHEREAS: THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM COMMENDS BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT FOR RECOGNIZING JOHN GOMBEL'S VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY; AND, NOW,

THEREFORE, I, SHEILA FULLER, SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN AND ITS RESIDENTS, CONGRATULATE JOHN GOMBEL, JR. ON HIS AWARD FOR BEING AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY.

DATED: April 8, 1998

/s/ Sheila Fuller  
Sheila Fuller  
Supervisor

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Supervisor Fuller thanked Mr. Gombel for all he does for the Bethlehem Community. Mr. Gombel thanked Supervisor Fuller.

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: AMY NAPPER OF DELMAR, NEW YORK, A STUDENT AT BETHLEHEM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, HAS BROUGHT CREDIT TO HERSELF, HER FAMILY, HER SCHOOL AND THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BY GIVING GENEROUSLY OF HER TIME AND TALENTS TO THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS; AND,

WHEREAS: SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN THE FALL OF 1995, AMY HAS BEEN A VALUED AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BETHLEHEM YOUTH COURT, WHERE SHE HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION AS A JUDGE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, DEFENDING ATTORNEY AS WELL AS FILLING OTHER IMPORTANT COURT POSITIONS; AND,

WHEREAS: IN 1996, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BETHLEHEM YOUTH COURT AT A NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH COURTS TRAINING HELD IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICTS, AMY WAS AN EFFECTIVE AND PERSUASIVE SPEAKER FOR THE MISSION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE YOUTH COURT PROGRAM; AND,

WHEREAS: DURING THE FALL OF 1997, AMY VOLUNTEERED TO HELP THE DIRECTOR TRAIN NEW YOUTH COURT PARTICIPANTS. IN THIS CAPACITY, AMY ATTENDED IMPORTANT TRAINING SESSIONS AND SERVED AS A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT MONTHLY ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS; AND,

WHEREAS: THROUGH HER DEDICATION TO AND CONFIDENCE IN THE BETHLEHEM YOUTH COURT PROGRAM, AMY NAPPER HAS AFFORDED MANY OF HER PEERS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A FRESH START IN LIFE'S DIFFICULT JOURNEY; AND,

WHEREAS: THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM COMMENDS THE BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT FOR RECOGNIZING AMY NAPPER'S VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY; AND, NOW,

THEREFORE, I, SHEILA FULLER, SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN AND ITS RESIDENTS, CONGRATULATE AMY NAPPER ON HER AWARD FOR BEING AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY.

DATED: April 8, 1998

/s/ Sheila Fuller  
Sheila Fuller  
Supervisor

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Supervisor Fuller asked Ms. Naper to share some of the other honors accorded to her recently. Ms. Naper said recently she was elected to serve at Empire Girls State which is a week long governmental program at Russell Sage College. She said this is good for college credits and she will get to experience the full range of government with visits to the Senate and the Assembly. She said they play parts as active roles in government. The other award Ms. Naper received was nominated by the Juvenile Officers Association of New York State to serve on the Youth Leadership Congress under Governor George Pataki. She said he is starting this new Congress so that youth can bring their ideas to the forefront of education and hopefully in the future they can have a say in what actually goes on in their education. Supervisor Fuller congratulated Ms. Naper.

Supervisor Fuller said in order to notify both candidates, she had to seek them out at their employment locations.

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The public hearing was commenced following the presentations.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: Ask the Clerk to read the call of the hearing. We will now go on with our meeting so you don't have to sit through it if you don't want to.

TOWN CLERK NEWKIRK:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Public Hearing  
Local Law  
No. 6  
Hasgate  
Drive and  
Corrit Drive  
through streets  
with stop signs

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York on the 8th day of April, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. to consider Local Law No. 6 of 1998, Amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem as follows:

AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VI, Section 119-32, Schedule VI, Through Streets as follows:

ADD: A one way designation as follows:

Hasgate Drive - designated Through Street with stop signs on the following streets entering Hasgate Drive:

Dowers Way from the East; Corrit Drive from the West; Barrington Court from the East; Reynolds Court from the East; Egmont Court from the North and South; and Forsten Drive from the South.

Corrit Drive - designated Through Street with stop signs on the following streets entering Corrit Drive:

Westphal Drive from the North; Egmont Court from the North and South; and Hasgate Drive from the South.

AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE VI, Section 119-33, Schedule VII, Stop Intersections as follows:

ADD: A stop intersection as follows:

Chase Court from the East at Westphal Drive.

All interested persons 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, CMC  
TOWN CLERK

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State of New York)  
County of Albany )

MARY AHLSTROM of the Town of Bethlehem, being duly sworn, says that she is the Assistant Publisher 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 25 day of March 1998.

/s/ Mary A. Ahlstrom

Sworn to before me this 26th day of March 1998.

/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 March 25, 1998, 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  
30th day of March 1998.  
/s/ Catherine T. Picarazzi  
Notary Public

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

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

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SUPERVISOR FULLER: Lt. Vanderbilt, if you just want to.

LT. VANDERBILT: Somebody short was here. For a long time the Traffic Safety Committee has felt that we should be addressing traffic control in newer developments... at the establishment of the streets in those developments and we have... are hoping to get a working relationship with the Planning Board with this in design and Mr. Hasbrouck, who is on our Committee, feels that also we should be doing that. So, we started the ball rolling by actually looking at Hasgate and Haswell Farms at the point where some of the streets aren't even actually built yet. Several of the streets are, others are not. So, we are looking at, should we regulate traffic now so that as the roads are built and accepted by the Town, the stop intersections will be in place so construction traffic will be obeying those rules and we won't have the complaints that we have at other developments where construction traffic is violating and doing unsafe things. So, we have made recommendations looking at the whole design of Haswell Farms as to what intersections we feel should be controlled and which streets should be through streets. So, the recommendations are before you and the Committee recommends that you adopt them.

Any questions I could answer? Thank you.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: Thank you for your assistant.

LT. VANDERBILT: My big helper.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: Okay. Those wishing to speak in favor of streets that actually have not been built yet. Anyone wishing to speak in opposition? May I have a motion to close the public hearing?

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

  
Town Clerk

The Supervisor convened the regular Town Board meeting following the close of the public hearing.

Supervisor Fuller asked for a motion to adopt Local Law No. 6 of 1998, amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem regarding Vehicle and Traffic, Through Street and Stop Intersections for the Hasgate Farms Subdivision.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to adopt Local Law No. 6 of 1998, amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem regarding Vehicle and Traffic, Article VI, Section 119-32, Schedule VI, Through Streets and Article VI, Section 119-33, Schedule VII, Stop Intersections for the Hasgate Farms Subdivision. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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Councilman Johnson said he had one comment regarding this and indicated he went down and tried to find the streets. He said they are not there. He said he thought he was really doing something wrong but after the Lieutenant explained the whole process, he thinks it is an excellent idea.

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

Parks and  
recreation  
appoint  
seasonal  
personnel

The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the appointment of seasonal personnel as per the Memorandum dated April 8, 1998 from David Austin, Administrator, Parks & Recreation Department at the titles and salaries indicated. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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Chief of  
Police  
approval  
transfer  
of funds  
repair of  
damage  
vehicles

The next item was a request from Chief of Police, Richard LaChappelle, for approval of transfer of funds from the Insurance Recovery Account to Police Account A3120.464 to provide for repair of damaged police vehicle.

The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$803.40 from the Insurance Recovery Account to Police Account to provide for repair of damaged police vehicle. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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Comptroller  
recommend  
adoption of  
resolution  
Capital  
Communication  
Federal Credit  
Union

The next item was a recommendation from Judith Kehoe, Comptroller, for adoption of resolution pertaining to Capital Communications Federal Credit Union. Supervisor Fuller said it was a resolution that the Town Board has been asked to authorize to send on to our Congressman to support a bill allowing all employees to have the choice of where they invest their money, be it Capital Communications Federal Credit Union or banks. This resolution is to allow the Town of Bethlehem employees to make the choice. She said 70 percent of the work force belongs to Capital Communications Federal Credit Union.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, America's not-for-profit credit unions provide a safe and affordable alternative to expensive for-profit banking for 70 million American workers, and have done so since 1909; and

WHEREAS, Town of Bethlehem, has endorsed Capital Communications FCU to serve the financial needs of its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethlehem believes that American consumers should have the right to choose where they conduct their personal financial business; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the banking industry is more than 16 times larger than credit unions, the banking industry has launched an unprecedented legal assault on the credit union movement, and seeks to restrict those eligible to join credit unions; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, the federal government has allowed credit unions to include multiple groups in their field of membership, to allow smaller employee groups to gain access to credit unions; and

WHEREAS, diversifying credit unions' fields of membership has provided additional security to credit unions and their members and provided access to many people of low or modest income; and

WHEREAS, America's credit unions have formed the Credit Union Campaign for Consumer Choice to advocate passage of an Act of Congress that will allow credit unions to continue to enroll members from multiple groups of individuals who share a common bond of employment or residence, and to all such groups;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Town of Bethlehem supports the right of all Americans to choose how and where they deposit their earnings and obtain loan's; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that Town of Bethlehem calls upon the Congress of the United States to enact the Credit Union Membership Access Act of 1997 (H.R. 1151); and

BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our Congressional Representatives and other elected officials;

Enacted by Town of Bethlehem this 8th day of April, in the year Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Eight.

/s/ Sheila Fuller  
Supervisor  
Town of Bethlehem

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The foregoing resolution was adopted on motion made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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Supervisor Fuller asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

MR. KELLEHER: Of course, I am Bill Kelleher, everybody knows me. After studying the proposed new water supply back in July of 1994, I was absolutely certain that this well was going to fail. I didn't know when but I guarantee you I knew that it was going to fail and my major concern -- there were 2 concerns, the lack of any financial protection we had whatsoever, number 1. Number 2, the statute of limitation would run out and Rust and Fraser would get off scott free. After the conception of the well, I documented that Bruce Secor and Fraser were concealing the poor well yield. They got together with Rust when it was impossible to no longer conceal the fact that the well yield was very poor. They got together and came up with a scheme to blame it on an act of God. They couldn't even get their story straight. And, a very well hidden secret report of January 1997 -- Rust checked with the USGS and found out it was a 35 year flood. That is no act of God. But when a letter came out of Bruce Secor's office, it suddenly became a hundred year flood which could be an act of God. Now, the reason I bring this up is... the proposal by the Town to dredge the river in 1998 is just a continuation of that scheme. There are far more important reasons

Mr. Kelleher  
Water issue

for the decline in the well yield than siltation. That is just a minor problem. And, look up the definition of siltation in the dictionary. There is lots of things wrong with this. I did see in the Spotlight today that they are going to put in a well. I have recommended... they should have put them wells in back in 1992. Never would have had this project to begin with if you took the data from those observation wells. We still need it to document what is actually causing failure of that well. And, I know for certainty that it's iron hydrate that is clogging the sands in the aquifer and any well that you put in there will eventually clog up over time. This well by the year 2000 is going to be completely useless. It isn't going to be worth anything because its going to pump and treat the water than the revenue we'll get from the sale of the water. Now, a defense made by Fraser in reply to our law suit was that the Town is culpable. He obviously is referring to Bruce Secor cause I don't know of anybody else in this Town who participated in it.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: Mr. Kelleher, I don't think that you ought to be reading into what any of these suits are. And, frankly, I don't think that some of the statements are appropriate that you are making here tonight.

MR. KELLEHER: Can I still make them?

SUPERVISOR FULLER: You can go right ahead but understand that you are going to read your statement which you gave to all of us and I wish you would stick with that.

MR. KELLEHER: Let me say this, the only witness I am aware of that Mr. Alessi has now who could testify as to the contracts and agreements between Fraser and the Town is Bruce Secor. Am I correct on that? In his bill of particulars he asks for the agreements. As far as I know, and I will ask Mr. Kaplowitz, is there a written document -- we tried to get this years ago, Clearwater for Bethlehem -- was there any contracts, written contract?

MR. KAPLOWITZ: It wasn't formulated in a written contract because all the bidding and the proposals and requests for bidding and all that constitutes a contract. We let... correct me if I am wrong, Bruce, we let a... some bids saying we want to know who will build such and such for how much money and 5 people -- I am picking numbers out of the air -- responded we'll build this, that and that for so much money. We took the low bidder. That in and of itself is a contract.

MR. KELLEHER: Was it signed by Fraser? I mean... I mean was there some agreements mentioned in the contract?

MR. KAPLOWITZ: Well, I am sure... their bids must be signed. Am I right, Bruce?

MR. SECOR: Yes. Contract documents are signed.

MR. KELLEHER: I'd be... is this a written contract with Fraser?

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: Should we be discussing this if it's under litigation?

SUPERVISOR FULLER: No, we shouldn't be. No, we should not be.

MR. KELLEHER: Well, I guess what I am saying is that...

SUPERVISOR FULLER: I have already told him once.

MR. KELLEHER: As far as I am concerned...

SUPERVISOR FULLER: But, I think it becomes part of the record.

MR. KELLEHER: What the judge... any judge who looks at this law suit is going to see... look at the witnesses that we present and the witnesses better have their story straight because the one thing a judge doesn't like is for people to be covering up things and trying to blame things on others. And, for Mr. Secor to say that he was just a conduit and was not involved in the design is an absolute

falsehood. Mr. Secor was involved in all of the major design decisions that were made. And, I have documented that one too. Now, Mr. Alessi has a very difficult task and my recommendation is that you allow Mr. Alessi, you appropriate money and allow Mr. Alessi to hire an engineer to come in here and review and get all the missing data that Mr. Secor has withheld -- the water level in the well from day one he has withheld that. And, review all the witnesses and assist Mr. Alessi in preparing a proper law suit. We should admit to the judge that the Town does have some culpability here. It wouldn't hurt at all because we are being... then the judge would recognize we are being honest. Now, this recommendation is exactly what I thought was going to be done anyway that the engineering contract by Gannett Fleming did not include witnesses, am I correct?

SUPERVISOR FULLER: Pardon me?

MR. KELLEHER: The engineering contract by Gannett Fleming, you know, Alessi's engineering firm, the secret report, that did not include testimony from expert witnesses, did it? I don't think it did...

MR. KAPLOWITZ: You mean...

SUPERVISOR FULLER: I haven't seen the report.

MR. KELLEHER: No, no, no, you missed my point. Some time...

SUPERVISOR FULLER: I think you said that it did not include expert's testimony.

MR. KELLEHER: Correct. It did not include the time and effort... in other words, it didn't include payment of the witnesses, is that correct? I don't think it did.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: I am not following what you are asking.

MR. KELLEHER: Well, eventually, Mr. Alessi is going to have to present a list of expert witnesses. You know Fraser has a right to...

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: The people who have been hired, Bill, are prepared to testify. That is one of the reasons they were hired. They are going to out and investigate and see what they find out and then they are going to testify.

MR. KELLEHER: Yea, but you are going to have to... they are going to have to come up here and testify, right? They are going to have to look at the data. They are going to have to look at something.

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: They are going to have to show up in court when the time and testify, yes.

MR. KELLEHER: Yea.

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: That's what they are hired for.

MR. KELLEHER: But, what I am recommending is that you hire them now. You start paying them now and help Mr. Alessi.

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: We hired a law firm -- correct me if I am wrong, Bruce -- to look into what the cause of the failure of the well system, right? And, we have hired another engineering firm from Mr. Alessi's recommendation who is going to tell us, perhaps, what can be done about it. And, those people... we asked those people just such a thing, would they be prepared to testify based on what they find and everything else and they said yes. I mean, that is what we are hiring them for. That's what they doing now.

MR. KELLEHER: I think you got it mixed up here, Bernie, maybe I am wrong.

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: Well, I would say you're maybe more mixed up than I am.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: No, it's... what Mr. Kaplowitz told you is what happened and you were at the Town Board meetings when we went through O'Brien and Gere, Gannett Fleming report.

MR. KELLEHER: You didn't go through Gannett Fleming's report. I know that for certainty.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: I did not and there is a reason that I didn't.

MR. KELLEHER: Nobody knows what's in that report.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: That is right and there is a reason.

MR. KELLEHER: And, that report has nothing what-so-ever to do with making this well better, fixing up the well. That... Alessi made that very clear.

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: That was the first one, right Bruce?

MR. KELLEHER: No, that is the second one.

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: The first firm or the second firm -- O'Brien and Gere.

MR. SECOR: Mr. Alessi stated that Gannett Fleming was working on the investigation and that O'Brien and Gere was working on the fix.

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: Yes, and they're working on that and then they will testify to whatever they come across.

MR. KELLEHER: Oh, you are going to have O'Brien and Gere testify too?

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: If necessary, it depends, I don't know what they have to say at this point.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: It depends what Mr. Alessi requests.

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: It is much too soon to make those decisions.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: Mr. Alessi is our attorney.

MR. KELLEHER: Well all I am saying is ask Mr. Alessi if... if...

ATTORNEY KAPLOWITZ: He has already recommended the firm that we have. That is his recommendation.

MR. KELLEHER: All right. Look it, all I am saying is that I believe that Mr. Alessi needs some help and it would certainly help our law suit.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: He will receive a copy of your statement.

MR. KELLEHER: Yes, okay. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR FULLER: Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to address the Board this evening. Yes. Happy Anniversary, Happy 55th Anniversary, it is in today's Spotlight. (Applause)

MR. SAMSEL: Thank you. That is not why I came up here. Bob Samsel, Selkirk. About 60 years ago, I was on a high school debating team, we had an excellent coach. His cardinal sin to loose a debate was repetition, fortunately, Clearwater for Bethlehem hasn't learned this lesson. They have lost the past 2 elections and hopefully they won't learn it in the future. Thank you.

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

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Supervisor Fuller mentioned to everyone in attendance, noting the Town Board may be aware of some of these items. She said she

thinks our emergency personnel -- our fire departments, our police departments, our paramedics, the EMTs -- all the volunteers since Friday evening have put in a very rough time. She said there have been serious accidents that started Friday evening on Meads Lane; Monday afternoon on New Scotland Road out by the Tee Time golf; Tuesday morning on Delaware Avenue in the area of the Unionville Fire House; Tuesday at noon time a 2 car accident Route 85 on the Slingerlands Bypass; and Tuesday at midnight at 109 Elsmere Avenue. She said the one thing that came out of this is that there were not any fatalities, fortunately. She said they were very serious accidents but the proper use of car seats for children was a major factor in the safety of children involved in the Route 85 accident Tuesday at noon. She said children's car seats properly installed in the rear of a vehicle affords a degree of safety and additionally the adult occupants should wear their seat belts. She said, believe her in what she has heard about these accidents, all are lucky to be alive. Councilman Johnson said the best way to describe Elsmere Avenue Tuesday night was somebody said it looked like the car got hit by a bomb. He said there was absolutely nothing left at all and he was sure the lady had her seat belt on or he does not think any of these people would have survived. He said these were terrible, terrible accidents. Supervisor Fuller said she commends our emergency departments and noted it is minor to commend them in comparison to the work that they do for all of the residents. She said we need to take time and thank them.

Supervisor Fuller  
commends  
emergency  
departments

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Supervisor Fuller asked if anyone from the Board had anything. Councilman Johnson said he has been an observer, like Mr. Samsel, or a Board Member since about the beginning of the water controversy, and he just wanted to say he considers Mr. Bruce Secor one of the fine assets of the Town of Bethlehem and he is behind Bruce all the way.

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Supervisor Fuller asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Meeting adjourn

Ayes: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Johnson,  
Ms. Burns.

Noes: None.

*Kathleen A. Newkirk*  
Town Clerk