

TOWN BOARD
AUGUST 23, 2000

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 Deputy Supervisor at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: George Lenhardt, Deputy Supervisor
Doris M. Davis, Councilman
Daniel G. Plummer, Councilman
Susan Burns, Councilman
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk
Bernard Kaplowitz, Esq., Town Attorney

ABSENT: Sheila Fuller, Supervisor

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Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance. He explained Supervisor Fuller had eye surgery and was unavailable for the meeting. He noted she was doing fine, however, she will be taking a few days off.

The first item on the agenda was to adopt a Resolution and set a public hearing regarding the 2000 Town of Bethlehem Landslide Disaster Recovery Program. Could advertise August 30, 2000 and hold public hearing September 13, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt explained this proposal is a step in the process for passing a resolution setting a public hearing and this will enable the businesses that have applied for a small business grant the ability to receive it. Mr. Steve McGratton from the Governor's Office for Small Cities was in attendance to answer any questions. No questions arose and Mr. McGratton was thanked for his attendance.

The following resolution was presented for adoption:

RESOLUTION

Establishing time and place for public hearing related to the Submission of an Application to the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 200 Town of Bethlehem Landslide Disaster Recovery Program and Authorization to Submit an Application for Funding

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New York State administered Small Cities Program under the Community Development Block Grant Program and New York State's Consolidated plan as amended and its 2000 Action Plan, the State has reserved the right to set aside up to two percent of its allocation for imminent threat situations affecting the public health and or safety requiring immediate attention, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York Governor's Office for Small Cities is allocating Community Development Block Grant Funds to assist in the economic and physical recovery of businesses that suffered loss due to the May 16-June 10, 2000 landslides that occurred on Delaware Avenue in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Application process requires that applicants hold a public hearing prior to the submission of an application for funding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Public Hearing to solicit views of citizens regarding the submission of an application to the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities 2000 Town of Bethlehem Landslide Disaster Recovery program shall be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2000 at 7:30 pm at the Town of Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York and be it further

RESOLVED, Notice of said Public Hearing shall be given in accordance with law and subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary applications documents in connection with the submission of an application

to the 2000 Town of Bethlehem Landslide Disaster Recovery Program under the Community Development Block Grant Program as administered by the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities and to provide any supplemental information as may be required all of which are subject to the approval of the Town Attorney.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Ms. Burns and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Burns, Mr. Plummer.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mrs. Fuller

The next item was a request from David Austin, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department, for consideration of Prohibited Parking At All Times for the Delmar By-pass Extension, service road and connector road. Could advertised August 30, 2000 and hold public hearing September 13, 2000 at 8:00 p.m.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Davis to set a public hearing for September 13, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. to consider a proposed Local Law to amend the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, Prohibited Parking At All Times, for the Delmar By-pass Extension, service road and connector road. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Burns, Mr. Plummer.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mrs. Fuller.

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

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the appointment of seasonal personnel as listed in the Memorandum from David Austin, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department, dated August 23, 2000 at the titles and salaries indicated. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Burns, Mr. Plummer.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mrs. Fuller.

The next item was a request from David Austin, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department, to accept a donation of 500 feet of chain link fencing from Mr. William Cade to be used at the dog park. Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt noted the value is approximately \$4,200.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to accept the donation of 500 feet of chain link fencing from Mr. William Cade, Slingerlands, NY to be installed at the dog park at Elm Avenue Town Park. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Burns, Mr. Plummer.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mrs. Fuller.

The next item was a request from Karen Pellettier, Director of Senior Services, to appoint Joan Giordano as a part time employee replacing Noreen Cooke who has left the Department.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the appointment of Joan Giordano, Glenmont, NY as a part time employee in the Senior Citizens Services Department. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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Councilman Davis noted Mrs. Cooke was a wonderful lady and will be missed by everyone.

The following item was a recommendation from Superintendent of Highways, Gregg Sagendorph, for approval of award of bid to Tarrant Manufacturing of Saratoga Springs, NY for one diesel-powered leaf vacuum machine. Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt noted the bid was well under the budgeted amount.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the award of bid for one (1) diesel-powered leaf vacuum machine to Tarrant Manufacturing of Saratoga Springs, NY at the bid price of 15,898. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

The following item was a recommendation from the Supervisors for the Municipal Training Facility for approval of award of bid to Petrochem Mechanical Services, Inc., Rensselaer, NY for one (1) Flammable Liquid Training Simulator to be used at the Town Fire Training Facility. The Deputy Supervisor asked what the outcome was of the grant request that for this simulator. Mr. Richard Webster noted the grant was denied. Councilman Davis asked if a reason had been given and Mr. Webster said they had filled their quota.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the award of bid for one (1) flammable liquid training simulator for use at the Town Fire Training Facility to Petrochem Mechanical Services, Inc., Rensselaer, NY at the bid price of \$76,896. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

The next item was to adopt a resolution approving Democratic Election Inspectors and Poll Clerks as recommended by the Democratic Chairman.

The following resolution was presented for adoption by Councilman Burns, and seconded by Councilman Plummer:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 3 of the Election Law, the following persons be and they hereby are appointed Election Inspectors and Poll Clerks as recommended by the Democratic Committee for the term beginning July 15, 2000 through July 14, 2001 as per attached list (on file in the Town Clerk's office).

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

The next item was to acknowledge receipt of the Quarterly Franchise Fee from Time Warner Cable for the 2nd Quarter in the amount of \$59,801.12.

The next item was to approve the Town Board minutes of July 26, 2000.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Town Board minutes of July 26, 2000 as submitted. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Mr. Jim Turner spoke in regard to his last appearance before the Board and thanked them for their graciousness. He said he is educating himself on how local government works in New York State. He said he appreciates the calls that he has had from the officials.

Mr. Turner said he did not think the dog park was going to go away. He said this Town is about safety and everyone needs to take responsibility for the entire Town, not just the Town Board members. He said the biggest problem seems to be having the time to do something. He said he feels in this Town there is a lack of people coming to the Town Board meetings.

The Deputy Supervisor asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. There was no one.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Plummer to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Town Clerk