

TOWN BOARD  
AUGUST 25, 1999

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  
Catherine T. Picarazzi, Deputy Town Clerk  
Bernard Kaplowitz, Esq., Town Attorney

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

authorize the  
Supervisor  
to sign  
Building  
Project  
Approval  
First Columbia  
Office Building  
on New Scotland  
Road

The first order of business was to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Building Project Approval for First Columbia, L.L.C. for an office building on New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Supervisor Fuller said Mr. Bette was in attendance to give the Board an update. Mr. Bette said they have made a couple changes. He said they removed parking spaces from one location and relocated them. He said the fire hydrant has been moved and the site lighting has been changed. He said the parking spaces have been moved also. He said the spaces on the outside will be prepared but not paved until such time as it is determined more parking is necessary. The signage has also been discussed, according to Mr. Bette.

Supervisor Fuller noted the Board received the letter from Mr. Bette along with the responses from Mr. Flanigan. She said for the record, she, Mr. Flanigan, and Mr. Hasbrouck met with Ms. Saatman and discussed the response. She said they had no problem with this being changed on the building project approval. She said it would be left as Mr. Flanigan has sent it. She said the exterior sign will be indicated as planning staff rather than having them go back before the complete Planning Board.

Supervisor Fuller noted the procedure regarding signage might be something to be addressed and have the review done by planning staff. She said there have been comments about the Planning Board spending a lot of time on the signage. She suggested this be done and noted if there are major problems she will entertain them. She would like to see this changed if there is no obstacle to this. She asked Mr. Flanigan if this is possible. Mr. Flanigan said he thinks it is a very good possibility. Supervisor Fuller said she thinks it will help the process. Councilman Davis asked if that required a special process to change the procedure. Mr. Flanigan said it would not. Supervisor Fuller indicated the item numbered "h" will be added and indicate planning staff. Attorney Kaplowitz inquired if the building project approval requirements indicate the Planning Board look at signage. Mr. Flanigan said he would have to look at it. Attorney Kaplowitz noted if it did, there would have to be an amendment. Supervisor Fuller said it could be amended then.

The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Burns to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Building Project Approval for First Columbia, L.L.C. for premises located on New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Supervisor Fuller thanked Mr. Bette. Mr. Bette indicated a tentative date for the ground breaking was September 22nd. Supervisor Fuller thanked Ms. Waniewski.

The next item was a recommendation from Special Counsel, Joshua Effron, for acceptance of deed for 439 Krumkill Road and approval of payment. Supervisor Fuller noted this was on the last Town Board agenda. She said this was for the right-of-way acquisition and eminent domain proceedings and approval of the \$3,000 settlement. She said Mrs. Clough did accept the settlement and this is acceptance of the deed and approval of the payment to her.

Special Counsel  
for acceptance  
of deed for 439  
Krumkill Road  
and approval  
of payment.

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the acceptance of a deed for 439 Krumkill Road from Mrs. Clough and approval of payment of the \$3,000 settlement. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

The next item was to acknowledge receipt of the 1998 Annual Report of the Town of Bethlehem Police Department. Supervisor Fuller said it was very well done and the emphasis on pedestrian safety and traffic infractions was evident. She said it is also apparent that the crime rate is down in most areas and saw where it was up some with domestic violence. She said this report is available for the public review.

Acknowledge  
receipt of  
1998 Annual  
report Bethlehem  
Police Report

Councilman Burns noted Chief LaChappelle was not in attendance and had a few questions. Supervisor Fuller indicated he was not. Councilman Davis suggested Ms. Burns call the Chief tomorrow. Councilman Burns said she wanted to bring it out in the public. Supervisor Fuller said if she had gotten to her earlier, she could have contacted Chief LaChappelle. Councilman Burns said they were questions because they were voting on this. Supervisor Fuller said there is no vote, it is just an acknowledgement. She further noted it is not an action item, indicating it does not have to come before the Board. She said she acknowledges these reports for the community and let everyone know it is available to be reviewed.

Supervisor Fuller further indicated Councilman Burns can call the Chief or he can be requested to attend the next meeting. Supervisor Fuller said the Chief had been away on vacation. Councilman Burns said she would make a point of calling the Chief and having the questions answered.

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 Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the appointment of seasonal personnel as requested by David Austin, Administrator, Parks & Recreation Department, as follows:

Attendant at a rate of \$5.50 per hour.

Matthew M. Perazzelli  
23 Albin Road  
Delmar, NY 12054.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

The next item was a request from Engineering Services Administrator, Michael Cirillo, for acceptance of deeds for Haswell Farms, Phase 3 Subdivision. Supervisor Fuller indicated this was for highways and easements.

Engineering  
Services acceptance  
of deeds Haswell  
Farms Phase 3  
Subdivision

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the acceptance of deeds for Haswell Farms, Phase 3 Subdivision from RSR Associates, Delmar, New York as recommended by Engineering Services Administrator, Michael Cirillo. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Proposed escrow agreement between Town of Bethlehem and American Housing Foundation

The next item was to consider a proposed escrow agreement between the Town of Bethlehem and American Housing Foundation, Inc. (Van Allen Senior Housing) and authorize the Supervisor to sign. Supervisor Fuller said this is over the construction of a boulevard entrance on the extension of Hague Boulevard. She asked if there were any questions. Councilman Davis said she spoke with Mr. Lipnicky and asked questions about the change from what the original plan was. She said the questions were answered and essentially the problem is that the current developer, American Housing Foundation, was unable to purchase the land and had to put the original egress across from Hague Boulevard and it is not a problem that the developer had any control over. She said it ultimately can and will work. Mr. Lipnicky said the purpose of this whole escrow was that at such time as Hague Boulevard is extended across the street, this escrow is to guarantee that the developer will tie into the new road.

The motion was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the agreement and authorize the Supervisor to sign said agreement. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Conditional approval for Adams Woods Section 2

The next item was to acknowledge receipt of Conditional Approval for Adams Woods, Section 2, Domenico Drive, Glenmont from the Planning Board for information purposes.

Approve board minutes of July 14, 1999

The following item was to approve Town Board minutes of July 14, 1999.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Town Board minutes with one correction. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

*Collette T. Peary*  
Deputy Town Clerk