

TOWN BOARD

FEBRUARY 9, 2000

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

PRESENT: George Lenhardt, Councilman/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: Welcome to a meeting of your Bethlehem Town Board. Will you please join me in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Before we begin, I'd just like to explain that Supervisor Fuller is on her... is returning from vacation and she is somewhere between LaGuardia Airport and here and may arrive before we finish this evening. But, in the interim, I guess I will fill in for Supervisor Fuller.

The first item on our agenda is a public hearing to consider proposed local law, stop intersection on East Poplar Drive at Greenleaf Drive. Town Clerk, will you please read the call of the hearing.

TOWN CLERK NEWKIRK:

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

ADD: Stop intersections as follows:

East Poplar Drive at the intersection of Greenleaf Drive.

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The motion was made by Ms. Burns 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: Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Burns, Mr. Plummer.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mrs. Fuller.

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Lt. Beebe will you please give us an overview on this proposal.

LT. BEEBE: Sure. This was originally put on the agenda of the Traffic Safety Committee back in October of last year. It was brought to our attention by a citizen, resident of Hawley Court, who thought through their observations thought it was a dangerous intersection and should be controlled by a stop sign. The Traffic Safety Committee looked at it and agreed with her so we made the recommendation. That's why we are here tonight.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Okay, thank you. Are there any questions from the Board?

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: No, I just want to say that's my neighborhood and the reason why it was presented was that the people who live in that area, including myself, have found that with the new subdivision, Colonial Woodlands, there's a great deal of traffic that is from outside the area—a lot of people looking at homes and they are not familiar with it and when Chairman Eck of the Traffic Safety Committee actually went there, found that there was a real serious problem. And, it required a stop sign and it was great to have him responsive as he was.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Are there any questions from the audience? I will entertain comments both for and against this proposal.

Hearing none, I ask for a motion to close the public hearing.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Plummer to close the public hearing at 7:35 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

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

Mr. Lenhardt asked for a motion to adopt the Local Law pertaining to East Poplar Drive at Greenleaf Drive, Delmar.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the adoption of a Local Law Amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, Vehicle and Traffic, Article VI, Section 119-33, Stop Intersections, permitting a stop intersection at East Poplar Drive at Greenleaf Drive, Delmar, NY. 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 Chief of Police, Richard LaChappelle, for appointment of Mr. Cross, Coeymans Hollow, NY as Telecommunicator at an annual salary of \$25,936, effective February 13, 2000.

Councilman Burns asked if this was a full time position. Chief LaChappelle noted it was. She further asked if the two appointments were full time and the Chief responded they are. She also asked if they will be going through training. Chief LaChappelle said there is formal basic training that starts on March 6. He said it will be about an additional 400 hours. Councilman Burns thanked the Chief.

Councilman Davis noted the Chief's letter indicated these gentlemen are on a verified Civil Service list. Chief LaChappelle said this was correct.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the appointment of Mr. James E. Cross, Jr., Coeymans Hollow, New York to the position of Telecommunicator, effective February 13, 2000 at an annual salary of \$25,936. 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 Richard LaChappelle, Chief of Police, for appointment of Mr. Mack, Cohoes, NY as Telecommunicator at an annual salary of \$25,936, effective February 13, 2000.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the appointment of Mr. Jason C. Mack, Cohoes, New York to the position of Telecommunicator effective February 13, 2000 at an annual salary of \$25,936. 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 & Recreation Department, for appointment of seasonal personnel.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Plummer to approve the appointment of seasonal personnel as recommended by David Austin, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department as follows:

Recreation Supervisor II at a rate of \$7.75 per hour.

Christopher D. Gould
51 Fairway Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054

Lifeguard at a rate of \$6.80 per hour.

Richard J. Bailey, Jr.
309 Bender Lane
Glenmont, NY 12077.

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 acknowledge receipt of the Parks and Recreation Department 1999 Annual Report as presented by David Austin, Administrator. Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt noted the graphics are getting nicer in the report. Councilman Davis thanked Mr. Austin and his staff for the new spread sheet that has been included, noting they are a lot easier to keep track of and easier to read. Councilman Burns said the data included is very useful, asking how he estimates how many attendees are at the North Bethlehem or Selkirk parks. Mr. Austin said they have a neighbor who helps with the North Bethlehem park, noting they do estimate that also. He said there are no paid staff at these locations.

The next item was a request from Highway Superintendent, Gregg Sagendorph, to approve going to bid for a truck-mounted street sweeper and approval to purchase trucks from State Contract. Could advertise February 16, 2000 and open bids on February 28, 2000 at 3:00 p.m.

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

WHEREAS, the Town desires to advertise for bids for the purchase of one (1) truck-mounted Street Sweeper for use by the Highway Department, pursuant to law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk advertise for such bids in THE SPOTLIGHT issue on the 16th day of February, 2000 and that bids be received up to 3:00 p.m. on the 28th day of February 2000 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Mrs. Fuller.

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The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the purchase of two (2) four-wheel drive one ton dump trucks with plows, one (1) three-quarter ton pickup truck and one (1) one-half ton pickup truck from State Contract as requested by Highway Superintendent, Gregg Sagendorph. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Mrs. Fuller.

The following item was a request from Bruce Secor, Commissioner of Public Works, for approval to go to bid for Chlorine to be used by the Dept. of Public Works. Could advertise February 16, 2000 and open bids on February 29, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Davis:

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WHEREAS, the Town desires to advertise for bids for the purchase of chlorine for use by the Public Works Department, pursuant to law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk advertise for such bids in THE SPOTLIGHT issue on the 16th day of February, 2000 and that bids be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 29th day of February 2000 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

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 Cable Television Franchise Fee for the period September through December 1999 in the amount of \$49,342.62.

The last item was to approve the Town Board minutes of January 12 and January 26, 2000.

The minutes of January 12, 2000 were approved on a motion by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Plummer with corrections presented by Councilman Burns and Councilman Davis. 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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The minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2000 were approved on a motion made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Plummer 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 there were any items to come before the Town Board. A resident questioned the recent change over by cable television and why no one knew it was happening. Councilman Davis said there was a notice included in the billing from the cable company. Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt noted he received information in the mail but it did not indicate the date they were converting. Councilman Davis noted she also received a chart with the change in the channels. The resident noted she has heard a lot of complaints about this. Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt said questions should be directed to Cable Administrator, Judith Kehoe. Councilman Burns agreed that there was not a lot of notice. She said the remarks she has heard refer to the fact that we are finally getting what everybody else has been getting.

Mr. Robert Samsel said for 9 days his service has broke off about 9:30 a.m. and returned about 5:30 p.m. He said he received his new bill this date and the fee has increased by \$5.

Councilman Lenhardt said the second public hearing can now be held.

HEARING BEGAN: 7:45 p.m.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: We have before us a request to consider proposed Local Law for stop intersection at Laurel Drive at Groesbeck Place. I'll ask the Town Clerk to read the call of the hearing.

TOWN CLERK NEWKIRK:

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ADD: Stop intersections as follows:

Laurel Drive at the intersection of Groesbeck Place.

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The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns 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: Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Burns, Mr. Plummer.

Noes: None.

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Lt. Beebe.

LT. BEEBE: Again, this intersection was brought to the attention of the Traffic Safety Committee and they agreed with their recommendation and make that recommendation to the Town Board to place the stop sign on Laurel at Groesbeck.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Are there any questions from the Board?

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: One of the reasons, Tim, that this request was made was because of the school and the increased traffic as a result of the Elsmere Elementary School. I mean it is a very busy area.

LT. BEEBE: That wasn't the initial request but when the Committee looked at it, we definitely took that into consideration. Right. It was somebody who wasn't from the area and when they went down Groesbeck Place somebody took a left in front of them from Laurel and they said whoa, you know. But, now with the stop sign that will be a controlled intersection which should alleviate that situation.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Are there any questions from the public? I will entertain comments from the public both for and against this proposal. Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to close the hearing.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to close the public hearing at 7:50 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

Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt reconvened the regular Town Board meeting following the close of the public hearing.

Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt entertained a motion to adopt the proposed Local Law for a stop intersection at Laurel Drive at the intersection of Groesbeck Place.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Plummer to adopt a Local Law amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, Stop Intersections to add a stop sign at Laurel Drive and Groesbeck Place, Delmar, NY. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Mrs. Fuller.

The Deputy Supervisor noted there were 10 minutes before the final public hearing.

Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt asked if anyone wished to address the Board. There were none. Mr. Lenhardt complimented Highway Superintendent, Gregg Sagendorph, for the excellent work with the plowing after the last snow storm.

Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt noted there was also a Boy Scout in attendance working on a merit badge in communications.

Hearing began: 8:00 p.m.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: I guess we are ready for our final public hearing this evening. This public hearing is to consider a proposed local law for property owners with disabilities and limited income tax exemption law. I ask the Town Clerk to read the call of the hearing.

TOWN CLERK NEWKIRK:

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Our Assessor, Mr. David Leafer, will give us an overview please.

MR. LEAFER: As a brief summary of the law in summer of 1997, the State passed as part of the Real Property Tax Law a provision allowing local communities through local option law to put into affect an exemption for property owners with disabilities that had limited income as a result of those disabilities. In January of 1998, the Town of Bethlehem passed such a local option law and the law provisions basically provide that anyone who has a certified disability, regardless of age, and who meet certain income requirements would be eligible for this exemption.

The income requirements and the sliding scale for the percentage of exemption they would receive parallels the senior exemption law that we also have in place currently. That... in January of 1998 when we passed this law, the upper limit was... the income had to be under \$26,900. To achieve the maximum amount of the exemption of 50 percent a person's income had to be under \$18,500. Shortly after that the senior exemption... Legislature passed another law allowing us to raise the limits on the senior exemption law by \$1,000 approximately which we did. Passing this law will merely... as indicated on the sliding scale that I passed out to the folks here tonight and in your packets, will merely increase the maximum exemption amount of income from \$18,500 to \$19,500 and allow anyone whose income falls just under \$27,900 -- which is \$1,000 higher than before—to receive at least a 5 percent exemption.

Currently on the books we have 8 and I reported 19 to you folks back when we first did this. Eleven of those 19 actually were exemptions granted to people who have improved their properties for handicap... more accessibility—ramps, things of that sort. So, that's not really part of this group. In this group we have 8 such exemptions currently on the books for a total exemption value of a little over \$370,000. We have a taxable assessment base in the Town of 1.9 billion dollars. Therefore, if we raise this another \$1,000 on the sliding scale at best what we are doing is shifting these levels by about 4 and 1/2 to 5 percent. Which means that at the most, we probably would see some sort of an increase of maybe \$18,000 in exemption amount if everyone currently getting this exemption were to slide into a higher level of exemption on the scale.

In terms of what it may mean to bringing on 1 or 2 additional people who now would qualify for the exemption, the results in terms of any impact on tax rates is not going to be measurable because we are dealing with very, very low amount of exemption in this case. The impact on the 1 or 2 individuals who might now be able to qualify for this exemption would be meaningful. For us in the Assessor's office, it merely brings the sliding scale in line with where we already are with the senior exemption. So, we don't have to do separate calculation for it. And, we, of course, can put it into effect very easily.

So, if permitted to be the first person to speak in favor of it, I would wholeheartedly recommend that the Board pass the exemption.

Are there any questions?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Are there any questions from the Board?

Do we have any questions from the public?

MR. SHAFER: My name is Howard Shafer

TOWN CLERK NEWKIRK: The other one please, the silver one is the pa.

MR. SHAFER: Okay. My name is Howard Shafer. I have 2 questions. Did I hear the Assessor correct, it was only 8 people in Town who qualify.

MR. LEAFER: Eight people currently that are getting the exemption who have applied for it that would qualify for it.

MR. SHAFER: Okay. And, my second question, is this the maximum that you could raise it to?

MR. LEAFER: The maximum in terms of the... yes. We are allowed at this point by the current amendment to this particular exemption to elevate it, if we so choose, up to \$27,900. There may be further increases in the future such as there have been with the senior exemption in which case we would then probably come back and ask to adjust these again. But, at present that's the maximum.

MR. SHAFER: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN BURNS: I believe, Dave, since I've been on the Board, we've always raised it to the maximum, right?

MR. LEAFER: Both on the senior and on this one.

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: And, we've also done the veteran's.

MR. LEAFER: Right, exactly. One other thing on this, if someone qualifies for this exemption who is also over 65 and, therefore, would qualify for the regular senior exemption, they could only have one or the other. They can't have both.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: And, you advise the individual which would be better for their position?

MR. LEAFER: The 8 people that are currently on the books, really don't have to do anything. We just automatically readjust it and send it to and we will make some kind of notification to the public—hopefully through the Spotlight or some other means that this has gone into effect and we'll accommodate anybody that comes in to apply who now fits into this income

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: And, your office has really done a very good job of doing that too, Dave.

MR LEAFER: With all the exemptions it is confusing.

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: But, the residents appreciate it.

MR. LEAFER: As I tried to explain to the second milers

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: I'll entertain any comments from the public regarding favor or opposed. Yes.

MR. ARTHUR: Just a question...

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Could you come to the microphone, please, and identify yourself.

MR. ARTHUR: I just had a question. Does this apply to residential group homes, for example those operated by the Center for the Disabled or is it just individuals?

MR. LEAFER: No, it's just primarily for individuals that it has to be their primary residence.

MR. ARTHUR: Okay, thank you.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Tom, what is your address. This is Tom Arthur.

MR. ARTHUR: Actually I live in Westerlo but I happen to be an employee for the Center for the Disabled and it sparked my curiosity.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LENHARDT: Anyone else? I will entertain a motion to close the public hearing.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mrs. Davis to close the public hearing at 8:10 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

Deputy Supervisor Lenhardt reconvened the regular Town Board meeting following the close of the public hearing.

The Deputy Supervisor asked for a motion to adopt the local law as requested by Assessor, David Leafer.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to adopt the Local Law amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, Chapter 111, Taxation, Article V, Section 16, Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes. 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 for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Davis to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8:12 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