

TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 27, 2008

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 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John H. Cunningham, Supervisor
Samuel Messina, Councilman
Kyle Kotary, Councilman
Joann V. Dawson, Councilman
Mark Hennessey, Councilman
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk
James T. Potter, Esq., Town Attorney

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Supervisor Cunningham welcomed everyone to a meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board and invited them to join in the pledge of allegiance. The Supervisor asked that everyone remain standing. He announced that a couple of weeks back we lost a resident, a very active member of our community, Don Gerutize. He was very active in our Senior Program, Head Custodian at the High School, and served for 26 Years on the Reserved Police Force, retiring as Chief in 1997 the Supervisor then asked for a moment of silence.

The Supervisor said the first item was for public comment on agenda items.

Bob Jasinski asked about the public hearing schedule for March 19, 2008 regarding the grant application for South Albany Sewer District Funding. Cunningham said the sand filter needs to be repaired so the Town is looking for grant money to repair that sand filter.

Mrs. Capone stated that the Town was looking for an engineer 20 years ago and Bruce Secor had just graduated from RPI. He had worked here for 17 years. Every morning at 7:30 he would go check the meters and by 8 he was here in the office and would not leave until 5:15. He was always aware of what took place at the water plant and the temperature of the building. Mrs. Capone said the first thing that Terri did was can Bruce Secor and then he got a job and where he is now he is management and it was our loss. People are going to blame you for what happens.

The first item on the agenda was an update from Josh Cansler, Commissioner of Public Works, on the New Salem Water Treatment Plant and the status on that issue. Mr. Cansler stated that we did have a Mercury spill at the New Salem Water Plant last month. It was a fairly minor spill that occurred out of a flow meter of which we have 10. These water flow meters are used to measure the water pressure that goes through the pipes. A lot of the flow meters were installed in the 50's and some in the 70's when we added on to the plant. The one that leaked in this case was one from the 50's. We do check the flow meters regularly to try and identify any problems that we might be having with them. The problems with the flow meters is the pipes that the Mercury flows through is very small and sometimes it is hard to identify a pinhole leak and the Mercury dripped out through the pinhole leak over a short period of time and created a puddle of Mercury on the floor.

For those of you that are not aware Mercury is a very heavy substance you could put a pound of Mercury basically in the palm of your hand. It was estimated to be between a half and one pound of Mercury that leaked out on to the concrete floor. It was not anywhere near the water supply, it was downstairs where the pipes run. It was cleaned up using a ball syringe with an employee who had all the protective gear that is required. Again it was never a threat to the water supply or the public.

Mr. Cansler used a slide presentation to show the flow meter to showed an example of the small pinhole leak in that tube that dripped on the floor. When the

worker discover it, he cleaned up the Mercury that had dripped onto the floor as well as took all the Mercury that was in the flow meter so that no more Mercury would drip out of it. The next picture was downstairs where the mercury leak occurred, (the flow meter itself is gone, it is out of operation,) and where it dripped down behind the pipe and onto the floor. The next slide, was a close up of where it dripped down behind the pipe onto the floor. Channel 6 did state that it did not get near the water supply. Their concern was that the puddle was there and was cleaned up but no hazmat team was brought in to clean it up. There was also a concern there could be residue left on the floor.

Mr. Cansler stated that the Town will be hiring a Safety Consultant to conduct a thorough evaluation of the equipment and the plants and also do some training with the employees, and the department is currently updating the Spill Response Procedures. Councilman Hennessey questioned if any employees were placed at risk. Mr. Cansler stated that the only employee that was involved in the cleanup wore a respirator, gloves and there was some concern that if there was an airborne risk and we did bring in a hazmat team at a later date to check the area and none of the levels were identified anywhere exceeded the maximum standards required by OSHA or the New York State Public Employees Safety and Health.

Councilman Kotary stated that he felt there needs to be added proper communication protocols. One thing that the Town needs to ensure is that if any employee notices any potential situation that proper safety or clean up procedures but also communication procedures are followed so that it goes up the chain of command so that everyone is aware. Mr. Cansler stated that they have already started implementing a flow of information and communication and that there is now a spill response worksheet so if something happens employees know who to call. The Chief Water Plant Operator did not alert anyone and he made that decision because the spill did not exceed the DEC minimum for a reportable leak. Then any type of spill will be noted and the chain of command she be notified.

Councilman Kotary stated that the Times Union reported that there was no threat to the water supply. The leak was clearly no where near the water supply. Mr. Cansler stated that the consultant will look at all the equipment and take a look to make sure there is no other risk for chemical spills. In this type of work there is always some type of risk and some type of spill, however, we are working on the procedure to prevent it as much as possible and if it does happen that it is handled properly. The plant is over fifty years old and it is in need new equipment and rehabilitation and the Town will review that also. Mr. Hennessey asked if the newer flow meters contain mercury? Mr. Cansler said the ones at the Clapper Road plant do not contain mercury. Mercury was identified as a toxic substance back in 1980 and at that point a lot of equipment was changed over so it was no longer used.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Judith Kehoe, Comptroller to approve resolutions to offer an Enhanced Retirement Benefit for Police Officers as per the approved Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Hennessey to approve resolutions to offer Enhanced Retirement Benefit for Police Officers as per approved Collective Bargaining Agreement as requested by Judith Kehoe, Comptroller. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Judith Kehoe, Comptroller to approve bond resolution for issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds.

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall in the Town of Bethlehem,

New York on February 27, 2008 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Supervisor and upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT:	John H. Cuningham	Town Supervisor
	Joann Dawson	Member
	Sam Messina	Member
	Kyle Kotary	Member
	Mark Hennessey	Member

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Kathleen A. Newkirk	Town Clerk
James Potter, Esq.	Town Attorney

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Hennessey, to wit:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2008

A BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 27, 2008, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE A LUMP SUM PAYMENT TO THE NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR TOWN POLICE OFFICERS, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem (the "Town") has entered into a collective bargaining agreement with the Town of Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association and in connection with the entering into such agreement the Town has agreed to certain modifications in the retirement system of the Town Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the modifications to the retirement system of the Town Police Officers will require a lump sum payment (the "PRS Lump Sum Payment") by the Town of approximately \$1,878,000 to the New York State and Local Retirement System ("PRS"); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has adopted legislation (Chapter 49 of Laws of 2003 and Chapter 260 of the Laws of 2004) allowing for the financing of the PRS Lump Sum Payment, to lessen the immediate impact thereof on the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to finance the PRS Lump Sum Payment to PRS;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Albany, New York (the "Town") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The Town is hereby authorized to finance the PRS Lump Sum Payment, and to finance and pay any and all preliminary costs incidental to such financing (including, without limitation, professional fees and publication costs) (collectively, the "Purpose"). The maximum estimated cost of the Purpose will not exceed \$2,000,000.

SECTION 2. The Town Board plans to finance the maximum estimated cost of said Purpose by the issuance of serial bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 of the Town, hereby authorized to be issued therefore pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 100 of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is ten (10) years.

SECTION 4. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds.

SECTION 5. It is hereby determined the proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will be in excess of five (5) years.

SECTION 6. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Local Finance Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of such notes and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Sections 56.00 to 60.00, Section 62.00 and Section 63.00 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and details as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds, and the renewals of such notes, are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

SECTION 8. The temporary use of available funds of the Town, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The Town then reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditure with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by Section 3 of this resolution. This resolution shall constitute the declaration of the Town's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by Section 1 hereof with the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 9. The Town Supervisor is authorized to approve the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes on a "federally taxable" basis if advised by bond counsel to the Town that the interest on such bonds or notes would not be excludable from the income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 10. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking, at the request of the initial purchaser of the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c12-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 11. The Town has determined that the Purpose will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, no other determination or procedure under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") is required.

SECTION 12. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for

which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) if the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(2) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

(3) SECTION 13. This resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 35.00 of the Local Finance Law.

SECTION 14. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the official newspaper(s) of the Town, or if no newspaper(s) have been so designated, then in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town, which newspaper shall be designated by the Town Board in a separate resolution.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

John Cunningham	Aye
Joann Dawson	Aye
Kyle Kotary	Aye
Mark Hennessey	Aye
Sam Messina	Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2008 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS AS PER THE ATTACHED MEMO DATED FEBRUARY 21, 2008

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the funding of the enhanced retirement system benefit is necessary based on the terms of the 2008 collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the issuance of pension obligation bonds will result in savings to the Town of Bethlehem as compared to the potential costs were the Town to take advantage of the funding terms otherwise available through the New York State and Local Retirement System;

WHEREAS, these transactions have not been included within the 2008 budget as originally adopted by the Town Board;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to modify the 2008 budget as follows:

INCREASE Police Pension Expense 110-3120-522-15-06 \$1,900,000

Offset fully with an increase to revenue

INCREASE Other Financing Sources 110-0000-422-57-10 \$1,900,000

INCREASE Bond Interest Expense 110-9070-592-80-21 \$46,000

INCREASE Professional Fees 110-1315-515-35-11 \$25,000

Offset fully with an increase to revenue, and decrease in unexpended insurance

INCREASE Interest Income 110-0000-341-24-00 \$46,000

DECREASE Liability Ins. 110-1910-517-52-00 \$25,000

The motion to approve the budget transfers as listed was presented for adoption by Mr. Kotary, seconded by Mr. Hennessey and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Judith Kehoe, Comptroller to approve 2008 Budget Modifications associated with the transactions pertaining to the Enhanced Retirement Benefit for Police Officers.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Hennessey to approve 2008 Budget Modifications associated with the transactions pertaining to the Enhanced Retirement Benefit for Police Officers as requested by Judith Kehoe, Comptroller. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Supervisor Cunningham stated there was a Resolution prior to the meeting that was not on the agenda that needed to be acted on. The purpose of this Resolution is on the day that the bonds are issued if the rate is not favorable in the bond market, they want to have the flexibility to go back to the Retirement System and use the rate issued for these bonds to fund this Retirement Package.

The request was from Judith Kehoe, Comptroller to allow the Supervisor to modify Retirement Resolutions for lump sum payment to a ten year finance option should the bond market dictate.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Kotary to allow the Supervisor to modify Retirement Resolutions for lump sum payment to a ten year finance option should the bond market conditions dictate as requested by Judith Kehoe, Comptroller. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a resolution to provide for the waiver of insurance co-payments and deductibles for ambulance service provided to residents of ambulance districts within the Town of Bethlehem

Supervisor Cunningham the ability to recapture the cost of the ambulance service through revenue recovery. Part of that process would be to allow the ambulance service to provide service to the community, charge back to the insurance companies for that service and the other portion of that is to allow the ambulance service to waive the co-payment to the residence that is receiving the service. He said the process is being done because we raise tax dollars to provide the service and hire the ambulance company. Those tax dollars are given to the ambulance company in lieu of the co-payment so this resolution will allow them to waive the co-payment and identify the tax dollars that we give to the ambulance cores as the co-payment in lieu.

The Resolution is to provide for the waiver of insurance co-payments and deductibles for ambulance service provided to residents in ambulance districts within the Town of Bethlehem.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF INSURANCE CO-PAYMENTS AND DEDUCTIBLES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS OF AMBULANCE DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethlehem (hereinafter “Town”) has duly established ambulance districts known as the “Delmar Elsmere Slingerlands Ambulance District” and the “Bethlehem Ambulance District” (hereinafter “DISTRICTS”); and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis the Town on behalf of the DISTRICTS will/has enter(ed) into a contracts with Delmar Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. and the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. (hereinafter collectively “Ambulance Services”) for the provision of emergency medical and ambulance services within the DISTRICTS for the benefit of residents of the DISTRICTS; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid residents of the DISTRICTS through the payment of property taxes to the DISTRICTS through the Town help subsidize the provision of emergency medical and ambulance services within the DISTRICTS pursuant to the aforesaid contracts; and

WHEREAS, commencing in 2008, the Ambulance Services are to begin revenue recovery from persons utilizing their services through the billing of patients and/or their insurers; and

WHEREAS, various insurance and third-party payer programs that provide for the payment of fees for emergency medical and ambulance services for plan participants and subscribers impose a co-payment or deductible for said participants and subscribers, and

WHEREAS, the Town intends that a portion of the annual payments made by the Town to the Ambulance Services pursuant to the aforesaid contracts constitute an amount reasonably calculated to reimburse the Ambulance Services for waiver of collection of insurance co-payments and deductibles of the DISTRICTS’ residents utilizing the ambulance service which might otherwise become obligations or liabilities of such DISTRICTS’ residents; and

WHEREAS, various opinions of the Office of the Inspector General of the United States of America have opined that a municipality may contract for ambulance services and direct that collection of co-payments and insurance deductibles of residents of that municipality be waived by the ambulance provider if the municipality reimburses the ambulance provider in an amount reasonably calculated to reimburse the ambulance provider for the amount that the municipality directs the ambulance provider not to collect constituting insurance co-payments and deductibles from residents of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethlehem intends that the DISTRICTS’ residents not be charged insurance co-payments and deductibles for ambulance services provided by the Ambulance Services pursuant to the aforesaid contracts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on behalf of the DISTRICTS directs that the Delmar Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. and the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc., as the ambulance service providers for the aforesaid DISTRICTS waive any obligation or right to seek recovery of insurance co-payments and deductibles from residents of the DISTRICTS in consideration for an annual payment by the Town in an amount reasonably calculated to reimburse the Ambulance Services for insurance co-payments and deductibles of residents of the DISTRICTS; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that commencing in 2008, said reimbursement amount shall be deemed included in the amount of the annual contract between the Town and the Ambulance Services and that in subsequent years, the amount reasonably calculated to reimburse the Ambulance Services will be determined on an annual basis and stated in the budget of the Ambulance Services and the amount of reimbursement included within the sum total of the contract amount paid in each succeeding year by the Town to the Ambulance Services.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Mrs. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Hennessey and approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Next item on the agenda was a request from Karen Pellettier, Director, Senior Citizens Services, for approval of acceptance of two donations from Delmar Florist in the amount of \$55.50 from the plant sale to benefit senior programs and from chorus members in the amount of \$200 to purchase sheet music in memory of Donald Geurtze.

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mr. Kotary for approval of acceptance of two donations from Delmar Florist in the amount of \$55.50 from the plant sale to benefit senior programs and from chorus members in the amount of \$200 to purchase sheet music in memory of Donald Geurtze as requested by Karen Pellettier, Director, Senior Citizens Services. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Nan Lanahan, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department for approval of appointment of seasonal personnel.

The motion was made by Mrs. Dawson and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve appointment of seasonal personnel at the title and salaries as listed in the Memorandum dated February 27, 2008 from Nan Lanahan, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Gregg Sagendorph, Highway Superintendent, for to approval of award of bid of various commodities.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Hennessey for approval of award of bids of various commodities as listed in the Memorandum dated February 21, 2008 from Gregg Sagendorph, Highway Superintendent. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Josh Cansler, Commissioner of Public Works, for approval of award of bid for Materials.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Kotary for approval of award of bid for Materials as listed in the Memorandum dated February 22, 2008 from Josh Cansler, Commissioner of Public Works. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Erik Deyoe, Town Engineer, for approval of scheduling public hearings for March 26, 2008 and April 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. on each date regarding a grant application for the South Albany Sewer District Funding.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Hennessey for approval of scheduling public hearings for March 26, 2008 and April 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. on each date regarding a grant application for the South Albany Sewer District Funding as requested by Erik Deyoe, Town Engineer. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Councilman Messina said this special district does not have a revenue source to cover this, he asked since grants do not always happen, what is the fall back if this does not happen. Mr. Deyoe stated they have also applied for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program which is issued through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation which distributes Federal grant dollars and loans.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Erik Deyoe, Town Engineer, to approve a Term Agreement with O'Brien & Gere for Water Modeling and authorize the Supervisor to sign the term agreement.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mrs. Dawson to approve the Term Agreement with O'Brien & Gere for Water Modeling and authorize the Supervisor to sign the term agreement as requested by Erik Deyoe, Town Engineer. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Erik Deyoe, Town Engineer, for approval of acceptance of deeds for 18 and 22 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk for drainage easement purposes.

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mr. Kotary for approval of acceptance of deeds for 18 and 22 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk for drainage easement purposes as requested by Erik Deyoe, Town Engineer. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The Supervisor noted an addition to the agenda was a request from Erik Deyoe, Town Engineer, to schedule a Public Hearing on March 26, 2008 at 6 PM for the purpose of considering acceptance of the map and plan for the improvements to the Bethlehem Sewer District Pumping Stations at Elsmere Avenue, Thatcher Street and John Street in the Town of Bethlehem.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Hennessey to schedule a Public Hearing on March 26, 2008 at 6 PM for the purpose of considering acceptance of the map and plan for the improvements to the Bethlehem Sewer District Pumping Stations at Elsmere Avenue, Thatcher Street and John Street in the Town of Bethlehem as requested by Erik Deyoe, Town Engineer. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The Supervisor spoke regarding an article in the paper on February 20, 2008 about a bar code tracking system that was installed in the City of Schenectady. Our IT Department said we have had a system in place for over six years in our evidence closet for bar coding. He said we are already ahead of the curve on that and that we are very secure.

The Supervisor said the other announcement was that we were approved for a municipal farmland protection planning grant for \$25,000 and it was announced at a press conference in New Paltz today.

Next was public comment on non-agenda items. Marie Capone stated since the Town is going to hire a consultant for the water, why don't they use Bruce Secor.

Linda Jasinski stated since the grant, the Board has been asked to consider farmers, and farm landowners to be on some type of committee to advise the people since they are the ones affected the most.

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mr. Kotary to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Town Clerk