

TOWN BOARD
JANUARY 19, 2001
SPECIAL MEETING

A special 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 a.m.

PRESENT: Sheila Fuller, Supervisor
George Lenhardt, Councilman
Doris M. Davis, Councilman
Daniel G. Plummer, Councilman
Susan Burns, Councilman
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Robert J. Alessi, Esq.
Miss Laura Alessi

Supervisor Fuller called the meeting to order and indicated the agenda item was to appoint a Town Attorney. She said it was with great pleasure that she appoint Robert J. Alessi, Esq., as the new Town Attorney. She feels the Town of Bethlehem is extremely fortunate to have someone of such high caliber, highly principled, father, husband and Town resident since 1987, willing to bring his expertise to the Town. She mentioned Mr. Alessi has previously as Counsel to the Planning Board from 1990 to 1994. Supervisor Fuller said Bob had received the prestigious Martindale-Hubble Law Directory rating as an individual "AV Pre-eminent lawyer" which we in the Town had known for years.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the appointment of Robert J. Alessi, Esq., Delmar, New York as Town Attorney for the Town of Bethlehem. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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Councilman Burns said she wanted to recognize Supervisor Fuller for her willingness to go through the process applied to the selection and noted she hoped the process would continue to be followed in the future with regard to appointments. Supervisor Fuller noted it went well and they did find some interesting candidates. She thanked Councilman Burns for the suggestion.

Councilman Davis noted she has worked with Mr. Alessi many years ago and she thinks it is wonderful that he has agreed to serve as the Town Attorney. She also noted the Town is very fortunate that he is on board. She feels he will be an excellent advisor and very glad to be working with him again. She also thanked his daughter, Laura.

Councilman Lenhardt seconded all that had been said and noted he was happy he had made the phone call to Mr. Alessi.

Councilman Plummer said he would like to reiterate what everyone has said. He told Laura that she should be very proud of her Dad for his willingness to give community service to the Town.

Councilman Davis noted she obtained a copy of the Martindale-Hubble Law Directory award from the Legislative Library over the internet and offered to give anyone a copy if they wished to see it. She noted Mr. Alessi was given the rating of AV, the highest rating for an attorney which is based on the person's legal ability. She said they must meet the highest standards and are judged by their peers. She noted this again indicated what Mr. Alessi will be doing for the Town.

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The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Ms. Burns to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:40 a.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Town Clerk