

TOWN BOARD
JANUARY 26, 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 Supervisor at 7:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: George Lenhardt, Councilman

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Supervisor Fuller welcomed everyone to a regular meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board and invited them to join in the pledge of allegiance. The Supervisor announced Councilman Lenhardt was out-of-town and unable to attend the meeting. She said the Library channel is not filming due to the absence of an employee.

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The first item on the agenda was a request from David Austin, Administrator, Parks & Recreation Department, for approval of seasonal personnel.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Plummer to approve the appointment of seasonal personnel as follows:

Recreation Instructor III at a rate of \$10.00 per hour
Joan A. Haggerty
1275 Simons Road
Castleton, NY 12033

Recreation Supervisor I at a rate of \$6.00 per hour
Sal Signorelli
69 Boylston Drive
Delmar, NY 12054

Recreation Instructor I at a rate of \$5.15 per hour
Thomas E. Lackner
77 Jefferson Road
Glenmont, NY 12077.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

The following item was a request from Gregg Sagendorph, Highway Superintendent, for approval to go to bid for Gasoline & Diesel Fuel, Heating Oil, Crushed Stone, Gravel, Topsoil, Guide Rail, Rental of Track Excavator, Rental of Construction Equipment, Utility Repair Crews, Milling, In-Place Paving. Could advertise February 2, 2000 and open bids on February 14 and 15, 2000, from 2:30 to 3:20 each date.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Ms. Burns:

WHEREAS, the Town desires to advertise for bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel, Heating Oil, Washed Crushed Stone, Gravel, Topsoil, Guide Rail, Rental of Track Excavator, Rental of Construction Equipment, Utility Repair Crews, Milling, In-Place Paving, pursuant to law,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk advertise for such bids in THE SPOTLIGHT issue on the 2nd day of February, 2000 and that bids be received on the the 14th and 15th of February, 2000 at the specified times at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

The following item was a request from Assessor, M. David Leafer, for approval of appointment of Assessment Clerk at a salary of \$24,677, effective January 31, 2000. Supervisor Fuller noted the candidate, Laurie Lambertsen, scored 100 on the Civil Service test and congratulated her. Councilman Burns thanked Mr. Leafer for a thorough accounting of the process regarding this appointment.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the appointment of Laurie J. Lambertsen, Ravena, NY as Assessment Clerk at a salary of \$24,677, effective January 31, 2000. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

The following item was a recommendation from Richard LaChappelle, Chief of Police, for acceptance of resignation of Telecommunicator effective February 12, 2000. Supervisor Fuller said Mr. Hornick has taken a position with the Albany County Sheriff's Department, noting it is a full time position. Mr. Hornick has been a 3 year employee.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to accept with regret the resignation of Adam Hornick as Telecommunicator, effective February 12, 2000.

Councilman Davis noted Mr. Hornick's resignation letter was one of the nicer letters received, indicating he was sorry he had to leave but he wrote a very nice letter. She noted he also commented that he really enjoyed working in the office. She said he also said nice things about the Chief and about the Department. Supervisor Fuller said he will be a loss, noting he enjoyed his work and it was visible.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

The next item was a request from Bruce Secor, Commissioner of Public Works, for approval to go to bid for meters for the year 2000 to be used by the Water Department. Could advertise February 2, 2000 and open bids on February 8, 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 meters to be used in the Water Department for the year 2000, pursuant to law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk advertise for such bids in THE SPOTLIGHT issue on the 2nd day of February, 2000 and that bids be received on the the 8th day of February, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

The next item was a request from Commissioner of Public Works, Bruce Secor, for approval to go to bid for a generator service contract for standby generators.

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

WHEREAS, the Town desires to advertise for bids for a generator service contract for standby generators used in the Department of Public Works, pursuant to law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk advertise for such bids in THE SPOTLIGHT issue on the 2nd day of February, 2000 and that bids be received on the the 22nd day of February, 2000 at 2:15 p.m. at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

The next item was a request from Commissioner of Public Works, Bruce Secor, for approval to go to bid for Chemicals for the year 2000 to be used by the Water and Sewer Departments.

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

WHEREAS, the Town desires to advertise for bids for Chemicals to be used in the Water and Sewer Departments, pursuant to law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk advertise for such bids in THE SPOTLIGHT issue on the 2nd day of February, 2000 and that bids be received on the the 22nd day of February, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

The following item was a request from Kevin Shea, Supervisor, Fire Training Facility, for approval of Supervisor to sign a grant application regarding a Flammable Vapor and Liquid Fire Training Simulator.

Supervisor Fuller said this is a request for funding, noting the total funds are \$100,000. Councilman Plummer asked the location of the facility. Mr. Shea gave the address, indicating it was across from the Little League park off of Kenwood Avenue. Mr. Plummer raised questions about the simulator and the training. Mr. Shea said training will be included. Funding will be secured from the fire departments, according to Supervisor Fuller, to help with the training. Mention was made that surrounding municipalities will be involved with the use of this simulator.

Councilman Davis questioned about when there would be an answer about receiving the grant, noting Mr. Brennan mentioned August. Mr. Shea said they are going to try and get early information on it, if they can. Mrs. Davis noted a lot of work went into preparing this grant application. Mr. Shea noted the narrative was prepared by Mr. Brennan.

Councilman Burns asked if the matching grant would come from the

Town. Mr. Shea said it is a match of \$25,000 and came under the resolution the Board passed last year. The Supervisor noted there may be corporate sponsors for the matching money. Mr. Shea said they would look to sponsors to complete the project. He said this is one part of it.

Councilman Burns inquired about the bid received for this simulator. Mr. Shea said that figure was going on the bid that was received in December. Ms. Burns asked about the safety of the simulator at this location. Mr. Shea indicated the location was secure.

Councilman Davis noted the goal is to offer significantly superior training for hazardous materials, specifically flammable liquids and vapors in an environment that is safe and secure, realistic but yet controlled.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve authorizing the Supervisor to sign a grant application regarding the Flammable Vapor and Liquid Fire Training Simulator. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

The following item was a recommendation from Supervisor, Sheila Fuller, for approval of appointment of Counsel to serve at the pleasure of the Board as Counsel to the Planning Board and subject to the direction of the Town Attorney as and where needed.

Supervisor Fuller said Mr. Keith Silliman is the appointee. She said he comes as a very well qualified attorney and noted he has great experience with New York Power Authority. She mentioned he was formerly with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as well. She said his resume is very impressive. She said he was one of two that were interviewed and both were excellent candidates, indicating it was a tough decision.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Plummer to approve the appointment of Keith Silliman, Delmar, New York to the position of Counsel to serve at the pleasure of the Board as Counsel to the Planning Board and subject to the direction of the Town Attorney as and where needed.

Councilman Burns said she does not know Mr. Silliman, never met him although she recognizes him, from the resume it seems to her that he is a very accomplished attorney. She said the other candidate who was interviewed, Mr. John Privitera, she knows as a friend and colleague and they talked about planning, environmental and economic development issues. She said he has much experience and excellent credentials. She said she feels he would be an asset to the Town in the capacity as Counsel. She strongly suggested that Mr. Privitera's resume be kept on file. Supervisor Fuller agreed and said we are very fortunate to have people in our community that are so very talented that it makes it difficult to make the decision. She said she will keep the resume on file and consider him in the future.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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Councilman Davis wished Mr. Silliman good luck and thanked him for his willingness to do this job. Supervisor Fuller welcomed Mr. Silliman, indicating he starts Tuesday, February 1, 2000.

The following item was a recommendation from Supervisor Fuller for approval of appointment of a Member to the Planning Board. The

Supervisor said Brian Collier, 64 Delmar Place, Delmar is the appointee. She noted he was in attendance and said he is a graduate of the class of 1980 of Bethlehem Central High School. She said it is nice to have one of our own back in the community, noting he has been active with soccer and little league.

Supervisor Fuller said once again this was a difficult decision. There were 4 other candidates, some very willing to serve their community and their resumes will also be kept on file, according to the Supervisor.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Plummer to approve the appointment of Brian Collier, 64 Delmar Place, Delmar, NY to the position of Planning Board Member.

Councilman Davis said if the appointment is approved, she wishes Mr. Collier luck. She said she, having been a Planning Board Member, noted it is a wonderful experience and very enriching and she said it is one of those very important roles in our community. She wished him lots of luck. Mr. Collier thanked Mrs. Davis and said he is looking forward to the opportunity.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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Supervisor Fuller welcomed Mr. Collier and said his job also starts February 1, 2000 and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

The next item was to approve the Town Board minutes of December 29, 1999 and January 3, 2000.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the Town Board minutes of December 29, 1999 and January 3, 2000 as submitted. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Davis to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:48 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Town Clerk