

TOWN BOARD  
AUGUST 26, 2009

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 asked them to join in the pledge of allegiance. He invited Town Clerk Newkirk to lead the pledge.

The Supervisor asked if there were any public comments on agenda items. There were none.

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The first item was to approve the Town Board minutes of August 12, 2009. The motion was made by Mrs. Dawson and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve the Town Board minutes as submitted. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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The next item was a request from Louis Corsi, Chief of Police, to approve the appointment of Officer Michael Whitely, DARE officer, to the position of Detective, effective August 30, 2009.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mrs. Dawson to approve the appointment of Officer Michael Whitely to the position of Detective, effective August 30, 2009 as requested by Chief of Police, Louis Corsi. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

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

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Councilman Dawson congratulated Officer Whitely. Supervisor Cunningham noted Officer Whitely does a very good job for the Town and they are pleased with his performance. He congratulated Officer Whitely.

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The next item was a request from Chief of Police, Louis Corsi, to accept insurance proceeds in the amount of \$1,261.42 to cover collision repairs for police vehicle 716 and increase the insurance recovery budget for collision in the amount of \$1,261.42.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mrs. Dawson to approve the acceptance of insurance proceeds in the amount of \$1,261.42 to cover collision repairs for police vehicle 716 and increase the insurance recovery budget for collision in the amount of \$1,261.42 as requested by Louis Corsi, Chief of Police. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

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The following item was a request from the Supervisor to approve 2009 budget modifications in the Highway Fund recognizing an increase in revenue of \$214,820, a decrease in expenditures of \$130,000 and a decrease in use of fund balance of \$344,820.

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve the request of the Supervisor to approve 2009 budget modifications in the Highway Fund recognizing an increase in revenue of \$214,820, a decrease in expenditures of \$130,000 and a decrease in use of fund balance of \$344,820.

Question was raised about interest income in the 2009 budget projected \$45,000 and then a change of \$65,000 negative. Mention was made of \$20,000 negative on interest income. Further question regarded investments and whether they are structured to have a negative outcome and lose money on them. Comptroller Traylor said it had to do with where the significant amount of the Town resources are invested and fluctuation activity. Supervisor Cunningham said the fluctuations would not affect the principal amount, just the interest income.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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The next item was a request from the Supervisor to approve 2009 budget modifications in the Sewer Fund recognizing a decrease in revenue of \$33,373, a decrease in expenditures of \$17,600 and an increase in use of fund balance of \$15,773.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve a 2009 budget modifications in the Sewer Fund, as requested by Supervisor Cunningham, recognizing a decrease in revenue of \$33,373, a decrease in expenditures of \$17,600 and an increase in use of fund balance of \$15,773. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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The following item was a request from the Supervisor to approve 2009 budget modifications in the Water Fund recognizing a decrease in revenue of \$16,381, a decrease in expenditures of \$20,400 and a decrease in use of fund balance of \$4,019.

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mrs. Dawson to Approve a request from the Supervisor to approve 2009 budget modifications in the Water Fund recognizing a decrease in revenue of \$16,381, a decrease in expenditures of \$20,400 and a decrease in use of fund balance of \$4,019. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mr. Messina, to approve the appointment of Adrian Nace, Delmar, NY to the position of Laborer for the Parks and Recreation Department as requested by Nan Lanahan, Administrator of 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.

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Supervisor Cunningham added one item to the agenda. He said it was a request from Director of Administrative Services to dispose of 3 vehicles at auction.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Hennessey to dispose of 3 vehicles at auction to be held at Manheim Albany of Clifton Park as requested by Howard Hyer, Director of Administrative Services, Fleet Manager as listed in the Memorandum dated August 21, 2009 and on file in the Town Clerk's office. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

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Supervisor Cunningham asked if there was any new business from the Town Board. There was none.

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Supervisor Cunningham made the following announcements:

- September 3, 2009 as the Spotlight reported, there is a candidates forum for Supervisor candidates at 7 p.m.
- September 15, 2009 is Primary Day from Noon, 12 p.m., to 9 p.m. at all the polling locations.
- September 17, 2009 is snapshot day coordinated by Town Historian, Susan Leath for snapshots of events going on around Town by Town residents. Snapshots should be given to Mrs. Leath and they will archived for future generations to appreciate our celebration of the QUAD 400 celebration. Information is available on the website.
- September 19, 2009 is Community Clean Up Day.
- September 21, 2009 is the final budget workshop.
- September 22, 2009 is the Citizen Corps Forum Emergency Preparedness Class put on by Emergency Management Director, John Brennan.

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Supervisor Cunningham asked if there were any comments on non-agenda items.

Mr. William Kelleher distributed an article from the Spotlight and commented on the demolition of the house at the Henry Hudson Park. He also commented on the rotting wood pier dike.

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Mr. Robert Jasinski had questions regarding the occasion of Paul Tonko at the Town Park. He asked about the Police Command bus, about 10 police officers, 15 highway personnel and 10 park personnel and who paid for this. Supervisor Cunningham said he did not have a figure but noted the Town was paying for that. He said the Town hosted the event and Mr. Tonko came in. He said he felt it was a good use of a Town facility. Mr. Jasinski asked if there was any way to recoup any of the cost from Mr. Tonko. Supervisor Cunningham said there was no request for that and there was no offer. Mr. Jasinski thanked the Supervisor.

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The Supervisor asked if there were other comments on agenda items. There were none.

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The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Hennessey to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 6:40 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.

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Town Clerk