

TOWN BOARD
JULY 9, 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 regular meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board and invited them to join in the pledge of allegiance.

The first item was public comment on agenda items. Mrs. Marie Capone said she never seen so few people. She asked with the 3rd item, the appointment of Barbara Hodom as temporary part-time, what temporary was. Supervisor Cunningham said not permanent. Mrs. Capone asked but is it one day a month, a year. Supervisor Cunningham said Barbara will be brought in when needed for the transition. He said she is retiring a week from Friday but said she will come back in because she has not gone through month end cycles with the staff and year end stuff. Mrs. Capone said he did not remember what she told him about the Republican that were having these things in the open. She said it was advertised in the Spotlight. She said it was all over and suddenly they found out Mike does not want her around the house and she is back here.

Mrs. Capone asked about this Michael Rice as a Clerk I and what department it is. Supervisor Cunningham said he will be working out of the Supervisor's office during the summer. She said the one you have there already doesn't do much of anything. Supervisor Cunningham said that is why he needs help.

Mrs. Capone asked if he was gong to go to those that they are starting to talk about, 4 day a week. Supervisor Cunningham said they are not talking about that here at Town Hall. Mrs. Capone said okay and thanked the Supervisor.

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Mr. Michael Waldenmaier, Glenmont, asked about the sidewalk. He asked if the sidewalk is just for where the grants were received for Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Road to Colonial Acres or to the Town Park too. Supervisor Cunningham said this was going to complete the sidewalk on Elsmere Avenue and run from Elsmere to Wemple. He said the Town did not get the grant to continue that sidewalk with the grant. Mr. Waldenmaier said he has a lot of people asking why we don't put a sidewalk going to the Town Park. The Supervisor said that is his ultimate goal. Mr. Waldenmaier thanked the Supervisor.

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Mrs. Capone said there are areas where there are sidewalks that nobody walks on.

Supervisor Cunningham asked if there were any other comments on the agenda items. There were none.

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The first item on the agenda was a request from Comptroller, Judith Kehoe, to increase the Town's mileage reimbursement rate from 50.5 cents per mile to 58.5 cents per mile, in accordance with the rate established by the IRS, effective July 1, 2008.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve the increase in the Town's mileage reimbursement rate from 50.5 to 58.5

cents per mile in accordance with the rate established by the IRS, effective July 1, 2008 as requested by Comptroller Judith Kehoe.

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 Human Resource Manager, Mary Temblay-Glassman, to appoint Barbara Hodom as temporary part time employee to the Town Justice Department effective July 21, 2008.

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve the request from Human Resource Manager, Mary Temblay-Glassman, to appoint Barbara Hodom as temporary part time employee to the Town Justice Department effective July 21, 2008. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

The following item was a request from Supervisor Cunningham to appoint Michael Rice, Clerk I Temporary effective July 28, 2008.

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve the appoint of Michael Rice, Clerk I Temporary effective July 28, 2008 as requested by Supervisor Cunningham. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

The following item was a request from Town Engineer, Erik Deyoe, to accept an easement at 868 Feura Bush Road.

The motion was made by Mrs. Dawson and seconded by Mr. Messina to accept an easement at 868 Feura Bush Road, as requested by Town Engineer, Erik Deyoe. 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 Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Erik Deyoe, to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a proposal for engineering and survey services with Clough, Harbour and Associates for the Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Road sidewalk project.

The motion was made by Mrs. Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hennessey to approve the Supervisor signing a proposal for engineering and survey services with Clough, Harbour and Associates for the Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Road sidewalk project as requested by Erik Deyoe, Deputy 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 was a request from the Administrator of Parks and Recreation Department, Nan Lanahan, for approval of seasonal personnel

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mrs. Dawson to approve the appointment of seasonal personnel as listed in the Memorandum dated July 9, 2008 at the titles and salaries listed and requested by 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.

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

Supervisor Cunningham made the following announcements –

- The Elsmere Avenue sewer replacement project has been completed and the roadway is reopened.
- Bethlehem 20/20 Committee has a meeting Friday, July 11, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. at the Elsmere Fire House.
- Sunday, July 13, 2008 there will be an ecumenical service to benefit the Senior Projects at the Delmar Reformed Church at the 4 corners or in the event of rain at the Bethlehem Community Church at the end of the Delmar Bypass.
- Glenmont Firemen's Fair will be held July 17, 18 and 19, 2008 for one weekend only.
- Community Clean-up will be held July 19, 2008 and people can contact Debbie Kitchen to participate.
- Bethlehem Food Pantry is doing a summer lunch in the bag program. This is a program to provide lunch to families with students who use the free lunch program during the school year. It is open to residents of Bethlehem Central schools, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools and Guilderland Central schools. Anyone interested in this program or if you know of someone, please have them contact the Senior Services Department. The food pantry distributes on Thursday. Donors include the VFW, Golub Corporation, Bethlehem Full Gospel Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

The Supervisor asked if there were any public comments on non-agenda items. Mrs. Capone said she had something on her agenda that the Board does not have. She asked about the first item on the agenda. Supervisor Cunningham said the first item on the agenda was removed. Mrs. Capone said the request was from the Director of Emergency Management to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Albany County Health Department establishing Bethlehem Town Hall as a Point of Dispensing during public health emergency. The Supervisor noted that item was removed from the agenda, it was not voted on nor considered. Mrs. Capone said so the Town Hall is not going to be a place to go in case of an emergency.

Supervisor Cunningham said it was not put before the Board because there are some issues and they need to be resolved before this is approved. Mrs. Capone said it was because he did not get time to tell them before how to vote it. Supervisor Cunningham thanked Mrs. Capone.

The Supervisor asked if there were any other comments on non-agenda items. There were none. Mrs. Capone said Sheila Fuller once had a meeting that lasted 11 minutes. The Supervisor said this will be 12 because she made a comment.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Hennessey to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 6:12 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