

TOWN BOARD  
MARCH 14, 2001

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  
George Lenhardt, Councilman  
Doris M. Davis, Councilman  
Daniel G. Plummer, Councilman  
Susan Burns, Councilman  
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk  
Robert Alessi, Esq., Town Attorney

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Supervisor Fuller welcomed everyone to a regular meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board. She invited them to join in the pledge of allegiance.

The Supervisor said tonight was a special evening for the Town Board and because it was special, she changed the agenda and moved the last item to the beginning. She said it is the recommendation for Appointment of a new Building Inspector for the Town of Bethlehem. She said Mr. Flanigan retired and the Town decided to conduct a search, including advertising in several newspapers. She said 103 applicants applied for the position. She said the Town Board held interviews of 7 candidates and a current employee in our Building Department has been chosen, Kevin Shea. She said Kevin comes very well experienced and it is always nice to be able to promote from within. She said what is more special is that Kevin started out in Bethlehem and they congratulate Kevin on this appointment.

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the appointment of Kevin Shea, Elsmere, New York to the position of Building Inspector for the Town of Bethlehem at a salary of \$52,265. 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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The next item was a recommendation from Bruce Secor, Commissioner of Public Works, for approval of award of bid for Chlorine for the year 2001.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the award of bid for Chlorine Items 1 and 2 to JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., Merrimack, NH at the prices noted in the bid document and recommended by Bruce Secor, Commissioner of Public Works. 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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The following item was a recommendation from Commissioner of Public Works, Bruce Secor, for approval of award of bid for Materials for the year 2001.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the award of bid for Materials for the year 2001 as indicated in the Memorandum from Bruce Secor, Commissioner of Public Works, to the vendors and at the prices listed in the bid documents. 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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The next item was a request from Michael Cirillo, Engineering Services Administrator, Department of Public Works, for approval of acceptance of deed for 5 Gullane Drive, Slingerlands.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the acceptance of deed for 5 Gullane Drive, Slingerlands, New York from Amedore Homes, Inc., Schenectady, New York for a drainage easement as requested by Michael Cirillo, Engineering Services Administrator. 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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The following item was a request from David Austin, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department, for approval of the Supervisor to sign agreement for Operation of Concession Stand at Elm Avenue Town Park. Supervisor Fuller said that was the good news, summer is coming.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Plummer to authorize the Supervisor signing the agreement for Operation of Concession Stand including pricing for the 2001 summer season at Elm Avenue Town Park with Thomas B. Rowlands, Ellisson Enterprises, Albany, New York. 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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The next item was a request from Administrator, David Austin, Parks and Recreation Department, for approval of appointment of seasonal personnel.

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the appointment of seasonal personnel as requested by Administrator, David Austin, Parks and Recreation Department, at the titles and salaries listed in the Memorandum dated March 14, 2001. 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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The following item was a request from Administrator, David Austin, Parks and Recreation Department, for approval of the Supervisor to sign agreement with Town of New Scotland for the Clarksville Playground Program. The Supervisor said this is totally refunded from the Town of New Scotland, noting the Clarksville School is located in the Bethlehem Central School District.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Davis to authorize the Supervisor to sign an Agreement with the Town of New Scotland for the Clarksville Playground Program as requested by Administrator David Austin, Parks and Recreation Department. 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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The next item was to acknowledge receipt of the Annual Investment Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2000 from Comptroller, Judith Kehoe. The Supervisor noted 2 motions were necessary, one to acknowledge the review of the Invest Report and one to approve the investment policy.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Burns to acknowledge review of the Annual Investment Report for the year ending December 31, 2000. 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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The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the investment policy as requested by Comptroller Judith Kehoe. 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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The following item was a recommendation from Highway Superintendent, Gregg Sagendorph, for approval of award of bid for Rental of Construction Equipment. Councilman Plummer asked Mr. Sagendorph -- noting he understands that he goes to the low bidder first and then to the next lowest bidder -- if he had to do that this year. Mr. Sagendorph said he did have to do that this year as well. Mr. Plummer asked if he had to do this procedure for both bids. Mr. Sagendorph said he did for the rental of equipment and the utility repair crews. Mr. Plummer asked if this occurred often. Mr. Sagendorph said it was not often but enough that he was glad they had done this last year. He said a lot of the work was milling of blacktop and they were at the mercy of the contractor who was working on the Thruway. He said when the Thruway had an off day, they would want to come here for a day. He said he tries to give the rental people 5 or 7 days notice. He said it was being done on a 24 or 48 hour notice last year. He said they could not expect them to respond that quickly. He said it was good that the low bidder was not available and then they went to the second alternate. He said they documented everything that happened. Councilman Plummer thanked Mr. Sagendorph.

The motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the award of bid for rental of heavy construction equipment as recommended by Highway Superintendent, Gregg Sagendorph, to the vendors listed and the bid prices submitted as listed in his Memorandum dated March 7, 2001. 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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The following item was a recommendation from Gregg Sagendorph, Highway Superintendent, for approval of award of bid for Utility Repair Crews. Supervisor Fuller noted bids were solicited from 17 contractors with 7 bids received.

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Ms. Burns to approve the award of bid for Utility Repair Crews as recommended by Highway Superintendent, Gregg Sagendorph, in his Memorandum dated March 7, 2001 at the bid prices submitted. 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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The next item was to approve the Town Board minutes of February 14, 2001.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Town Board minutes of February 14, 2001 with one correction. 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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Supervisor Fuller asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one spoke.

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The Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation.

The motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve adjourning to Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation. 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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The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Ms. Burns to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:44 p.m. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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Town Clerk

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no formal action taken at the Executive Session.

