

**Town Board  
February 10, 2010**

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 6:00PM.

PRESENT: Samuel Messina, Supervisor  
Joann Dawson, Councilwoman  
Mark Hennessey, Councilman  
Mark Jordan, Councilman  
Kyle Kotary, Councilman  
Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk  
James T. Potter, Esq., Town Attorney

Supervisor Messina presented Michael Hodom with a Resolution for his twenty years of service on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**For Meritorious Service**

*Whereas: Michael Hodom has faithfully served as a committed and able member of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem for twenty years, and as Chairman for sixteen years; and,*

*Whereas: His work as a representative of the residents of the Town of Bethlehem has always been performed in a most professional and ethical manner; and,*

*Whereas: He has brought to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem a strong commitment to thoroughness, a perceptive outlook toward development, a judicious respect for the rights of homeowners and landowners, and a sincere desire to provide and preserve a desirable quality of life in the Town of Bethlehem;*

*Now, Therefore, in recognition of his very dedicated service, as an appointed Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals from January 2, 1990 through December 31, 2009; and,*

*Be It Hereby Resolved, the undersigned members of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, and staff with whom Michael Hodom has served, hereby express our gratitude to our colleague and wish him much success in the years ahead; and,*

*Be It Further Resolved, that these sentiments of the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and staff of the Town of Bethlehem shall be entered and preserved with the official records of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and,*

*Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be presented to our colleague, Michael Hodom, as a lasting personal memento of our sincere appreciation for his dedicated service to the citizens of the Town of Bethlehem.*

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**Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals**

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*David DeCancio*

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*Lennie Micelli*

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*Kenny Umina*

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*Matthew Watson*

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*Michael Moore, Zoning Board Counsel*

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*Nanci Moquin, Administrative Assistant*

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**Building Department Staff**

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*Gil Boucher, Building Inspector*

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*Mark Platel, Assistant Building Inspector*

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*Rodger Griffith, Assistant Building Inspector*

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*David Rice, Assistant Building Inspector*

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*Justin Harbinger, Assistant Building Inspector*

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*Marlyn Dunn, Secretary*

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*Lois Donovan, Secretary*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Norman Moran, Slingerlands. He asked the cost of the agreement with the IDA. He thought the IDA was a failure. He assumed the Town has spent a lot of money on the Vista project. He said he read the agreement and after 10 years the Town will see some revenue. He didn't think that was enough. He didn't think the Town had the infrastructure to support new projects.

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**APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Town Board minutes as drafted was offered by Councilman Hennessey, seconded by Councilman Jordan and passed with the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Messina, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Hennessey, Councilman Jordan, Councilman Kotary

NAYES: none

ABSENT: none

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**REQUEST FROM SUPERVISOR MESSINA TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN MARK HENNESSEY TO THE BETHLEHEM IDA TO FILL AN EXISTING VACANCY**

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Supervisor Messina said the IDA recommended to him the selection criteria of a person to the Board. He said the vacancy was created when he left the Board but he will continue to be a non-voting member.

A motion to appoint Councilman Hennessey to the IDA was offered by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Kotary and passed with the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Messina, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Jordan,  
Councilman Kotary

NAYES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: Councilman Hennessey

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**REQUEST FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO AWARD THE BID FOR SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION TO THE LOW BIDDER, SLACK CHEMICAL CO.**

A motion to award the bid for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution to Slack Chemical Co. was offered by Councilman Kotary, seconded by Councilwoman Dawson and passed with the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Messina, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Hennessey,  
Councilman Jordan, Councilman Kotary

NAYES: none

ABSENT: none

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**REQUEST FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO AWARD THE BID FOR UNIFORM RENTAL TO COYNE TEXTILE SERVICES OF SCHENECTADY, NY.**

Supervisor Messina said these uniforms are for rental and maintenance of uniforms for parks, public works, highway, field operations and water plant projects.

A motion to award the bid for Uniform Rental to Coyne Textile Services was offered by Councilman Kotary, seconded by Councilwoman Dawson and passed with the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Messina, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Hennessey,  
Councilman Jordan, Councilman Kotary

NAYES: none

ABSENT: none

**REQUEST FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR THE TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ALBANY SETTING THE 2010 TIPPING FEE AT THE RAPP ROAD LANDFILL**

A motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2010 tipping fee agreement with the City of Albany was offered by Councilman Kotary, seconded by Councilman Jordan and passed with the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Messina, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Jordan,  
Councilman Kotary

NAYES: Councilman Hennessey

ABSENT: none

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**REQUEST FROM THE COMPTROLLER TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO SIGN THE 2010 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM AND THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM IDA**

Suzanne Traylor, the Comptroller presented. Ms. Traylor said the service agreement was approved at the February IDA meeting. This will be either the fifth or sixth year that the Town Board will approve a service agreement. The IDA calculates the benefits they use such as space and Town staff and that expense is justified. The IDA in turn supplies the Town with funding. They have budgeted \$50,000 for the year 2010. In 2009, the IDA supplied \$45,000 in funding. Since this agreement has been in place, the Town has benefited with \$563,000 in funding since 2005.

A motion to authorize the Supervisor and Town Attorney to sign the 2010 Administrative Services contract with the IDA was offered by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilwoman Dawson and passed with the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Messina, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Jordan,  
Councilman Kotary

NAYES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: Councilman Hennessey

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**NEW BUSINESS - none**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Sorrell, Haswell Farms, commented on the Spotlight article about clashes between the Supervisor and Town Board. The Town Board appointed 2 individuals to the Planning Board but the Supervisor had 2 other individuals he had wanted. The decision

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was made to keep seven Planning Board members because of the amount of projects before that Board. Mr. Sorrell asked the Board to explain the amount of the projects in the future. He didn't think the Board liaisons were necessary just because other communities had them.

Art Young, 54 Devon Rd. He thought there were procedural problems at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Board. The agenda item for discussion should have been allowed. He said there were errors made by both the Board members and the Supervisor. He suggested having a person qualified in parliamentary process at the meetings. He didn't think the Board liaisons were necessary.

Norman Moran, Slingerlands. He didn't like the actions of the Town Board at the last meeting. He wants the Board to work with the Supervisor.

**Announcements:**

2/12/10 – Blue Friday

2/15/10 - Transfer station will be open

2/20/10 – Historic trolley tours will begin

2/22/10 – All home owners should have carbon monoxide detectors in their home

No parking ordinance in effect till 4/15/10

A motion to adjourn was offered by Councilwoman Dawson, seconded by Councilman Hennessey and approved with the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Messina, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Hennessey, Councilman Jordan, Councilman Kotary

NAYES: none

ABSENT: none

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

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Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk