

The February 28, 2018 Town of Bethel Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center meeting room.

Council members present: Vicky Simpson
Lillian Hendrickson
Bernie Cohen

Council member absent: Dawn Ryder

Attorney for the Town: Karen Mannino

The meeting was opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Chatwal Lodge

The following were present:

Theresa Bakner Project Attorney
Louis Borko Project Manager
Steve Dubrovsky Partner
Glenn Smith Project Engineer
Allan Scott ALSCO Management

Allan Scott discussed the Chatwal Lodge in Chapin Estates project that has already been before the Town of Bethel Planning Board and was received very well. (Dream Hotels – The Chatwal Lodge.) There are tax benefits for the Town, County and State, a positive impact. This is twenty-six acres on Toronto Reservoir which has equestrian, bar, spa, restaurant, and events center (open to the public with a reservation). Anticipate 100 jobs, sales, tax, property tax, school, town, and county and within the White Lake Fire District.

Past received room tax, mortgage tax, etc. from Chapin Estates. The roads will be private and not maintained by the Town of Bethel. Mike Fisher of Fisher Mears-marketing agency gave a power point presentation.

Request to attend 36th Annual Town Clerk’s Conference

Motion by Mr. Cohen to receive, file and approve request from Rita Sheehan, Town Clerk, to attend the 36th Annual Town Clerk’s Conference on April 22-25, 2018 in Rochester, NY. Ms. Sheehan will be rooming with Town of Delaware Town Clerk as a cost saving measure. The cost including lodging, classes and all meals is \$481. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Approve agreement with Sullivan County for 2018 Municipal Cleanup

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD TO AUTHOIRZE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2018 COUNTY MUNICIPAL CLEAN-UP

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel will be participating in the 2018 municipal cleanup to improve the appearance of Sullivan County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan has set guidelines and regulation for the Town’s who are participating in the program, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel Town Board has authorized the Town Supervisor to sign any and all necessary agreements with the County of Sullivan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel will conduct their annual spring clean-up on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Motion by Bernard Cohen, seconded by Vicky Simpson, and adopted on the 28th day of February, 2018.

Moody's Annual Comment

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive, file Moody's annual comment of the Town of Bethel credit overview. The credit position for Bethel is strong, and its Aa3 rating is on par with the median rating of Aa3 for US cities. The key credit factors include a robust financial position, an affordable debt burden and a mid-range pension liability. It also reflects a healthy wealth and income profile and a modestly sized tax base. Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Correspondence Glenn Smith

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file letter dated 2/13/2018 from Glenn L Smith, P.E., Consulting Engineer, P.C. for the Chapin Estates 19 lot subdivision. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Resolution to approve road specification waiver for Mountain Laurel Trail part of the Chapin 19-lot Subdivision

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
WAIVING CERTAIN STREET SPECIFICATION FOR CHAPIN
ESTATES 19-LOT SUBDIVISION, MOUNTAIN LAUREL TRAIL**

WHEREAS, Chapin Estates 19 Lot Subdivision (hereinafter "Project") has received Preliminary Approval from the Town of Bethel Planning Board (hereinafter "Planning Board") and is seeking Final Conditional Subdivision Approval; and

WHEREAS, the Project requires an extension of Mountain Laurel Trail, a private roadway approved by the Town of Bethel Town Board (hereinafter "Town Board") and Planning Board in its approval of the original Preserve at Chapin Estates, said roadway having been constructed in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the current Mountain Laurel Trail that is sought to be extended consists of a minimum 12" thick compacted shale base, topped with a 5" thick wearing course of compacted item #4 gravel or crusher-run gravel and the travel-way width of 20' with 5' wide shoulder; and

WHEREAS, the Project has requested that the Town Board, in accordance with Town Code 300-27(B)(1), grant a waiver of the requirement that private streets be built to the same standards as those required for public streets; and

WHEREAS, the Project proposes the extension of Mountain Laurel Trail approximately 5,000 feet to a new dead-end cul-de-sac; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension of Mountain Laurel Trail will be a private road, which shall remain private, with no Town responsibilities for operation or maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Project will consist of the same materials, construction travel-way width and shoulder width as the current Mountain Laurel Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined this to be an unlisted action for purposes of State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined itself to be lead agency for SEQRA purposes for the street waiver only; and

WHEREAS, the Town has caused to be prepared a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") finding that the action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel hereby declares itself to be lead agency for the purpose of granting the required Town Code 300-27 waiver; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action contemplated under this Resolution is an unlisted action for which the Town has prepared a Short Form EAF and hereby issues a negative declaration; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby directed to sign and file the EAF and negative declaration; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby grants the requested 300-27 waiver to the extent the Project shall be permitted to construct the extension of Mountain Laurel Trail, a private road, with "12" thick compacted shale base, topped with a 5" thick wearing course of compacted item #4 gravel or crusher-run gravel with a travel-way width of 20' with a 5' wide shoulder.

FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall become effective when adopted.

Motion by Bethel Town Board Member – Mrs. Vicky Simpson
Seconded by Bethel Town Board Member – Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Bernie Cohen	X	
Lillian Hendrickson	X	
Vicky Simpson	X	
Daniel Sturm	X	
Dawn Ryder (absent)		

Duly adopted by 4 ayes and 0 nays on the 28th day of February 2018.

Set Public Hearing for increase in maximum cost related to sewer improvements

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In the Matter	:	
of	:	ORDER
The Increased Cost of the Increase and	:	CALLING
Improvement of Facilities of the Kauneonga	:	PUBLIC
Lake Sewer District in the Town of Bethel,	:	HEARING
Sullivan County, New York	:	
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WHEREAS, pursuant to proceedings heretofore had and taken by the Town Board of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Section 202-b of the Town Law, it has been determined to be in the public interest to provide for a certain increase and improvement of the facilities of the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,883,195; and

WHEREAS, such increase and improvement of facilities consists of the removal, replacement and/or rehabilitation of sewer collector and interceptor pipes and manholes for the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, all as more fully described in the map, plan and report including an estimate of cost prepared in connection therewith which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of such Town; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the improvements to the aforesaid facilities, it will be necessary to expend the sum of \$7,026,065, an increase of \$1,142,870 over that previously authorized; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on the question of authorizing such increase and improvement of facilities at a revised cost of \$7,026,065;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held at the Dr. Duggan community Center, 3460 Route 55, White Lake, New York, in said Town, on the 28th day of March, 2018, at 7:45 P.M., Prevailing Time, on the question of increasing the cost of the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District in the manner described in the preambles hereof, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by law.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing hereinafter provided to be published once in the official newspaper designated for this purpose, and also to cause a copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten, nor more than twenty, days before the date designated for the hearing.

Section 3. The notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, will meet at Dr. Duggan Community Center, 3460 Route 55, White Lake, New York, in said Town, on the 28th day of March, 2018, at 7:45 P.M. Prevailing Time, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing upon a certain map, plan and report including a revised estimate of cost prepared in relation to the proposed increased cost of an increase and improvement of the facilities of the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District in the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, consisting of the removal, replacement and/or rehabilitation of sewer collector and interceptor pipes and manholes for the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith. The maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid increase and improvement of the facilities of Kauneonga Lake Sewer District in the Town is \$7,026,065, an increase of \$1,142,870 over that previously authorized.

At said public hearing said Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect immediately. The question of the adoption of the foregoing Order was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

		AYE	NAY
Bernie Cohen	Voting	X	
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	X	
Dawn Ryder	Voting	(absent)	
Vicky Simpson	Voting	X	
Daniel Sturm	Voting	X	

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted

Resolution to declare lead agent and declare a negative declaration

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQRA**

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING SIGNIFICANCE UNDER SEQRA WITH
RESPECT TO PROPOSED PHASE 3 AND 4 OF UPGRADE OF THE
KAUNEONGA LAKE SEWER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel (“Town Board”) heretofore approved a four phase project to upgrade the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, the first two phases of the upgrade project have been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to complete the third and fourth phases of this project; and

WHEREAS, phases 3 and 4 of this upgrade involve maintenance or repair, specifically the removal, replacement and/or rehabilitation of sewer collector and interceptor pipes and manholes, specifically phase 3 involves relining or replacement of 22,582 feet of pipe, repair of 53 manholes and replacement of 58 shore line pipe laterals with phase 4 involving replacement of 4,352 feet of pipe, repair or replacement of 9 manholes and replacement of 21 line pipe laterals; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined itself to be lead agency under State Environmental Quality Review (hereinafter “SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, phases 3 and 4 involve maintenance and repair without any substantial changes in the facility and are therefore a Type II action for which no further review is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to SEQRA, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel declares itself to be lead agent in this matter.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to SEQRA, the Town Board hereby declares this action to be a Type II action for which no further review is required.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that the action will have no negative environmental impact.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby directs that a copy of this resolution be filed with (a) the Supervisor of the Town of Bethel, (b) the lead agency, (c) any involved agencies, and (d) any person who has requested a copy; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall become effective when adopted.

Motion by Town Board member – Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson, Seconded by Town Board member – Mrs. Vicky Simpson, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

		AYE	NAY
Bernie Cohen	Voting	X	
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	X	
Dawn Ryder	Voting	(absent)	
Vicky Simpson	Voting	X	
Daniel Sturm	Voting	X	

Duly adopted by 4 ayes, 0 nays the 28th day of February, 2018.

Shapiro & Sons – West Shore Road

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file junkyard license renewal for Shapiro & Sons, West Shore Road, Kauneonga, NY and forward to the Building Department for inspection of the property and report back to the Town Board on the status for issuing a junkyard license renewal for Shapiro & Sons. Seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Resolution to adopt vehicle fleet policy

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
TO ADOPT A VEHICLE FLEET POLICY**

WHEREAS, energy costs represent a significant amount of Town of Bethel (“the Town”) expenditures and the Town desires to continue in its leadership role in environmental stewardship;

WHEREAS, the operation and maintenance of the Town’s vehicle fleet is essential to its ability to provide services to its residents;

WHEREAS, the fleet represents a significant environmental and financial cost such that in 2013, the Town’s baseline year for its Greenhouse Gas Inventory, its fleet consumed 10,459 gallons of gasoline and 24,661 gallons of diesel fuel and was responsible for the emission of approximately 344 metric tons of CO2 equivalent or approximately 27% of the Town’s total greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that improving the energy efficiency of its fleet can lead to significant long-term monetary savings;

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that energy use associated with the operation of its vehicle fleet impacts local air quality and results in greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to exercise its power as a participant in the marketplace to ensure that purchases and expenditures of public monies are made in a manner consistent with improving local air quality, improving vehicle efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions; **BE IT THEREFORE**

RESOLVED, that the Town hereby adopts the attached Vehicle Fleet Efficiency Policy effective immediately.

Motion by Town Board Member – Mrs. Lillian Hendrickson
Seconded By Town Board Member – Mrs. Vicky Simpson

Roll Call Vote -	Aye	Nay
Bernie Cohen	X	
Lillian Hendrickson	X	
Vicky Simpson	X	
Daniel Sturm	X	
Dawn Ryder	(Absent)	

Adopted the 28th day of February, 2018.

Correspondence from Sullivan Renaissance – Community Development Grant

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file letter dated 2/20/2018 from Sullivan Renaissance congratulating the Town of Bethel on receiving the Community Development Grant. A matching grant in the amount \$5,000 towards maintenance of public spaces through the town. This is a reimbursement grant that requires submission of a completed final report including receipts for expenditures of at least \$10,000. The project must be completed and final report submitted no later than October 1, 2018.

Adjournment

There being no further items on the agenda motion by Mrs. Simpson to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk