

Bedford Hills, New York
October 18, 2011

The second meeting for the month of October of the Town Board of the Town of Bedford was held on October 18, 2011 at the Town Offices, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Supervisor Roberts.

Present: Lee V. A. Roberts : Supervisor
Peter Chryssos : Councilman
Francis Corcoran : Councilman
Chris Burdick : Councilman
David Gabrielson : Councilman

Lisbeth Fumagalli : Town Clerk
Eric Gordon : Town Attorney
Jeffrey Osterman : Town Planner
Steve Fraietta : Building Inspector
Amy Pectol : Receiver of Taxes
William Hayes : Chief of Police

and approximately five (5) residents/observers.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Chryssos, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED, that the following claims for 2011 be allowed for payment from their respective funds,

	2011
Paid Prior to Audit	\$ 556,877.95
General Fund	41,708.69
Highway Fund	44,248.28
Consolidated Water District	2,220.69
Cedar Downs Water District	633.25
Farms Water District	2,017.07
Old Post Road Water District	379.95
Energy	9,729.75
Special Districts:	
Bedford Village Memorial Park	907.35
Bedford Hills Memorial Park	1,882.82
Katonah Memorial Park	1,841.87
Capital Projects	<u>20,789.64</u>
	\$ 683,237.31

MONTHLY REPORTS

Building (Aug. and Sept.)	Department of Public Works	Parking
Code Enforcement (Aug. and Sept.)	Finance	Police Consolidated
Dog Control	Justice Court	Town Clerk

Mrs. Roberts advised that these reports were available for review during normal business hours in the offices of the Supervisor and Town Clerk.

DEPARTMENTS

1. Approve new fees for Building Department.

Steven Fraietta, Building Inspector explained the reasons for the new fees, pointing out that all were safety issues and that all suppliers had been notified.

On a motion by Mr. Chryssos, seconded by Mr. Burdick, the following resolution was ADOPTED

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Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the addition of the following Building Department fees to the Town of Bedford fee schedule as per the memorandum dated October 13, 2011 from Steven Fraietta, Building Inspector:

1. Propane gas tanks – any size being installed - \$50.00
2. Generators – permanent installation only - \$175.00 plus \$12.00 per \$1,000.00 cost of generator.
3. Gas Inspections - \$50.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. American Jewish Committee has selected the Town of Bedford to receive the Energy Independence Award.

Mr. Corcoran read the letter dated October 11, 2011 from the American Jewish Committee notifying the Town of Bedford that it had been selected to receive the Energy Independence Award in recognition of leadership in the area of energy independence, achievements in sustainability and leadership as the founding member of the Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium (NWEAC).

PERSONNEL

1. Approve the October 21st Fair and Affordable Housing symposium as eligible for training credits for members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and notify all members of both boards they can attend at the Town's expense.

On a motion by Mr. Burdick, seconded by Mr. Chryssos, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the attendance of members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals at the Fair and Affordable Housing symposium at Pace University Law School on October 21, 2011, said attendance shall be at the expense of the Town of Bedford at \$20.00 per person and is eligible for training credits.

2. Richard Strongwater resignation from the Bedford Wetlands Control Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Gabrielson, seconded by Mr. Corcoran, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby accept the resignation of Richard Strongwater from the Bedford Wetlands Control Commission, effective immediately.

3. Julie A. Stern request to join the Blue Mountain Housing Development Corp.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Burdick, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby appoint Julie A. Stern to the vacancy on the Blue Mountain Housing Development Corporation and Bedford Town Housing Agency for a term to expire February 1, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution encouraging on-site mulching and composting of leaves.

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On a motion by Mr. Burdick, seconded by Mr. Gabrielson, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town of Bedford endorses and encourages all departments, property owners and residents, to help reduce the costs of unnecessary leaf collection and disposal by the Town and make optimal use of this rich organic resource by mulching and/or composting leaves on their own property; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, to encourage all landscapers working within the Town to implement these techniques on their clients' properties; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, to encourage residents to consult the B2020 website at www.bedford2020.org for more information about on-site leaf mulching, "how to" videos and testimonials from local landscapers, property owners and Town staff on the many benefits of this economical and environmentally beneficial method of leaf management.

2. Approval of Final Order in the matter of Extension No. 1 of the Old Post Road Water District to include tax parcel 84.11-1-10, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Chryssos, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick
Nays: None
Absent: None

WHEREAS, a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review ("SEQRA") to review any impacts relating to the extension of the Old Post Road Water District to include Tax Parcel Number 84.11-1-10, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church (the "Extension");

WHEREAS, the Extension is an "Unlisted Action" pursuant to SEQRA,

WHEREAS, the EAF has been review by the Town Board and a determination has been made that no environmental impacts will result from the Extension;

WHEREAS, the Town Board has also review a Final Order relating to the Extension approving the Extension;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 6, 2011 where the public was advised of the proposed Extension and provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposed Extension;

WHEREAS, the 30-day period for Permissive Referenda as provided in Town Law § 209-e, which commenced September 6, 2011, has expired, and during this time no Petitions requesting said Permissive Referenda were filed with the office of the Town Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, the Town Board adopts a negative declaration with respect to SEQRA;

RESOLVED, that the Final Order approving the Extension is hereby approved;

RESOLVED, that the Final Order approving the Extension shall be filed with the Westchester County Clerk and the New York State Comptroller's Office.

3. Set Work Session – 2012 Budget.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Burdick, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick
Nays: None

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Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby schedule a work session on the Town of Bedford 2012 budget for Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7:30 pm to be held at the Town House, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York.

4. Set date for interviews – Assessor.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Chryssos, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick

Nays: None

Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board shall conduct interviews of candidates for the Assessor's position on Thursday, November 3, 2011 beginning at 7:30 pm at the Town House, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York.

5. Set public hearing – Katonah Museum of Art – renewal of Special Use Permit.

On a motion by Mr. Chryssos, seconded by Mr. Burdick, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick

Nays: None

Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing on the application of the Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay Street, Katonah, New York for renewal of their Special Use Permit for Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:45 pm at the Town House, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident of Gordon Avenue addressed the Town Board and expressed concerns about the noise resulting from rock crushing at the Highway Department site on Crusher Road. He noted that the last few days the operation had been winding down and requested a plan of action moving forward. Mrs. Roberts responded that a meeting should be set up with Commissioner of Public Works Kevin Winn.

There being no further discussion the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 9:48 pm.

Lisbeth Fumagalli, Town Clerk