

TOWN BOARD
DECEMBER 8, 2004

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 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Theresa Egan, Supervisor
Daniel Plummer, Councilman
George Lenhardt, Councilman
Thomas Marcelle, Councilman
Tim Gordon, Councilman
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk
James T. Potter, Esq., Town Attorney

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

The Supervisor said this was the first December meeting and noted there will be one more for the 2004 year. She asked if there was any public comment on any item on the agenda.

Mrs. Capone, resident, noted there was a resignation of Christopher Hanifin and asked what department he worked with. Supervisor Egan said he was one of the Assistant Town Attorneys. He was one of the prosecuting attorneys in the Town Court. Mrs. Capone thanked the Supervisor.

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The Supervisor said they would move on but the public hearing was scheduled for 5:45 p.m. The first item on the agenda was to approve the Town Board minutes of October 27 and November 10, 2004.

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Gordon to approve the Town Board minutes of October 27, 2004 as submitted. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: Mr. Plummer.

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The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the Town Board minutes of November 10, 2004 as submitted. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: Mr. Plummer.

The next item was to acknowledge receipt of resignation of Christopher Hanifin. Supervisor Egan said he was serving as an Assistant Town Attorney in the Town Court as a Town Prosecutor. Due to a recent promotion along with family concerns and employer responsibilities, he found it necessary to resign. She said an appointment will be made at the organizational meeting in January.

Supervisor Egan congratulated and officially thanked Mr. Hanifin for everything he has done and said he did a great job. She said he will be missed.

The following item was a request from Engineering Division, DPW, Terrence Ritz, for approval of reduction in bonding for Walden Fields Subdivision, Phase 1.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Marcelle to approve the reduction in bonding for Walden Fields Subdivision, Phase 1 to a new amount of \$42,000 from the original amount of \$67,000 as requested by Terrence Ritz, Engineering Division, Department of Public Works. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Engineering Division, DPW, Terrence Ritz, for approval of reduction in bonding for Dowerskill PRD 4, Phases 1E, 3E and 1W.

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Marcelle to approve the reduction in bonding for Dowerskill PRD 4, Phase 1E from \$50,000 to \$3,600; Phase 3E from \$55,000 to \$1,250; and Phase 1W from \$80,000 to \$4,300 as requested by Terrence Ritz, Engineering Division, Department of Public Works. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was to approve the Agreement with Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society for 2005 Animal Shelter Agreement. Supervisor Egan noted this is an agreement that is entered into each year and the only change was in Article 3 where the

municipality agrees to pay the Society for services, the proposed amount is \$7,000 and agreement has been reached through discussion and the amount will be \$6,500.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the Supervisor signing the 2005 Animal Shelter Agreement with the change in the amount to \$6,500. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The following item was a request from Administrator, Nan Lanahan, Parks and Recreation Department, for acceptance of donation of 2 trees from Cub Scout Pack 232, Glenmont. Supervisor Egan said the shade trees were planted at the dog park. She noted Ms. Shalyn Docous organized the effort and she thanked Ms. Docous.

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Marcelle to approve the acceptance of a donation of 2 trees from Cub Scout Pack 232, Glenmont, New York as requested by Nan Lanahan, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Nan Lanahan, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department, for approval of Seasonal Personnel.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the appointment of Seasonal Personnel as listed in the Memorandum dated December 1, 2004 from Nan Lanahan, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department at the titles and salaries listed and on file with the Bethlehem Town Clerk. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Highway Superintendent, Gregg Sagendorph, for approval of award of bid for one (1) Hooklift Loader Mechanism for the Sanitation Department. Supervisor Egan noted there were 2 bids received. Councilman Marcelle asked about there being 2 bids and the recommendation is to go with Tracey Road Equipment due to what fact. Highway Superintendent Sagendorph said the low bidder

did not meet the specifications in a number of areas. He said Tracey overbid because they put in some equipment that was not listed. He said Tracey thus gave a credit and lowered their bid. Councilman Marcelle thanked Mr. Sagendorph.

The motion was made by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the award of bid for one (1) Hooklift Loader Mechanism for the Sanitation Department as requested by Gregg Sagendorph, Highway Superintendent to Tracey Road Equipment, E. Syracuse, New York. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Principal Engineering Technician, Terrence Ritz, for acceptance of deeds for the Waldenmaier Subdivision, Phase 2. Supervisor Egan said it is actually 13 deed documents for highway and easement purposes. She said this is in accordance with the subdivision map.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Marcelle to accept deeds for Waldenmaier Subdivision, Phase 2, as listed in the Memorandum from Terrence Ritz, Principal Engineering Technician, Department of Public Works dated December 2, 2004. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Supervisor to authorize letter on amendment to legislation for Medicaid. Supervisor Egan said one of the bigger employers in Town, New Visions, sent her some information in regard to a bill entitled Direct Support Professional Fairness and Security Act of 2004 which would amend the Medicaid law and provide a State option to enhance Medicaid payments to states to enable them to increase salaries, wages and fringe benefits for direct support workers. She said there was a letter that was attached to the package and she asked for a motion to send the letter on.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve Supervisor Egan forwarding the letter regarding the Direct Support Professional Fairness and Security Act of 2004 to provide amendment of the Medicaid law. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Comptroller, Judith Kehoe, to increase the purchasing card transaction limit.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the increase in the purchasing card transaction limit to \$1,000 as requested by Comptroller, Judith Kehoe. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The following item was a request from Judith Kehoe, Comptroller, for adoption of resolution amending the Deferred Compensation Program. Supervisor Egan said it was changes made by the New York State Deferred Compensation Board. She said these changes are filtering down to the Town offered program. She said the Town has until the end of the year to adopt the changes. Councilman Plummer noted this was very positive. Supervisor Egan said it was good.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the adoption of a resolution amending the deferred compensation program as requested by Judith Kehoe, Comptroller. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Comptroller Judith Kehoe for approval of allocation of Time Warner Cable Funding. Supervisor Egan noted this comes around about every 10 years when talk is done about the breakdown. She said the split is between the school district and the library. She said after considerable negotiation, which Councilman Plummer and Mrs. Kehoe helped with, they are looking to agree to a split on that of 57.50 percent for the library and 42.50 percent for the school. Mrs. Kehoe said the school and library are in favor of this proposed split.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the allocation of Time Warner Cable Funding of 57.50 percent for the library and 42.50 percent for the school. This was agreed upon by both entities and requested by Comptroller, Judith Kehoe. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Judith Kehoe, Comptroller, to authorize a transfer from the General Fund to Highway Fund. Supervisor Egan noted there was a \$500,000 allotment for transfer to the Highway Fund, noting this was consistent with the multiple year plan to supplement the tax revenues in the Highway Fund to minimize any tax increase of that fund.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Gordon to approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Highway Fund as requested by Comptroller, Judith Kehoe. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was a request from MIS Director, Jeffrey Dammeyer, for authorization to expend not to exceed \$64,000 from General Fund Capital Reserve for computer hardware.

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Gordon to approve expending not to exceed \$64,000 from the General Fund Capital Reserve for purchase of computer hardware for the RPS Version 4 Assessment software as requested by MIS Director, Jeffrey Dammeyer. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

PUBLIC HEARING BEGAN: 5:45 p.m.

SUPERVISOR EGAN: Kathy, could you read the call of the meeting.

TOWN CLERK NEWKIRK:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at 5:45 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the Town's proposed Agency Plan for 2005 and Five Year Plan for 2005-2009 for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Copies of the Agency Plan and all supporting documentation are available for review by the public at either of the following locations:

For an official copy of the minutes, please visit the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY or call 439-4955.

Town of Bethlehem
445 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054
(518) 439-4955

Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc.
242 Union Street
Schenectady, NY 12305
(518) 372-4739 Ext. 26.

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's office at 439-4955, Ext. 183. Advanced notice is requested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC,RMC
TOWN CLERK

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State of New York)
County of Albany)

LIZA CLINE of the Town of Bethlehem, being duly sworn, says that she is the RECEPTIONIST for THE SPOTLIGHT, a weekly newspaper published in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, and that the notice of which the annexed is a true copy, has been regularly published in said THE SPOTLIGHT ONCE A WEEK FOR 1 WEEK consecutively, commencing on the 29th day of September 2004.

/s/ Liza Cline

Sworn to before me this 29th day of Sept. 2004.

/s/ Sharon A. Doldo
Notary Public, Albany County

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ALBANY) ss.:

KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York and that I posted on September 29, 2004, a Notice of Public Hearing, a copy of which is hereto attached, on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision six of Section thirty of the Town Law.

/s/ Kathleen A. Newkirk
Town Clerk

Sworn to before me this
8th day of December 2004.

/s/ Julie S. McNeil
Notary Public

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The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Marcelle to indent the Notice of Public Hearing, Affidavit of Publication and Affidavit of Posting on the minutes of the meeting. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

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SUPERVISOR EGAN: Great. Joe Mastrianni is with us this evening. Joe, you want to take the mike and give us your run down. Thank you.

MR. MASTRIANNI: Sure, I'll be brief. Thank you very much for setting up the public hearing. As you know from the description read, this is a plan for 2005. This plan starts January 1st, 2005, which is your fiscal year for this program, and we also have a 5 year plan that goes out to 2009. The plans are similar to past plans and we do not plan any changes in how your program is administered. We've been administering your program since 1985. It includes in addition to the Town of Bethlehem, the Town of New Scotland. The Town of Bethlehem is the lead agency in the program. Federal Government makes about \$280,000 each year available to subsidize rents of elderly, disabled and other low income families in privately owned apartments and in some cases, single family or two family houses.

We run actually something called the voucher program and the family self-sufficiency program. The voucher program is the one that subsidizes the rents. Family self-sufficiency program helps primarily single moms get off of welfare, get off of Section 8. We work with them for an extended period of time to get them into a self-sufficient position where they are not dependent on public subsidies.

If you have the summary that I prepared, that's the document that I will be working from and all I want to do now is go over the numbers and give you some indication of where we stand. When I did this, it was in September, we had 78 families on the waiting list, today I ran it again and we have 84 families on the waiting list. Sixty-eight of those families are residents of the project area and, of course, they get preference. So, those are the families that we would be dealing with.

The program utilization we can help 59 families. As of today, we're helping 56 families. For the entire year we are running at 98.5 percent utilization, which is fine. That's, you know, that's a good number to have. We probably will not run that high next year because there have been some budget cuts. Right now, HUD is limiting the amount we can spend per family per month in subsidies and utility reimbursements and they are basing that on figures from August of 2003. It's a little tight. They say we can spend up to \$305.17 per month. This year we spent \$305.11 per month. So, we have a little cushion of \$.06 per unit month. Next year, I expect that to be cut some and I'm not a policy person. Whatever comes down the pike we work with and we do the best we can. So, we will help as many families as we can. We track this each month very closely so that we know where we are.

This past year we had 12 people admitted to the program and 11 left. So, that's pretty standard. We inspect each house before we pay a subsidy and it must pass our, what we call, our housing quality standards. We had 66 inspections that passed last year. We had 41 that failed. We got in trouble with this down in the village of Highland Falls because a newspaper the next day said there is a huge problem with the quality of housing and that is not the case. The failures usually are non-working smoke detectors, some debris outside the house. We find very few serious problems and certainly that is true in the Town of Bethlehem. Lead based paint; we had 3 inspections that passed and 11 that failed.

Moving on to the final thing, the family self-sufficiency program, we can help 25 families there. We are currently helping 15. And, it is very difficult to fill this program because when we subtract the elderly and the disabled from all the families that we are assisting, we're left with 22 families that we can work with. And, I think that it is pretty good that we got 15 of those families in the program. Seven of those families in the program have escrow accounts and if you can recall from last year, that means that they are either employed when they were previously unemployed coming into the program or they have gotten better jobs. And, each month we make a deposit into an escrow account for them. If their income goes up and their rent goes up – let's say their rent goes up \$100 a month – we match that and make a deposit of \$100 a month to their escrow account. And, this can grow considerably and many of our people use that to get into our homeownership program which is really starting to take over... take off, I should say.

We've had 5 closings so far where people who were on Section 8 are now homeowners and taxpayers. And, as I said last year, when they graduate from the program and we deliver that check -- and it can be substantial -- we also deliver a dozen roses. Now last year, I bought 44 dozen roses. This year we are a little slower, it's 33 dozen and a couple plants, because we have male participants and we don't give them roses, we give them houseplants. The program is running along smoothly. We have no problems. We work very well with the Town and we are pleased to be able to administer your program.

And, if you have any questions, I'll try to answer them.

SUPERVISOR EGAN: Anyone have any questions for Joe? Joe, it is a huge benefit. I know I heard from a couple people during the year this year that we are very grateful for everything... what you and your people in your office do. So, I do know it is a needed benefit here in Town and we are very appreciative of everything you do.

MR. MASTRIANNI: Thank you very much.

SUPERVISOR EGAN: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN GORDON: I have a question. Yeah, we do very much appreciate what you are doing. You mention the 11 families or 11 participants who left the program. What are some of the circumstances of their departure?

MR. MASTRIANNI: We hope that their income is too high for the program and that is often the case. Sometimes they get married, whatever, or they die -- that happens as well. Occasionally, we find somebody who is not as honest as they should be with us and they cannot participate in the program. And, depending upon what their infraction is, we prohibit them from participating in the program for between 1 and 3 years. Very serious infractions – and I won't go into detail – prohibit them for a lifetime from the program. We don't like to do that but it is not fair to the other people in the program. So, we do have that.

Once we do terminate them for a reason, they go into something called tenant check which is something we established 6 or 7 years ago with our sister company Happy Software and we now have 1887 housing authorities in that across the country and every time we have a tenant that is not being honest with us, it goes in there and before we put anybody in, we survey that to see if we got some bad apples from other housing authorities. And, that program just won a national award and it is free to any housing authority in the United States.

COUNCILMAN GORDON: Very good.

SUPERVISOR EGAN: Great. Any other questions? Joe, thank you.

MR. MASTRIANNI: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR EGAN: Do we have... this is the time if anybody has any questions or public comment in regard to that. We'd like to open up the microphone for anybody with any comments on the proposal that is in front of us. Going once, going twice. Okay, do I have a motion to close the hearing?

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt, and seconded by Mr. Plummer to close the public hearing at 5:59 p.m. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Town Clerk

Supervisor Egan asked if the Board was ready to move on the resolution. The following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution Adopting an Annual Plan for 2005
For the Town of Bethlehem Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

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WHEREAS, the Town of Bethlehem operates a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethlehem is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to prepare and adopt a written Annual Plan that establishes local policies for administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has caused a written Annual Plan for 2005 and a Five-Year Plan for 2005-2009 to be prepared establishing local policies for administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and has reviewed such written plan,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby adopts the Annual Plan for 2005 and the Five-Year Plan for 2005-2009 for operation of the Town of Bethlehem Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Mr. Lenhardt, seconded by Mr. Plummer and duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request for accept and acknowledge a donation from MADD to the Bethlehem Police Department of an Intoximeter unit and additional breath strips. Supervisor Egan acknowledged this and thanked MADD with appropriate letters being sent.

The next item was to acknowledge receipt of the 2003 Annual Report from the Bethlehem Police Department. Supervisor Egan said she had 3 calls about the date but the year is 2003. She said some of the information that goes into the report comes from the State and other authorities, there is a lag time on the completion of this report.

Councilman Marcelle said the report is excellent, noting it is thorough, comprehensive, and it is easily read and laid out. He congratulated Chief Corsi on a fine job. Second Mr. Marcelle recognized that in the summary it is noted that for the year 2003 violent crime or the most serious crime in Bethlehem was down almost 17 percent. He congratulated the chief and the force on the job well done for that.

Mr. Marcelle asked about page 21 noting there is a list of all the DWI's and misdemeanors and some miscellaneous. He said it also lists felony arrests and drug alcohol DWI. He said he counts these to be about 135 and said on page 30 where DWI

and alcohol, there is 230. He said he is wondering what he is not understanding. Chief Corsi said that could be a culmination of all alcohol noting he would have to look at it. Mr. Marcelle asked if that was the one on page 30. Chief Corsi confirmed it was. The Chief said you have to understand with that comes all those that are refusal, zero tolerance law, alcohol that is lower than .8 as impairment and so on. He said he would look into the numbers.

Councilman Marcelle asked if that number is almost double than the prior 4 year average. Chief Corsi said there has been a move in Albany County that has recognized that alcohol is on the rise. He said their efforts continue with County initiatives to provide alcohol enforcement in the area. He said in spite of all the efforts in the County, those numbers continue to rise.

Councilman Marcelle asked if there was a special effort made. He said he noted alcohol related deaths were down in the Town and was curious if that reflected a special program that the force instituted. Chief Corsi said they participate with Albany County Stop DWI and several initiatives during the calendar year where enhanced enforcement is specifically targeted at certain dates. In addition he said they take a strong stand on operating motor vehicles while intoxicated and arrest at every opportunity.

Councilman Marcelle said he wanted to thank the Chief and noted the deaths were down for DWI and traffic related death, which is something near, and dear to him. He also wanted to say to the Chief that he wanted to acknowledge what a fine job he has done as Police Chief and what a fine force we have. He said despite some critics in the media and probably do not know anything about police work, he wanted to recognize what a quality job Chief Corsi and his officers do for the Town and the citizens. Chief Corsi said on behalf of the department, he thanked Councilman Marcelle.

Councilman Lenhardt asked about most current activity of the department. He asked if counseling is provided if desired for the officers. Chief Corsi said they do. Mr. Lenhardt thanked Chief Corsi.

Supervisor Egan asked if there were any other questions for the Chief. She thanked Chief Corsi and all the officers on behalf of the entire Board for all the work that is done 24 hours, 7 days a week. Chief Corsi thanked the Supervisor.

The following item was a request from Police Chief, Louis Corsi, to accept donation of \$50 from Nancy Farr.

The motion was made by Mr. Marcelle and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to accept a donation of \$50 from Nancy Farr for the DARE program as requested by Louis Corsi, Chief of Police. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Chief of Police, Louis Corsi, to accept resignation of Telecommunicator. Supervisor Egan noted Mr. Beck will be leaving Town service for a position with the Village of Ravenna Police Department as a Police Officer. Supervisor Egan noted they send with him wishes for the best in his new employment and thank him for his services.

The motion was made by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to accept the resignation of Telecommunicator, Kenneth G. Beck, Jr., effective November 30, 2004, as requested by Chief of Police, Louis Corsi. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The following item was a request from Police Chief, Louis Corsi, to accept \$1,000 grant from Walmart Foundation to offset equipment costs and to authorize a budget modification to increase gifts and donations revenue and increase Police equipment line item by \$1,000.

The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Marcelle to approve the acceptance of \$1,000 from the Walmart Foundation to offset equipment costs and authorize budget modification to increase gifts and donations revenue and increase Police equipment line item by \$1,000. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Director of Field Operations, Charles Wickham, Jr., for approval of award of bid for one (1) Hydraulic Fusion Machine.

The motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Lenhardt to approve the award of bid for one (1) Hydraulic Fusion Machine to the low bidder Vari Tech LLC, 4545 Wetzell Road, Liverpool, New York at a cost of \$31,207.11 as requested by Charles Wickham, Director of Field Operations. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Supervisor Egan noted this finished the items on the agenda. She said this is the first Town Board meeting since the event that happened on Brockley Drive. She asked everyone to take a moment of silence to remember Peter Porco and send prayers and best thoughts to Joan who left the hospital today. She thanked everyone.

The Supervisor noted there has been some information disseminated with respect to this matter. She wanted to assure everyone that it is the Police Department's and the Board's and government primary concern to keep everyone safe and the community safe as possible. She said in the event that there is any indication as we move through the investigation that there is any reason to provide you any notice in regard to your public safety, she said the public can have the assurance that the Town will do that as soon as they become aware of any reason to do that.

Supervisor Egan said in addition, there has been some questions raised in regard to the participation of other law enforcement personnel in this investigation. She said she has every confidence in our Police Department noting that there has been involvement of multiple law enforcement personnel including but not limited to the State Police. She said they will continue to be involved in the investigation as needed until there is a conclusion to this matter. She said unfortunately there are a lot of people looking for a lot of answers in this matter. Information cannot be provided because it is a criminal investigation. No one wants to jeopardize the integrity of the investigation. She appreciates everyone's patience and knows it can be frustrating but the process is taking place as everyone has read.

Supervisor Egan said moving on to updates, the comp plan is moving close to the end. She said the next meeting is December 20th at 6:30 at the Delmar Reformed Church. She said this is a working meeting with BPAC. She said they are still hoping to be on schedule so that they have the draft plan by the end of the year with another public meeting of the actual plan on January 10th. She said they are still welcoming comments, questions or anything else.

The Supervisor said they are moving forward to present that with public hearings from BPAC with hopefully a vote out to the Town Board in February. She said the zoning changes are happening with everyone anxious for the zoning changes. She said the zoning amendments cannot be done until the draft plan is done. She said they are working on it.

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Supervisor Egan said the EPA is supposed to announce something about the dewatering facility sometime before the end of the year. She said there is a meeting tomorrow but anticipate they may hear something before Christmas. She said again, as soon as something is know, the public will be informed of it.

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Supervisor Egan said First Columbia is ready to do their ground breaking of the new medical building on December 16. She said they are looking forward to working with them through the process.

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Supervisor Egan asked if anyone wished to address the board. Mr. Chris Hanifan said he was early on the agenda but he was delayed in traffic. He wanted to thank the Board and said it was humbling and a privilege to serve the Town and work with a fine group of people. He said there is an excellent number of employees that make Town court work very well and it was an honor for him to have served. He said he hoped the transition goes very well. Supervisor Egan thanked Mr. Hanifan. Councilman Marcelle thanked Mr. Hanifan and noted he did a wonderful job.

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Supervisor Egan asked if there were any other comments. There were none. She mentioned for everyone's information there is a Board meeting scheduled for January 22, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. She said there will be entertainment on the 22nd also.

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The motion was made by Mr. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Gordon to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 6:12 p.m. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

Town Clerk