

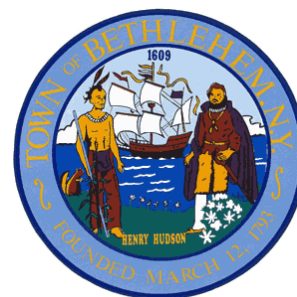
*Town Supervisor  
John Clarkson*

*Town Board Members  
Joyce Becker  
David VanLuven  
Doris Davis  
Julie Sasso*

# TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

## Town Board Agenda

Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
6:00 PM



### I. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Joyce Becker	Board Member	Present	
John Clarkson	Town Supervisor	Present	
Julie Sasso	Board Member	Present	
David VanLuven	Board Member	Present	
Giles Wagoner	Board Member	Present	
Nanci Moquin	Town Clerk	Present	
James Potter	Town Board Counsel	Present	

### II. Announcements

### III. Public Comments

Nancy Neff spoke about Open Space Planning

David Hostig spoke about Normanskill slide.

There were fifty-eight (58) people that spoke about the proposed Resolution Affirming Bethlehem's practices with regard to Citizenship, Immigration and Protecting against threats or violence targeting National Origin, Race, Religion, or Citizenship. There were forty-one (41) people that spoke in favor of the resolution and seventeen (17) that spoke against.

### IV. Minutes Approval

#### 1. Wednesday, January 25, 2017

**RESULT:** ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Julie Sasso, Board Member  
**SECONDER:** David VanLuven, Board Member  
**AYES:** Becker, Clarkson, Sasso, VanLuven, Wagoner

### V. Line Items

- **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AFFIRMING BETHLEHEM'S PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO CITIZENSHIP, IMMIGRATION AND PROTECTING AGAINST THREATS OR VIOLENCE TARGETING NATIONAL ORIGIN, RACE, RELIGION, OR CITIZENSHIP**

## **Resolution #2017-07**

### **Resolution Affirming Bethlehem's practices with regard to Citizenship, Immigration and Protecting against threats or violence targeting National Origin, Race, Religion, or Citizenship**

WHEREAS, Bethlehem is committed to adhering to the requirements of the United States Constitution, the New York State Constitution, and of state and federal law, while affirmatively embracing our heritage as a nation of immigrants with a moral imperative to assist refugees and support human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Police Department is committed to following model practices, protecting public safety and everyone within our town; and

WHEREAS, the Town wants to ensure that victims of crime and witnesses to criminal activity are not deterred from reporting to public safety officials; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethlehem will not tolerate persecution of people because of their national origin, race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, citizenship, immigration status, or any other legally protected status, and is prepared to take any affirmative steps necessary to protect against such occurrences;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that this resolution affirms and specifies that it is Town Policy that:

- The Bethlehem Police Department will continue to not engage in activities solely for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws, nor do its officers:
  - Ask crime victims or witnesses their immigration status unless necessary to a criminal investigation or for the protection of public safety, nor
  - Stop, interrogate, or arrest an individual based solely on actual or suspected immigration or citizenship status, absent a judicial warrant.
  
- Town personnel and volunteers will continue to neither inquire about nor request proof of immigration status or citizenship when providing services, except where such services or benefits are contingent on citizenship, immigration status or where it is otherwise required by federal, state, or local laws.
  
- Instances of persecution or threats to individuals, groups or organizations targeted because of national origin, immigration status, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status will be responded to with appropriate priority and urgency, and Town personnel will take affirmative steps where necessary to protect against such occurrences.

A motion to adopt the resolution was offered by Councilwoman Sasso, seconded by Councilman VanLuven and adopted on February 8, 2017 with the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Becker, Councilwoman Sasso, Councilman VanLuven

NOES: Councilman Wagoner

ABSENT: none

The Town Board discussed the draft resolution and amendments to certain sections were proposed.

A motion to amend the resolution was offered by Councilwoman Sasso, seconded by Supervisor Clarkson and approved by all the Town Board members.

A motion to approve the Resolution as amended was offered and approved with the following vote:

**RESULT:** ADOPTED AS AMENDED [4 TO 1]  
**MOVER:** John Clarkson, Town Supervisor  
**SECONDER:** Julie Sasso, Board Member  
**AYES:** Joyce Becker, John Clarkson, Julie Sasso, David VanLuven  
**NAYS:** Giles Wagoner

- **REQUEST FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO AWARD THE BID FOR SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE (POOL CHEMICALS) TO THE LOW BIDDER, SURPASS CHEMICAL CO., INC.**

A motion to award the bid for Sodium Hypochlorite (pool chemicals) to the low bidder, Surpass Chemicals Co., Inc was offered and approved as follows:

**RESULT:** APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Giles Wagoner, Board Member  
**SECONDER:** Julie Sasso, Board Member  
**AYES:** Becker, Clarkson, Sasso, VanLuven, Wagoner

- **REQUEST FROM FLEET MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2017 CHEVY IMPALA SEDAN TWO 2017 CHEVY TAHOE PPVS FOR \$85,973.93 FROM THE NEW YORK STATE VEHICLE MARKETPLACE**

A motion to authorize the purchase of one 2017 Chevy Impala Sedan and two 2017 Chevy Tahoe PPVs for \$85,973.93 from the New York State Vehicle Marketplace was offered and approved as follows:

**RESULT:** APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Julie Sasso, Board Member  
**SECONDER:** David VanLuven, Board Member  
**AYES:** Becker, Clarkson, Sasso, VanLuven, Wagoner

- **REQUEST FROM DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FOR TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH MJ ENGINEERING FOR OPEN SPACE PLANNING SERVICES**

A motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with MJ Engineering for Open Space Planning service was offered and approved as follows:

**RESULT:**                    **APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**                    Joyce Becker, Board Member  
**SECONDER:**                John Clarkson, Town Supervisor  
**AYES:**                      Becker, Clarkson, Sasso, VanLuven, Wagoner

**VI.      New Business**

At the next meeting there will be a report out on overtime, 2016 budget transfers, Capital bonding and a contract concerning sewer odors.

**VII.     Adjournment**

**Motion To:** Adjourn

**RESULT:**                    **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**                    Julie Sasso, Board Member  
**SECONDER:**                Joyce Becker, Board Member  
**AYES:**                      Becker, Clarkson, Sasso, VanLuven, Wagoner

The meeting ended at 8:40pm.