

Town Supervisor

John Clarkson

Town Board Members

Joyce Becker

David VanLuven

Doris Davis

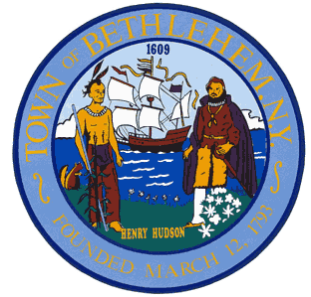
Julie Sasso

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Town Board Agenda

Wednesday, October 25, 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

none

IV. Minutes Approval

1. Wednesday, October 11, 2017

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

V. Presentation

• 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Michael Cohen, Comptroller, presented the 2018 Preliminary Budget.

VI. Public Hearings

1 Public Hearing for the 2018 Preliminary Budget on October 25, 2017 at 6:00PM.

A motion to open the public hearing was offered by Councilwoman Sasso, seconded by Councilman VanLuven and approved with the following vote:

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

NOES: none

A motion to forego the reading of the public notice and indent the notice into the minutes was offered by Councilman VanLuven, seconded by Councilwoman Becker and approved with the following vote:

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

NOES: none

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY at 6:00 p.m. on the 25th day of October 2017 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following officers, subject to final approval of the 2018 Town Budget, are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$ 118,017
Town Board Members (each)	\$ 15,571
Town Clerk	\$ 76,926*
Superintendent of Highways	\$ 103,996
Town Justice (each)	\$ 51,466
Receiver of Taxes	\$ 55,604

*This amount includes a stipend for serving as Registrar of Vital statistics as well as a longevity payment which cannot be paid to newly elected officials but also cannot be removed from elected officials serving as of November 26, 2013 (by resolution AI-2013-163).

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Notice shall be published once in the following newspapers: THE SPOTLIGHT, the official newspaper of the Town on October 18, 2017 and the TIMES UNION, an Albany newspaper, on October 18, 2017.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NANCI MOQUIN, TOWN CLERK

No one commented.

A motion to close the hearing was offered and approved as follows:

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

VII. Line Items

- **REQUEST FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MIS TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT NETWORK PRINTERS OFF NYS CONTRACT USING CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

A motion to approve the purchase of replacement network printers off NYS contract using Capital reserve Funds was offered and approved as follows:

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

- **REQUEST FROM SENIOR PLANNER FOR THE TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH NYSERDA FOR THE CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY GRANT FOR LED STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENTS WITHIN THE DELAWARE AVENUE STREETScape ENHANCEMENT PROJECT SUBJECT TO FINAL REVIEW BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY**

A motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute the contract with NYSERDA for the Clean Energy Community Grant for LED Street Light Replacements within the Delaware Avenue Streetscape Enhancement Project subject to final review by the Town Attorney was offered and approved as follows:

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

VIII. New Business

none

IX. Adjournment

Motion To: Adjourn

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

A motion to go into executive session to discuss current and pending litigation was offered and approved as follows:

X. Executive session

A motion to approve a settlement of the tax certiorari proceeding commenced by Stella Development , challenging the assessment of a converted residence located at 306 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, providing for a reduction of the 2014 (owner of record in 2014 - Edward Kleinke), 2015, 2016, and 2017 (owner of record in 2015,2016,2017 - Stella Development) assessments from \$165,000 to \$119,000 was offered by Councilman VanLuven, seconded by Councilwoman Becker and approved with the following vote:

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

NOES: none

A motion to approve a settlement of the tax certiorari proceeding commenced by Christopher Dempf, challenging the assessment of a single family rural residence located at 64 Hartman Rd Glenmont, providing for a reduction of the 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 assessments from \$225,000 to \$185,000 was offered by Councilman Wagoner, seconded by Councilwoman Sasso and approved with the following vote:

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

NOES: none

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm was offered by Supervisor Clarkson, seconded by Councilwoman Sasso and approved by all Board members present.