



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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**TOWN OF BETHEL
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 1, 2008
7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Burke and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was William Hagan, Town Attorney. Selectman Cleary was unable to attend as he was on vacation.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Burke called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Correspondence: None that was not already on tonight’s agenda.

Public Comments: Alice Hutchinson and Richard Merritt spoke.

Minutes – June 3, 2008 (Regular Meeting): First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the June 3, 2008 minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes - June 17, 2008 (Special Meeting): First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the June 17, 2008 minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes - June 25, 2008 (Special Meeting): First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the June 25, 2008 minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman’s Report: First Selectman Burke commented that tonight was Bethel’s third referendum and hoped that there would be a larger voter turnout.

New Business

1.) Consideration of Resolution – Safe Routes to Schools project

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that:

“WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel has published a legal notice display ad, and mailed a formal letter to abutting property owners, announcing a public informational meeting for the proposed Safe Routes to School project; and mailed notification to a number of officials and agencies,

WHEREAS, a public informational meeting was held on May 20, 2008 at which meeting residents had an opportunity to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectman has considered the concerns of the residents from the public informational meeting and finds that the proposed project is in the best interest of the Town of Bethel, and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the motoring public.

WHEREAS the Town of Bethel, based on the above information, and by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports the proposed project.”

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of Appointment – Youth Commission Alternate

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to accept the recommendation from the Republican Town Committee and appoint Jerome Ochs (R) to the vacant seat on the Youth Commission alternate. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of Race Event – Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park Roadways

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the request to hold the Slalom Race for Charity event on Saturday, August 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park subject to receipt of the appropriate insurance and notification to park occupants. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Burke advised the audience that the Board of Selectmen would be going into Executive Session. Audience members left the meeting.

4.) Consideration of Police Chief Contract – Executive Session Anticipated

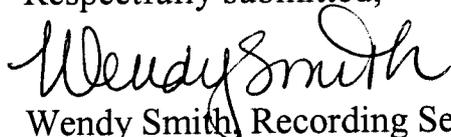
First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of the Police Chief Contract. Invited guests included William Hagan, Town Attorney and Wendy Smith as Office Administrator. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Executive Session ended at 7:48 p.m.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Burke, to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Police Chief contract. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary