**Bethel Local Development Corporation** **January 3, 2024**

 The Bethel Local Development Corporation (BLDC) meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sturm at the Duggan Community meeting room on January 3, 2024.

Present: Daniel Sturm

 William Crumley

 Bernard Cohen

 Lillian Hendrickson

 Wendy Brown

Present by Zoom: Moreen Lerner

Absent: Fred Michel

Mr. Sturm began the meeting at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and wanted it noted for the record that there was a quorum.

**Appointments**

Mr. Sturm reappointed Mr. Michel as a Board Member and Secretary.

Mr. Sturm welcomed and appointed to the Board, newly elected Town Council Member Wendy Brown.

**2024 Meetings**

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to set the 2024 BLDC meeting dates, seconded by Mr. Cumley, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

The dates are as follows:

March 6, 2024

May 1, 2024

July 3, 2024

September 4, 2024

November 6, 2024

All meetings will be held at the Duggan Community meeting room at 6pm. A legal notice will be sent to the Sullivan County Democrat.

**Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Crumley to approve the 10/4/2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**Bethel Business Association**

The BBA president, Ms. Marie Smith was present by Zoom. She is present to discuss the BBA’s event – Bethel Big Burn. She stated that in conjunction with the Sullivan County Conservation Club’s King of the Ice fishing contest, the BBA is holding a kick off event called the Bethel Big Burn. It will be held on February 17, 2024 at Alton Distillery. The plan is to have a large bonfire with food and drink available for purchase. There is no charge for this event. She is seeking approval from the BLDC to hold this event.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the Bethel Big Burn, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Mrs. Lerner said she would talk to the Town’s insurance company to see if they would require anything from Alton Distillery. Ms. Smith said she will come up with a letter for Alton Distillery to sign.

**Financial Report**

Mr. Sturm went over the Profit & Loss sheet. He reminded the Board that $5,000 was added to the BLDC for the CEAP program from Stimulus money.

Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

**BLDC Manager Report**

Grants received in 2023:

DVAA $3,000

CCE $2174.27

Farm Credit East $500

Grants submitted for 2024:

DVAA $3,000

CCE $1738.23

Reviewing animal shelter/kennel grant

Bethel Lakeside Music:

Music year round, including the summer series and holiday events.

Farmers and Makers Market:

Indoor market, last Saturday in March, April and May.

Outdoor market begins in June.

**PARIS Report**

Ms. Lerner stated that the PARIS report is due the end of March 2024.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Sturm

Recording Secretary