

JANUARY 27, 2016

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on January 27, 2016 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
Tamara O. Miles, Councilwoman
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk /Rec. Sec.
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
William Duncanson Jr, Attorney
Sandy Colvenback, resident
Student- Pine Valley School government class

ABSENT: Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

No one was present for public participation so this portion of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

Hwy. Supt. received a call that the insurance coverage on the excavator has been reduced due to its age (10 yrs.). It is now covered for \$85,000. instead of replacement value. Hwy. Dept. has been plowing and sanding and had an 18 hr. shift one day. Truck #9 was stuck in bus turn around on 28 Creek Road. Had to unload sand mixture so truck could be pulled out Truck #7 broke down and was pulled to shop where repairs to a broken wire were made. The grader has been set up for pushing back snowbanks. Heater switch in truck #9 has been repaired and is being checked for warranty. Repairs have been completed on a broken helper spring on truck #4. Ice slid of the highway bldg. and broke a shop window which is being repaired at D & S Glass. Solar panels are not working again. This is the sixth time the circuit has kicked off. Hwy. Supt. made a call and explained that we need more assistance as panels are not making any electric. A technician is coming tomorrow. The old Oshkosh was discussed as to whether to sell or keep it. Hwy. Supt. will check with auctioneers to see how much the Oshkosh is worth before making a decision to sell or keep it by the next meeting.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Miles to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Audit & Payment of Claims

At this time the Town Board reviewed the bills as follows:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#14 - #35	\$30,242.11
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#7 - #17	8,678.69
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#3	<u>2,190.24</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 2	TOTAL	\$41,111.04

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to approve payment of the bills as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Committee Reports

Recreation: Have started working on bands for the Band Concerts in the Park. The Town will not be involved in the Horse Rides scheduled at the Library on Feb.6th as the insurance for the horse owners will not list the Town as co-insurer on their insurance. It will be a Library program only but are asking for donations of cookies and refreshments. Supervisor spoke of the "snow sculpture" contest that used to be held in the Park.

Annual Reports

Town Justice annual report was reviewed by the Town Board. The JCAP Grant was discussed. Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to accept the Town Justice Annual report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

The Town Clerk annual report was reviewed by the Town Board.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Town Clerk Annual report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

The Historian's report was not available. The Supervisor will try to contact her.

It was discussed at the Organizational meeting about setting up a Web Master Committee. Town Clerk asked Councilman Rhinehart and Councilwoman Miles if they would take over getting information to the web page. It has been updated to 12/31/15.

Councilwoman Beightol asked the Supervisor for an explanation of the Committees that have been set up and the duties required.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of the January 6th, 2016 Town Board meeting.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Audits of the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Town Justice books of 2015 have been done by Town Board members, signed and filed.

Supervisor discussed the signing of the paperwork for payment to C.H.R.I.C.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to authorize the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk (when necessary) to sign paperwork, when necessary, for C.H.R.I.C.'s payment request from the State for the grant.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Policy & Procedures of this grant and an Agreement with C.H.R.I.C. for the Manufactured Home replacement grant was reviewed and discussed by the Town Board.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Miles to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement with C.H.R.I.C. so they can administer this grant for the Town of Ellington.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Letter received from Southwestern R.E.M.S.C. asking for the Town's support in the expansion of EMS territory.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Miles to send a letter of support from the Town of Ellington.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Supervisor received information on an Arbor Day Foundation Grant which was given to Councilwoman Miles as Grant Committee. There are also articles in Town & Topics magazine.

Information received from the Amish community about the establishment of an Amish Cemetery on Drybrook Road. The Town has no jurisdiction over private cemeteries but needs to be aware.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to send a letter to Mr. Byler acknowledging the Amish Cemetery.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Beightol to adjourn meeting at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.