

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on February 10, 2016 at 7:00p.m.at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
Tamara Miles, Councilwoman
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary
Sandy Colvenback, Resident

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

Public Participation

Steve Lundsten from Jensen-Haglund Monuments was present to discuss the Veterans Memorial monument that he would like to make for the Town Park. This has been discussed for many years but Steve was asked to come talk to the Town Board and discuss everyone's ideas on the monument and surrounding area. It was discussed that the monument that is in the Town Park now is made of wood and is deteriorating. Steve has large pieces of granite that he would like to make into a Veterans monument. His sons have also made a "rock" bench that he thought would look nice in the Park. Before this project gets started, most of the trees in the Town Park are very old or dying and need to be taken down for safety reasons. Discussed setting up a

Committee to review the trees and the entire Town Board make a decision about the trees. Councilwoman Beightol would like to see the Town speak to a consultant about the removal of trees. Councilman Rhinehart will call Forecon to see if they provide a consulting service. A grant to purchase trees or help pay for a planting plan as a Community project was discussed.

Resolution No. 2 - 2016, entitled "Application for an Urban Forestry Council Arbor Day Program Community Grant" was read by the Supervisor.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to approve Resolution No. 2 - 2016. A poll vote was called by the Town Clerk.

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

Highway Superintendent Report

When getting ready to place the new brine tank on the truck, it was discovered that the frame needed to be rebuilt and sprayed at Line-X. Report of water running down Harris Hollow Rd, found tube plugged and needed excavator to unplug and fix shoulder. Highway Supt. attended mandatory training for alcohol/drug testing. Truck #9 needed repairs to a water holding tank. Highway did some brush & tree work on the cemetery driveway.

Also did tree work on Waterman Road which will be ditched this summer. They fabricated "headlight guards" for the excavator. The "wing" project on the Lo-Pro has been completed. Still hauling salt and sand but well within the budget. Supervisor asked Hwy. Supt. about the mower attachment he had discussed previously. Town Board members received an informational flyer on this new mower to review and discuss.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to purchase the new mower.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Chase-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:	#36 - #50	\$101,955.39
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#18 - #32	17,020.59
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#4	<u>321.62</u>
ABSTRACT NO 3	TOTAL	\$119,297.60

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to pay the bills as submitted.

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

02/09	\$63,711.88	Chaut. Co. quarterly Sales Tax (budgeted \$220,000. for the yr)
02/09	2,834.00	Town Clerk fees for January 2016
02/09	2,136.00	Town Justice fees for January 2016
02/09	205,535.51	Tax Collector-Town Warrant fulfilled.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Miles to accept the minutes of January 27, 2016 as submitted.

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

Committee Reports

Committee will meet tonight after the regular meeting to discuss the bands for concerts. The Horse & wagon rides at the Library was well attended and received.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to accept the Assessor's monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to accept the Tax Collector's monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Town Justice's monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to accept the monthly Financial report prepared and submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the Budget modifications as prepared and submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

The Ellington Town Picnic Committee met with Supervisor Cronk and Councilwoman Miles to discuss the Town Picnic for this year. They are asking for the Town to have only 4 Band Concerts on Saturdays this year and they will have movie night, at their expense, on the 5th Saturday. In exchange they are asking for the Town to pay the \$450. towards a band that will play at Town Picnic. They also discussed ways to get funding to keep the Picnic going, fireworks, etc.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Miles to give Town Picnic \$450. towards a band for Town Picnic for just this year.

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

A Representative from TPS propane products talked to the Supervisor asking if the Town was going to bid for petroleum products this year. Flyer advertises \$1.39/gal for residential and he promises that they can do better for a municipality. This price was checked against our current costs by Lictus and we are at State bid or below now.

Councilman Chase discussed a program, Board Docs, to place agendas and minutes for the Town Board members online was discussed. It would cost \$1,000. to set up and \$3,000. a year. They would train us and also set up a demo. He will research other companies that do this.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn meeting at approx. 9:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy