

MARCH 9, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on March 9, 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
Roger Brainard, resident

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

Public Participation

Roger Brainard was present to ask questions of the Town Board concerning a motion made for the purchase of a mower on May 13th but never purchased. Town Board will look into this situation.

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

Highway Superintendent Report

Hwy. Supt. attended an "Equal Funding" Rally at the DPW in Falconer. Senator Catherine Young was present as was the media. Upstate New York has been shorted over 6 billion on road funding compared to down state New York. The new brine tank project has been completed. Getting ready for pot hole patching soon. The bucket on the excavator has been changed as to remove tree stumps from the highway right-a-way. Sweeper has been installed on the tractor and intersections have been swept. Sweeping of lanes will start on Thursday. I.D. Badges were discussed for new Council and employees. No word has been received from Town of Ellery on the shared equipment. Cherry Creek is looking at our Oshkosh for possible purchase. Hwy Supt called the County as we have not received a salt bill as of yet. Options to replace truck #7 were given to the Town Board for review and discussion. Monies are budgeted every year towards an equipment reserve. Salt shed would not be able to be purchased until 2017. Grant applications were discussed.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to purchase a new MACK truck to replace truck #7.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the Hwy. 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:	#62 - #82	\$11,136.36
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#41 - #56	<u>11,343.91</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 5	TOTAL	\$22,480.27

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

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

03/03/16	\$ 42.17	NYS Retirement- adjustment
02/26/16	100.00	Time Warner rent
03/09/16	1,324.88	Town Clerk fees-February 2016
03/09/16	477.50	Town Justice fees-February 2016

Committee Reports

Easter Party will be held on Saturday, March 19th from 10am to 12noon in conjunction with the Ellington Farman Library. There will be crafts, decorate cupcakes and hidden eggs.

Councilwoman Miles has not heard anything about the Arbor Day grant but the Arbor Day event will be held on April 23rd at the Library.

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Dog Control Officer has not submitted a report. She does plan to do an enumeration this year but she is still under medical care.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to accept the Budget Modifications made by the accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, CPAs.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the Financial Statement for February 2016 as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Supervisor will call Historian to get something in writing to resign from her job.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of February 24th, 2016 as submitted.

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

Online backup for computers was discussed. Town Clerk contacted Erick from Southern Tier Graphics asking him to attend a Town Board Meeting. Town Clerk explained the fear of losing the server and all the information it contains. Town Clerk (2), Assessor and Building Code computers need to have the information backed up. She explained that S.T. Graphics has been very good to work with and they are local. Councilwoman Miles talked with Southern Tier West about getting email addresses for Town Board members to be able to send agendas and minutes prior to meetings. She was quoted \$35.00 per person, totaling \$140. per month. Town Clerk will talk to Southern Tier Graphics for more information.

Town Hall Use application was submitted by the Board of Elections for elections.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to approve the request for Town Hall Use.

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

Town Park Use application submitted by Jesse McIntyre and Sara Melquist for a wedding on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 2p.m. to 4:30p.m.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to approve this request for use of the Town Park.

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

Mat Pickup informed the Supervisor that there will only be the one tractor pull this year at the ball field and that will be Town Picnic week end. Town will grade track.

All four of the Town Board members walked the Town Park and discussed the tree with Lori Brockelbank, Certified Arborist, from Wendel Co. If we get the Arbor Day grant, this will put us in line for other grants available. Some of the trees are diseased and need to be removed.

She will send a proposal to the Town with her recommendations for removal and plantings. A long range plan of playground equipment, monuments and trees needs to be drawn up.

We received notice of a health insurance consortium presentation to be held in Mayville on Monday, March 14th at 1:30p.m. Councilwoman Beightol will attend this meeting and requested the Town Clerk go with her.

Pictures of a lot of debris that has been thrown over the bank on South Hill Rd. were submitted to the Town Clerk and reviewed by the Town Board.

Pictures of a tube on 28th Creek Road was sent to the Town Clerk by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carpenter and requested to be given to the Town Board. These were reviewed at the meeting. Highway Supt. told the Board that this tube replacement was on his list for this year.

Received information about the registration and classes to be held at the Southern Tier West Local Government Conference on May 11, 2016 at Houghton College. Registrations are to be in by May 1st.

Tree removal from Waterboro Cemetery was discussed. Area is difficult to get in for removal.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 9:07p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.

