

APRIL 13, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on April 13, 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
Sonya Chadwick, Assessor
Sandy Colvenback, resident

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

Public Participation

The Assessor was present to inform the Town Board about various exemptions on property taxes. All exemptions are to be filed by March 1st. She also informed the Town Board about the change in STAR exemptions for 2016. Under this change, new property owners and first time STAR applicants will be getting a check from the State instead of the exemptions on their school taxes. Gas well values per cubic ft. are down 23% this year. The tentative assessed value for Ellington is 95%.

No one else was present for public participation so that section of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

The County delivered our concrete barriers from JMI as part of shared services. Installed a driveway sluice on Leach Hill Road. Graded and added some stone to soft spots on Wade Hill Rd and Young Street. Received a call that shoulder was washing away so have dug out and removed a lot of debris from sluice pipe on N. Hill Road. This was all bldg. materials and junk that needed to be taken to the landfill. Repaired and replaced road signs where needed. Contacted Great Lakes Tree Service to remove the tree on Church Street that was damaged by an accident. Shared service with excavator to Conewango to do brush chopping. Concrete apron at highway bldg. was discussed again. Employees will do site work and Elliott Construction was lowest bid last year.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to proceed with the concrete apron project at the highway bldg. with expenses to be taken out of building reserve.

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

Received information that Town of Ellington will receive C.H.I.P.S. funding (\$119,869.45) and also Local Pave N.Y. funding (\$27,361.39) which will be given out for the next four years to supplement C.H.I.P.S.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to accept the Highway Superintendent's 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:	#93 - #118	\$ 4,716.94
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#60 - #73	<u>11,300.23</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 7	TOTAL	\$16,017.17

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Rhinehart 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:

04/12/16	\$234.36	Weitsmen (scrap metal)
04/12/16	377.66	Town Clerk fees - March 2016
04/12/16	1,018.00	Town Justice fees - March 2016

Committee Reports

The Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 10am to 12 noon. There are several scheduled events and the planting of trees. Discussed purchasing plaques to place by trees when planted to explain what it is and when planted

Craig from Forecon will be in the Town Park on Friday at 9a.m. to meet with the Town Board to discuss a proposal about the trees in the Park.

The bands have been scheduled for the "Band Concerts in the Town Park" as follows:

July 2 nd	Mountain Railroad
July 9 th	Steve Strickland Duo
July 25 th	Sunny Side Up
July 23 rd	Randy Graham Duo
July 30 th	"Movie Night in the Park" with the Ellington Farman Library

Organizations will be notified for refreshments.

Summer Recreation will be joined with the Ellington Farman Library. It will be held during July on Tues, Weds, & Thurs. from 11a.m. to 12:30p.m. Town will provide snacks & refreshments & prizes, also provide certificates when completed. The theme this year will be "fitness".

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Beightol, 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 Rhinehart, seconded by Chase 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 Miles, 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 Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the Building Code Officer'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 Town Justice's monthly report as submitted.

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

No Animal Control Officer's report.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to approve the Budget Transfer as discussed.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to accept the monthly Financial Report for March 2016 received from the accounting firm of Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Correction to be made on transfer of CDBG monies from \$400,000 to \$426,000 before accepted. Also, correction to C.H.I.P.S monies be placed in the Budget.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of March 23rd, 2016.

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

Mike Eaker has made some repairs in the Town Park. He has been marking out the underground electrical lines.

As a result of the audit done by the auditor of NYS CDBG, we were advised to make a few changes to some of our policies. This includes placing the CDBG grant monies into our Budget figures, complaint form for the board of Ethics, change to procurement policy and budget amendments for CDBG grants.

Work meeting planned for May 25th to work on Employee Handbook as part of the regular meeting.

A complaint form for the Board of Ethics was reviewed by the Town Board.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the Board of Ethics complaint form as written.

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

Supervisor has called Lakeshore Paving to look over the blacktop in the driveway and parking lot He will be coming to look at it to see if we need any repairs.

A correspondence letter was received from Mr.& Mrs. Robert Carpenter on 28 Creek Road. Copies were given to the Town Board for them to read and discuss. An acknowledgement will be send to Mr. & Mrs. Carpenter.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn the meeting at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk, Recd Secy