

JULY 27, 2016

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

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

Absent: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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

Public Participation

Mr. Green asked what was going on with the investigation at the highway bldg. Hwy. Supt. told him the case had been closed as there is not enough proof of tampering to continue case. Hwy. Supt. has been meeting with Mack officials about any warranty help we could get on the truck. The mystery is, where did the 4 gallons of oil go? There have been no oil leaks on the floor. Mack has said they will take \$3,500. off the price of our new truck to compensate our loss.

Public participation closed.

Highway Superintendent's report

Graveled the upper end (7/10mi.)of Harris Hollow Road, now have York raked, brined and rolled. This must settle over winter before oil & stone. The concrete apron at the highway bldg. has been finished. The 2014 pickup truck has been traded in on a 2016 pickup truck. The sluice project on 28 Creek Road has been completed. Have done some hot mix patching on Dean School Road. The temporary repairs have been made on South Hill Road until Midland can come in the next 2 weeks to grind pavement. Loads of clay/sand mixture, donated by JMI, were placed on the tractor pull track and has been raked and rolled, ready for Town Picnic. The emergency brake on the roller has been repaired.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the Highway Superintendent's report as submitted.

VOTE: 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:	#203 - #214	\$5,662.36
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#124 - #131	21,250.98
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#15 - #16	<u>2,432.36</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 14	TOTAL	\$29,345.70

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

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of July 13, 2016 with the date correction as submitted.

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

Committee Reports

The Employee Handbook was discussed with the Attorney and found to be accepted by all.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to adopt the approved Employee Handbook as submitted.

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

The Legal Notice for bid applications for tree removal/pruning & stump grinding for the Town Park & Valley View Cemetery was posted in the Post Journal. Bids were opened on July 22nd and only one bid specified prevailing wage. Forecon's bid specs stated that the Town of Ellington did not need to accept prevailing wage. The Town has last decision on these bids.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to reject all bids because of incorrect information on bid specs.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to post Legal Notice to rebid adding that the Town requires prevailing wage and benefits.

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

Supervisor received word from Chautauqua Works that they have no summer help to send us.

Judge Johnson had applied for a JCAP Grant and received \$8,000. Handicap doors were installed at the Town Hall with part of these funds. A request to spend rest of grant funds was approved to purchase new flooring for the bathrooms, judicial robe and office supplies.

The Town Hall has been power washed and small pieces of the decorative sign were broken off. Sign was removed from building for repairs/replacement. Town Clerk informed the Town Board of the decorative sign damage on the Town Hall and having workers take it down as it needs repair and painting. Hanson Sign didn't know when someone could come to look at, Masterpiece Design (Andy Yochum) came to look it over and gave a quote of \$495. to repair and \$1,800 to make new. Town Board suggests we get some other pricing for different materials from other vendors.

Some of the Town Board did the annual "walk around" of the sidewalks and the park. At the meeting, the trees marked by Forecon were discussed, green space was discussed and some cracked sidewalk was a concern.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to close open session at 8:01p.m. and go into Executive session.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to close executive session at 8:15p.m. and reconvene in open session. Personnel was discussed and no votes or motions were made by the Town Board.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 8:16p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy