

AUGUST 10, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on August 10, 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

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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 part of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Supt. attended a meeting in Fredonia with the Dept. of Transportation concerning the road mileage revision for most municipalities. Town of Ellington had 1&3/10mi.(Abbey Hill Ext. & portion of Watkins Rd) taken away from us which is approx. a loss of \$2,500. in C.H.I.P.S. funding annually. Sluice pipe has been replaced at the Rickard residence on Hagerdon Hill Road. The milling part of the project on South Hill Road is finished. Oil & stone will be placed on top. The D.E.C. has rejected the permit for Dean School Rd project. Hwy Supt. rewrote and changed some designs and then resubmitted. We had shared service with Town of Poland with blacktopping. The "Pave New York" grant money is just for blacktopping roads. Four new tires have been put on the town's trailer. This is the trailer that had been pulled out of the weeds four years ago and reconditioned. Had to replace a tire on the new mower. Hwy. Supt. stated "leave it to us to get a flat tire in a tire that has no air in it", ordered new from Rodgers & Son. Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Hwy. Supt. 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:	#215 - #229	\$10,064.41
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#132 - #141	<u>26,841.18</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 15	TOTAL	\$36,905.59

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

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

08/01/16	\$407.84	Arbor Day Grant (last of grant)
08/08/16	27.00	refund from Quill Office Supplies
08/10/16	837.14	Town Clerk fees-July 2016
08/10/16	527.50	Town Justice fees-July 2016
08/10/16	60,943.92	Chaut. Co. Sales Tax

Committee Reports

No committee reports

Monthly Reports

Reports were reviewed from the Town Clerk, Building Code Officer, Assessor and Town Justice. Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the monthly reports as submitted.

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

No Dog Control Officer monthly report again. Town Board discussed appointing a Deputy D.C.O. to do the paperwork.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the monthly Financial Statement submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPA's.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of July 27, 2016 as submitted.

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

The tree trimming/removal bids were re-advertised including the prevailing wage statement. Bids were opened at Forecon on Aug. 10th at 10a.m. with Forecon representative, Supervisor Cronk and Councilwoman Beightol present. After much discussion of bids, past performance, distance and the Best Value Law, a motion was made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the bid of Great Lakes Tree Service.

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

Bids have been received from two people for the remaking or repairing of the decorative sign that hangs on the front of the Town Hall. Town Board made decision to table the bids for other bids to come in.

HCH Interiors, Inc. is in the process of removing the old flooring in the bathrooms at the Town Hall and replacing with new industrial tile and molding. This will be paid for with the JCAP grant funding.

Foundation for the Vietnam Veterans Monument placement at the Town Hall area was discussed. Highway Supt. will contact Steve Lundsten about the foundation size, etc.

At this time the Supervisor read Resolution No. 4 - 2016 "Allow Town Justice to apply for JCAP Grant". Application must be in by October, 2016. Supervisor suggested updating to energy efficient lighting in Board room. Poll Vote was called by the Town Clerk and signatures were administered to resolution.

The Assessor's computer is older, having some problems and may need to be replaced. Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to have the Assessor get estimates to the Town Board for a new computer.

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

Town Clerk read the resignation of Deputy Supervisor sent by Councilwoman Tamara Miles. Motion made by Chase, seconded by Rhinehart to accept this resignation of Deputy Supervisor. VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

At this time the Supervisor recommended Councilman Chase as the Deputy Supervisor for the remainder of 2016.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to appoint Councilman Chase as the Deputy Supervisor.

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

Letter received from EverPower, the wind power company, an open house will be held at the VFW in Cherry Creek on Thursday, Aug. 11th from 6 to 7:30p.m.

Motion made by Beightol to adjourn at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recd Secy.