

OCTOBER 26, 2016

The second monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on October 26, 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
William Duncanson, Attorney
Sandy Colvenback, resident
Ellington Farman Library Officers
Students from government class

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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

Public Participation

Cindy Wragge spoke first for the Ellington Farman Library. They are asking for a \$500. increase in their appropriation in the Town Budget bringing total to \$29,500. They would like to see a \$500. increase every year. Supervisor told her they would take request into consideration. Judy Whittaker, Library Director, spoke next about all the improvements and programs she would like to do at the Library. These include, a teens/tweens area at library, an early learning center for parent and child, a "makerspace", adult art classes, new technology and regional author presentations. She thanked the Town for the funding and help received. Library Board answered the question of the Town Board on why the Library name was changed. No one was here from the Ellington Town Picnic Association but informational packets were received from Mary Jane Griffith and distributed for the Town Board to review. Public Participation was closed at 7:35p.m.

Highway Superintendent Report

Department helped Conewango with a large tube replacement. The permit application for the Dean School Road culvert project has been withdrawn. DEC said the stream is unprotected so sent the application to the Army Corp of Engineers. First plans were not accepted so will be re-evaluated and a new plan would have to be submitted to the Corp of Army Engineers. Costs would be high and seasonal time has run out. They will not come to look at the project. Ditching has been completed on Hagerdon Hill Road and installed a new driveway tube on Hagerdon Hill Rd. also.

Hwy Supt reported that the removable "stage" is worn out and needs to be replaced. This "stage" is owned by the Picnic Assoc. and the Town. Hwy Supt. will get price on aluminum to use for stage. Plow frames have been installed on all trucks and sanders have been placed on two trucks to be ready for the first s#*&. ☺

CHIPS funding for 2016 has been deposited in the Town's highway account. Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted.

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

Audit & Payment of Claims

At this time the Town Board reviewed the bills as follows:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#288 - #296	\$7,679.90
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#174 - #178	1,198.84
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#22	<u>2,190.24</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 20	TOTAL	\$11,068.98

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

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

The Supervisor received the following check for deposit:

10/24/16	\$74.26	refund from NY State Insurance disability fund
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Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of October 12, 2016 as submitted.

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

Town Board will meet on Sunday morning in the Town Park to draw a sketch of their ideas for remodeling the Park.

Motion made by Councilman Rhinehart to table the discussion on the showcase.

Councilwoman Beightol explained the Employee's Insurance. She explained that we have a broker, Jessica Nuccio, from Jamestown, NY and have selected Independent Health Standard Platinum Insurance with no deductible for this year, for one employee, starting December 1st. This will be a savings of \$3,000 to the Town. Discussed possibility of setting up a flex plan. Other employee is paying into Medicare so a Medicare Plan addition will be selected by the Town. Employees pay 10% of their medical insurance.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the Independent Health policy and Medicare additional for the employees insurance.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to close open session and go into executive session at 8:25p.m.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to close executive session and reconvene in open session at 9:00p.m.

Caretaker bids were received and opened at the last meeting and discussed at length.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept bid from Ronald Langless for the Caretaker position.

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

Town Clerk informed the Town Board that there is someone interested in the Historian position.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to appoint Laura Gilbert as Town Historian with help from Phillip Cronk.

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

Councilwoman Beightol will talk to Library Director about the books needed for Christmas gifts. Town Board discussed having Christmas Party on the 10th or 17th

Highway Superintendent submitted his highway inventory list to the Town Board for review.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the Highway Inventory list as submitted.

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

Councilman Chase met with Highway Supt, Dennis Colvenback, to discuss a future plan for equipment rotations and purchases with reserves set aside each year. Hoping to set up a reserve fund for a salt shed and possible get grant funding to help with cost. It was decided that the Oshkosh will go to the auction. This was all discussed with the Town Board.

Town Clerk will send a posting to the Post Journal that a Budget Meeting will be held on Weds, Nov. 2nd from 7 to 8 p.m. and a special Town Board meeting at 8p.m.

Robert (Dave) & Wanda Young have asked if they can switch the cemetery lots they now own for cemetery lots in another area of the cemetery. Town Board discussed this.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to ask Mr. & Mrs. Young to purchase the new cemetery lots they are asking for and they can sell the previously purchased cemetery lots.

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

Town Clerk asked Sarah Spheardorf, Southern Tier West, to please look for any grants that the Town may apply for (ex: Town Park, Salt shed, playground equip, etc.) Also, need to discuss the possibility of hiring a grant writer. Town Clerk is currently working on a grant received by the Town for indexing of minutes. Biel's, the scanning company, will be picking up Town Board minutes to scan and we will also receive a scanner to keep the indexing program current.

Accountant, Laura Napoli, sent three proposals for the unexpended balance of the budget so the Town Board could discuss and make a decision.

Court summons will be sent to Selective Insurance, Town's insurance.

Councilman Rhinehart informed the Town Board that the Ellington Rod & Gun Club will be cutting trees on the property line between Rod & Gun Club and the Town's cemetery property.

Motion made by Beightol to adjourn the meeting at 10:03p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk, Recd Secy.