

NOVEMBER 23, 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  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary  
Sandy Colvenback, resident  
Ron Langless, resident/bidder

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman  
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman

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

As advertised in the Post Journal, Caretaker bids were opened at 7:00p.m. All paperwork was in order by the following bidders for the year 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017:

Richard Cadle: #1-\$27,300. #2-\$43,925 (Only one part is desired)

Conti Family: \$27,900

Ronald Langless: \$27,495

Jeff & Dixie McIntosh: \$27,000

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to table the bids until the other Town Board member is present.

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

Supervisor Cronk asked the Town Board about doing interviews of bidders. Town Board agreed and set Monday night at 7:00p.m. to start interviews with bidders.

### **Public Participation**

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

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Hauling in 1-ST stones to build piles for spring oil & stoning. Plows and sanders are all mounted with new truck needing some fabrication. Have plowed and sanded already. Had to run the grader on several hard icy spots that wouldn't budge with the plows. Hwy Supt. has met with the Town Attorney concerning the Abbey Hill Ext. abandonment and the liability it holds now. If not abandoned, a cost analysis to make this back into a two lane road was done by the Hwy Supt. totaling approx. \$150,000, which could be done in a three year period. It must also be surveyed as nothing has been done to this road in 11 years and it is not wide enough.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted.  
 VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

### **Audit & Payment of Claims**

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#308 - #313	\$3,441.35
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#189 - #191	1,743.40
Trust & Agency Fund Claim No:	#24	<u>138.00</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 22	TOTAL	\$5,322.75

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to approve payment of the bills as submitted.  
 VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chace to accept the minutes of November 9, 2016 as submitted.

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

Town Clerk informed the Town Board that after credit application was filed and approved, the showcase, lights and locks have been ordered from Store Supply Warehouse.

A letter was received in reply from Kenneth Bochmann, President of the Ellington Rod & Gun Club concerning the removal of the trees on the property line. E.R.& G. Club would like to rescind their offer to have trees removed from the adjoining property line and relinquish any rights they have to any of the line trees that may pose a liability to the Valley View Cemetery.

The Town still has grant funds available from the Urban Forestry Council that needs to be spent. Hwy Dept. removed the old bushes and trees closest to the Town Hall and Councilman Rhinehart went to Roberts Nursery and purchased 4 Alberta spruce trees which were planted by the Town Hall and Veterans Monument. A copy of this invoice will be sent to Urban Forestry Council showing we have spent the remaining grant funds on the purchase of trees.

Motion made by Beightol to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
 Town Clerk/Recd Secy