

NOVEMBER 9, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on November 9, 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.

As posted in the Post Journal, a Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget was opened. No one was present for the Public Hearing so it was closed at 7:06p.m. Supervisor stated that Town Board had not gone over the tax cap this year even though our assessed value for the Town had no increase.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the Preliminary budget as the adopted budget for 2017.

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

### Highway Superintendent Report

Cleaned out debris from the tube on Young Street that hasn't been cleaned in quite a while. Ditching on 28 Creek Road. The brush hog was finally picked up by the auction winner. Payment should come from Auctions Unlimited. Town of Busti is accepting bids for a 10 wheeler exactly the same as ours. Called Hwy Supt. to find out what it sells for so as to compare. Replaced a tube for the snowmobile club making it more level to the road. Working on the sanders, hydraulics and lights, for the trucks. The "Breast Cancer Awareness" banner has been taken down and put away.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Hwy. 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:	#297 - #307	\$2,287.13
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#179 - #188	6,142.02
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#23	<u>242.12</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 21	TOTAL	\$7,239.47

Motion made by Rhinehart, 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 checks for deposit:

11/07/16	\$71, 259.02	Chaut. County sales tax revenue
11/08/16	928.93	Town Clerk fees-October 2016
11/08/16	326.00	Town Justice fees-October 2016

### Committee Reports

Halloween Party was held at the Firehall on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> with approx. 19 children and 20 adults present. Baptist Church provided donuts and judges for the costume contest. Councilwoman Beightol reported the Town spent \$81.78 on candy, cider and supplies for the party. Attached to these minutes hereto. Everyone seemed to enjoy the festivity.

Christmas Party will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 11:30/12:00a.m. with Santa & Mrs. Claus to be at the Ellington Farman Library. Town will provide books and candy. Library Director Judy has lots of plans for the children to do that day. She would like to have some volunteers.

### Monthly Reports

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the Town Justice's monthly report as submitted.

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

No report was received again by the Dog Control Officer.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the October financial statement prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPA's.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of October 26, 2016 as submitted.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of the special meeting on November 2, 2016 as submitted.

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

The sign on the Town Hall has been repaired and placed back up on the front of the building. Jim Moore's bid was accepted for the project and he has completed it as bid. Pleased with the outcome.

The display case for the front entrance of the Town Hall was discussed again.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to purchase the display case with lights and locks.

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

Arbor Day funding was discussed. The Town had received a grant from the N.Y.S. Urban Forestry Council for the Arbor Day Program when the trees were planted at the highway building. There was monies left over so Councilman Chase and Councilman Rhinehart will look into trees/shrubs to be planted at the Town Hall.

The tree removal on the property line between Ellington Rod & Gun Club and the Town of Ellington cemetery. A letter has been drawn up to send to ER & G requesting a copy of the logger's liability insurance, etc.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to send the letter of concern from the Town Board to E.R & G. Club.

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

Insurance broker said it would cost \$600. to set up an HRA account for insurance. Not necessary with only 2 people on insurance, but will need HIPAA forms signed.

STW has sent information about a grant for digitizing cemetery records. Town Clerk will follow up on this grant. Cemetery repair & restoration was discussed. Councilwoman Miles was going to apply for grants and had taken many pictures of monuments that are in need of repair. This had been discussed with the owner of Jensen-Haglund Monuments, Steve Lundsten. He was to have come up with a cost estimate for repairs & restoration to be used when filing for a grant.

Information was received from Storer Container Service about paying for the dumpster on a yearly basis for a 10% discount. Supervisor will call them and ask for a type of contract if we pay them yearly.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn meeting at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recd Secy