

December 14, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on December 14, 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  
Kate Conti, Deputy Town Clerk/Recording Secretary  
Sandy Colvenback, resident  
Ron Langless, resident/bidder

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to enter into Executive Session to discuss caretaker bids.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to end Executive Session.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Rhinehart to hire Jeff and Dixie McIntosh as the caretakers for 2017 with a bid of "25,650.00"

VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol-nay, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye

Supervisor Cronk Stated" The McIntosh bid was the lowest bid at \$25,650.00"

### **Public Participation**

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

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Finished hauling 1A stone with Gerry/Charlotte. The sand has been hauled in from Tri James and salt from the county just in time for the storms on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Tree trimming has also been done.

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

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

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#314 - #332	\$7,671.87
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#192 - #205	13,771.53
Ellington Light District	#324	244.25
Ellington /Conewango Light District	#325	172.23
Park	#332	66.72
Trust & Agency Fund Claim No:	#25, 26	<u>1,296.02</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 23	TOTAL	\$23,222.62

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

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

Bills from Fal-ken Electric were reviewed and questioned as to the time spent on installation of two ballasts and spotlight on veteran's memorial. Repair of wires that were taken down in 2015 by the plow truck that were over the road at the Robert Carpenter property were also questioned, there was a 16.5 hour charge for both, these charges will be disputed by Supervisor Cronk.

Checks received by Supervisor Cronk:

Time Warner	\$915.49
Highway Supervisor	\$4,020.00 (sale of ditch bank mower)
Mortgage tax	\$2,694.56 (April 1-September 30)
Arbor Day Grant	\$92.16
Ellington Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$1,046.56 (fuel repay)
Nov. Clerks Fees	\$1,040.32
Nov. Justice Fees	\$585.00

### **Committee Reports**

Christmas Party Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 9am, Councilwoman Beightol has purchased, wrapped, and delivered the books to be given to the children as gifts from Santa. Councilwoman Beightol will be at the library the 17<sup>th</sup> before the party to help decorate for the party.

At this time the park has not been decorated for Christmas. Councilman Rhinehart is aware that he is responsible for the decorating and made no comment as to when this will be done.

### **Monthly Reports**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the Town Clerks Monthly Report as Submitted.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the Building Code Officers Monthly Report as Submitted.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Town Justice Monthly Report as Submitted.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the financial report and sign the budget modification.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of November 23, 2016 as submitted.

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

### **Old Business**

Supervisor Cronk read the letter from the Selective Insurance Company of North America, dated December 2, 2016, one copy was also sent to Mr. Lasker in regards to the accident on Dean Road on July 31, 2015, and it states that Burgett & Robbins will be issued a check in the amount of \$20,000 as a settlement to the claimant Brian Plaatje.

The account at CCB for the Cemetery fund will be going dormant if there is no activity, it has been authorized for Supervisor Cronk to keep this account active until it is decided what to do with the money. Suggestions have been made to use this money to build storage at the cemetery. This will be discussed further later.

### **New Business**

The Clerk's office is applying for a grant through Southern tier west to digitize the cemetery records.

The last meeting of the year is Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. this will also be the organizational meeting for 2017.

The Dog Control Officer has requested an extension on the enumeration for the year 2016.

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It has been requested that a ad be put in the post journal for the Dog control officer position for 2017.

At this time councilman Rhinehart requested to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti  
Deputy Town Clerk/Recording Secretary