

APRIL 27, 2016

The second monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on April 27, 2016 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
Tamara Miles, Councilwoman
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary
Sandy Colvenback, resident
4 Pine Valley Government students

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

Public Participation

No one was present for public participation so that part of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

The solar panels at the highway bldg. were not working again. The company was called and are replacing the defective invertors. There will be no street sweeper from Town of Ellicott this year. We have been trying to do it ourselves in Conewango Valley by sweeping to the middle and pushing into the loader. The plows and frames have been removed off the trucks and have been painted and stored. Started grading the gravel roads. Loader company came to appraise our loader. Trade in is exactly what we purchased for. We will owe \$10.00 per hour for 27 hrs. and the difference of a new loader price from our loader price. Have been ditching on Wolcott Road to get ready for oil & stone. Preparing Hagerdon Hill Road for "flat top paving" with the paver from JMI to help take the "rolls" out of the road. Getting South Hill Rd. ready also. Began shared service with Cherry Creek, the first of four towns, doing hot mix patching. Hwy Supt. has had the County down to look at the pilings on Dean School Road that have begun to wash away and lay down by a large sluice pipe. This is washing the roadside away and will need to be taken care of as soon as possible.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, 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:	#119 - #126	\$6,329.28
Highway Fund claim Nos:	#74 - #78	21,061.47
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#9 - #10	<u>2,432.36</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 8	TOTAL	\$29,823.11

Councilman Rhinehart questioned the bill for the mower being \$300. more that amount approved. Hwy Supt. commented that this included the connectors to the tractor so it will work correctly and this quote was over a year ago. No other members contested this bill.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to approve payment of all bills.

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

04/27/16	\$3,340.73	Tax Collection (penalties, interest, petty cash)
04/27/16	100.00	C.C.M.C.A. Scholarship towards Town Clerk Conference

Committees

The Arbor Day Celebration will be held at the Highway Garage on Saturday, April 30th from 10a.m. to 12 noon. Three (3) trees will be planted on highway area and various speakers will be in attendance. Small trees, ferns and bushes will be handed out to the public. We have been awarded a grant from Arbor Day Foundation for tree work. The Tree Board will consist of all the Town Board members plus the Caretaker and other public.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the minutes of April 13, 2016 as submitted.

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

Town Clerk answered questions from the Town Board concerning an offsite backup with Southern Tier Graphics. This will include the Town Clerk records, Assessor records and Building Code Officer records.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to hire Southern Tier Graphics to do an offsite backup of all these records.

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

Supervisor informed the Town Board of letter and contract received from Chautauqua Work, a youth workforce project. We have applied before and have had youth work at the Town of Ellington. This does not cost the Town any money. The paperwork was reviewed by the Town Board.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Miles to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Chautauqua Works.

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

Mike Eaker has made repairs to the broken lamppost in the Town Park.

An insurance claim has been filed for the Town's cost of the tree removal on Church Street due to an accident.

The NYS Retirement Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials was reviewed by the Town Board. This will then be posted for 30 days and sent to the State Retirement office.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to approve the NYS Retirement Resolution as submitted.

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

Supervisor received a call complaining about aggressive ground bees at the Valley View Cemetery. Southern Tier Professional Pest Control was called to spray the cemetery for a cost of \$2,300.

Town Clerk informed the Town Board of a webinar on Cemetery Software to be presented on Friday at 2p.m. Town Clerk would like to get all cemetery records computerized for safe keeping.

Town Board was informed that the Dog Control Officer was in the office and took her oath of office and enumeration was also discussed. Town Board feels that enumeration was on her job description when she was hired and should be done this year.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to accept the D.C.O. report as submitted.

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

Tax Collector handed in her final report and check following the deposit of insufficient funds. Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Tax Collector's report as submitted.

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

Town Clerk informed the Town Board of some Worker's Comp. information learned from Dennis Brooks at the C.C.M.C.A. meeting today. Firemen that are injured on duty should report to the Town Clerk for paperwork. It then goes to the County and all paperwork is done electronically now.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.