

MAY 11, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on May 11, 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

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

Public Participation

No one was present for Public Participation so this part of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Dept. started shared service program with Cherry Creek doing hot mix patching. New tires were put on the excavator. Hagerdon Hill Road has been blacktopped for leveling, also done on South Hill Road. Have begun "hot mix" patching on Ellington roads (shared service). Oil and stone dates with the County have been pushed back to the first week in June now. Supervisor Cronk asked the Hwy. Supt. if small areas on the driveway and parking lot at the Town Hall could be fixed by the Dept. when they are patching. She also told the Hwy. Supt. about a problem reported by the Caretaker with the washout at the storm drain in Conewango Valley.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase 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:	#127 - #148	\$8,556.12
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#79 - #88	<u>7,660.22</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 9	TOTAL	\$16,216.34

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

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

Committee Reports

The Arbor Day Celebration held on April 30th was attended and enjoyed by the public and all of the Town Board members. The educational information and the planting of trees was shared by children and adults. It was expressed to thank Councilwoman Miles for a job well done and thank the highway superintendent for furnishing the set up in the clean hwy. bldg. More tree planting and mulching will be done soon.

Monthly Reports

It was asked why D.C.O. had mileage to Fluvanna Ave. Apparently a dog was taken to the S.P.C.A. holding center.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Dog Control Officer's monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the Budget Modifications for General Fund, Highway Fund, Conewango Light District and Special Grants, Community Development made by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the monthly Financial Statement from Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs as submitted.

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

05/10/16	\$57,033.12	Chaut. County Sales Tax (just over $\frac{1}{2}$ of what was budgeted)
05/10/16	578.55	Town Clerk April 2016 fees
05/10/16	185.00	Town Justice April 2016 fees
05/10/16	310.00	Cash sale of sluice pipe (Hwy.)

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of April 27, 2016 as submitted.

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

A work meeting has been planned for Weds. May 25th at 7:00p.m. After regular business the Town Board will be working on the Employee's Handbook.

Councilwomen Miles and Beightol, along with Supervisor Cronk met with Eric from Forecon, Inc. in the Town Park to discuss trimming, cutting down or saving the trees in the Park. All were impressed by the information and suggestions he discussed with them, and felt he was very interested in what the Town wanted. Town is waiting on his proposal and recommendations.

The Vietnam Veterans monument in the Town Park looks to be falling over and was discussed with Jack Scolton. He was told of the renovating in the Park and the monument will most likely be removed and stored until Town Park work is completed.

Supervisor talked with representative from Allstate Insurance about the claim we have from the accident and tree removal in Conewango Valley. Documentation needs to be sent to them for payment of the tree removal.

The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Councilwoman Miles attended classes at Houghton College and found them very informative. Town Clerk had information of Procurement Policy and Investment Policy. Councilwoman Miles found information for USDA grants for elderly handicap ramps and Farmers Markets building up the Community. Councilwoman Miles had also attended two days of grant writing classes and found it to be informational. Southern Tier West is to be commended for a great schooling event.

A Certificate of Satisfaction was received from James Caflisch, Tax Enforcing Officer of the County of Chautauqua that the Tax Collector did make full satisfaction of the Tax Warrant.

A letter was received from NYS CDBG that the audit of the last CDBG Grant paperwork was found to be in no violations. Eileen Powers from CHRIC works very hard to make the grants run smooth and paperwork intact.

Councilman Miles is contacting the organizations that will be serving refreshments at the Band Concerts.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.