

September 14, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on September 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  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary  
Sandy Colvenback, resident  
4 students from Pine Valley School

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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

Public Hearing, as advertised in the Post Journal, was held at 7:00p.m. for Local Law No. 1 - 2016 entitled "A Local Law Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the N.Y.S. Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code". This law had been given to the Town Board two weeks previous and advertised Public Hearing on August 29th.

No one from the public was present for the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to approve Local Law No. 1- 2016.

Poll Vote called by the Town Clerk: Beightol-aye, Chase-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

### **Public Participation**

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

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

The old mower is listed for auction on Auctions International until Sept. 20th. Have been ditching on Waterman Road and now over to Drybrook Road. Excavator is leaking oil and will be checked over. Grader was run on Little Road. Mileage charts have been sent to NYS DOT. Trees were reported down on Saturday night from the storm. There were 4 trees involved and all in different locations, they have been cleaned up. Ellington Hwy. has been helping Gerry and Charlotte with Engdahl Road and also been helping Cherry Creek. At the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting it was discussed that the State has taken Abbey Hill Ext. off their maps and will no longer be getting C.H.I.P.S. funding for this road. It was taken off State mapping as it has not been open for a number of years. The Town Board requested the Hwy. Supt. to begin proceedings for abandonment of this road. Hwy. Supt. has been in conversation with the Town Attorney on this subject and drew up a Certificate of Abandonment that was shown to the Town Board. This road has been closed since 2005.

Next steps are contacting the property owners involved and also a Public Hearing, thereafter another vote will be taken. Board would like an estimate of what it would cost to make this road usable again.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to continue with the process of abandonment.

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

POLL VOTE called by Town Clerk: Beightol-yes, Chase-yes, Rhinehart-no, Cronk-yes Carried.

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

VOTE: 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:	#247 - #262	\$ 2,676.47
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#149 - #161	227,377.11
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#19	<u>242.12</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 17	TOTAL	\$ 230,295.70

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

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

08/16/16	\$943.75	Time Warner franchise fees
09/08/16	6,430.00	August Justice Court fees
09/08/16	.50	unclaimed fee/Judicial acct.
09/14/16	1,536.01	August Town Clerk fees

**Monthly Reports**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No report was received from the Dog Control Officer

Minutes of the August 24, 2016 meeting were reviewed by the Town Board. Correction of "900 feet of ditching was done to Mutton Hill Rd., not surfacing" was noted, correct "Beightol had made motion and seconded", and correction of the name "Rickard".

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of 08/24/16 as corrected.

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

Financial report was reviewed by the Town Board.

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to approve the Budget Transfers as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Supervisor commented that an ad will be placed in the Pennysaver and a briefly in the Post Journal to ask cemetery lot owners to remove the decorations on cemetery by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Caretaker will remove any decorations after Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Town Board was informed of many phone calls and in office comments that say the grass cutting and trimming of cemeteries is lacking and is disrespectful to families.

Forecon informed the Town that Great Lakes Tree Service has completed the tree removal/trimming in the Town Park and Valley View Cemetery. Hwy Supt. asked Great Lakes to finish the job of grinding stumps on Church Street and front area of Valley View Cemetery.

Replacement of the broken sign on the front of the Town Hall was discussed. Quotes have been received from Masterpiece D'Signs, Chautauqua Signs, Hanson Signs and James Moore.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the bid from James Moore to rebuild the sign and place back on the Town Hall.

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

Copies of the Caretaker contract were given to the Town Board for review. Amendments were made to the Job Description and #2 of the contract.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to make the amendments to the Caretaker Job Description and Caretaker Contract.

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

Legal Notice for the Caretaker bids was discussed.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Rhinehart to place the Legal Notice in the Post Journal requesting bids for the Caretaker position for the Town. Bids will be open on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.

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

The display case for the front room of the Town Hall was discussed. Everyone will bring in ideas and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

The memorial park benches were discussed. A couple of the benches have been destroyed and memorial plaque is gone also. Town Board expressed their regrets but feel that memorial benches not be purchased again.

Opening up the discussion of the plans for the Town Park to the public was discussed. Town board will work on a drawing of the park plan to present to the public.

Halloween party for the kids was discussed. Councilwoman Beightol will talk with Pastor Don of the Baptist Church to see if they have any plans for Halloween as they participated with the Town last year.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.