

OCTOBER 12, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on October 12, 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  
Andrew Chaffin, student from Falconer School  
Ron Langless, resident  
Legislator Mark Tarbrake

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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

Bids for the Caretaker position were opened at 7:00p.m. as advertised in the Post Journal. Four bids were received and are all in proper order.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to table the decision for Caretaker until further review.

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

Legislator Tarbrake gave information sheets to the Town Board on the County budget. In his opinion the County Budget is the best he has seen. It is proposed to reduce the tax rate .06 per \$1,000. Would like to cut \$650,000 more from budget. Sheriff Gerace would like to increase his budget so as to place cameras in all patrol cars (approx. \$600,000-\$700,000). Any questions, feel free to call Legislator Tarbrake. He told the Town Board they were doing a great job here in Ellington.

Public Participation closed at 7:25p.m.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

We have been working shared services with Villenova graveling for 4 days. Shared service with Town of Poland with use of chipper box and oil "buggy". Have done hot mix patching on bridge approaches on Harris Hollow Rd. Doing ditching on some problem areas on Harris Hollow Rd, Old Chautauqua and Hagerdon Hill Rd. The Veterans memorial was moved from the Town Park to the flagpole area at the Town Hall by highway dept. and Bob Speas with his bobcat. Jack Scolton did some touch up on the monument that he built. More work needs to be done to the monument to settle in its new "home".

The final round of mowing has been finished. Hwy Supt. has been very pleased with the new mower and received compliments on the mowed roadsides. Replaced driveway tube at the Shaw residence on Old Chautauqua Rd. Our excavator has gone to Conewango to help with a new 8 ft. culvert pipe.

Abandonment of Abbey Hill Ext. and the liability was discussed again. Hwy. Supt. told the Town Board it is up to them to decide. Councilman Rhinehart does not want to see it abandoned. Councilwoman Beightol would like to see a "ballpark" figure for this road to be repaired for traffic use.

Paperwork and payment to NY State DEC for the application for the bulk fuel tank has been finished.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Hwy. 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:	#272 - #287	\$7,860.09
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#169 - #173	502.79
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#21	<u>242.12</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 19	TOTAL	\$8,605.00

Bill for DFT was discussed as it was listed as Past Due. This was for the highway bldg. security system that had not been completed. They have since come to finish the job.

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:

10/11/16	\$655.00	Judge's fees for Sept. 2016
10/11/16	781.50	Town Clerk fees for Sept. 2016

### **Committee Reports**

Halloween Party was discussed. Councilwoman Beightol will talk with Pastor Don from Ellington Baptist Church about helping the Recreation Committee with this. Town will purchase apple cider, paper products and prizes. Church will furnish donuts and judges for contest. Will plan on approx. 50 treat bags.

### **Monthly Reports**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Ellington Farman Library's quarterly report as submitted.

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

Budget modifications prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs were reviewed.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to approve the budget modification in the General Fund Account.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to approve the budget modification in the Highway Fund Account.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to approve the budget transfer in the Highway Fund Account.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to approve the budget modification in the Park Fund Account.

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

Financial Statement for September 2016 was reviewed by the Town Board.

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

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of September 28, 2016 as submitted.

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

The sign on the front of the Town Hall was discussed. Jim Moore will be looking at the blueprints to see what is behind siding to attach sign to.

Purchasing a display case for the Town Hall was discussed again. Shipping was found to be very expensive. Councilman Rhinehart will check on prices from the Amish to build one.

Town Board talked about the Town Park Plan. Dead trees and branches have been removed and now need to get together to draw out a plan before public input and questions can be answered. Supervisor will ask Mr. Eaker to look at the electric on pole in corner of Park to see what is needed or what can be done away with.

Fence Law was talked about by the Board again.

Dog Control Officer, Kristina Wiles, was going to be at the meeting to discuss the dog enumeration but had to be at another dog case.

Family of Calvin Potwin has asked that his cremains be buried in Soldier's Circle. Need to discuss with family of Calvin's status.

No further information on Councilwoman Miles's status.

Due to Mr. Gilbert's accident, the memorial program will be detained until further notice.

Supervisor noted the article in the Towns & Topics magazine about security ideas for our building/property.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recd Secy