

FEBRUARY 22, 2017

The second monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on February 22, 2017 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
William Duncanson, Attorney
Sandy Colvenback, resident

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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.

Old Business

Supervisor told the Town Board that she and Town Clerk spoke with Kelly Snow, Windstream representative, and she informed them of the cost of each bundle for 5 phone lines and internet for Town Hall and also 1 phone line and internet for the Highway Bldg. It will be cheaper than previously approved by Town Board. Windstream will take care of installation and informing Time Warner of the change.

New Business

Deputy Town Clerk, Kate Conti, has tried to make phone calls to find an interested Grant Writer. She will keep working on this. Information was given to Town Board about meetings for ARC grants on March 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Councilwoman Beightol and Supervisor Cronk will attend at Dunkirk on March 2nd.

Highway Superintendent Report

Have hauled in somemore sand in case it is needed before spring. Put the chopper on the excavator and have been chopping roadsides on Dean School Road. Have had the other chopper on the tractor working with it. The Abbey Hill Rd "closed" sign framework was found down in creek bed on Waterman Rd and Wilson Hollow Rd. but the sign itself is still missing.

Councilman Chase and the Hwy. Supt. have updated the information on building a salt shed. Truck No. 5 has had injector issues, when reported to Mack they apparently have had some problems as they will warranty all 6 injectors. Hwy Supt. is proceeding with planned salt shed. Discussion on Abbey Hill Road Ext abandonment was brought to the table. It was stated that this road has been closed for 11 years and the State D.O.T has dropped this road as part of Ellington highways for CHIPS funding. Decision must be made by the Town Board, if voted to abandon then letters to the land owners and public hearing. Hwy Supt. noted that road is voted to be reopened, it would be put on a three year plan. This was discussed in length amongst the Town Board, Hwy Supt. and Attorney. Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to proceed with abandonment of Abbey Hill Ext.

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

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

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

Town Clerk informed Town Board of a disclosure that was given to a resident to sign when they took ownership of a tax sale property. It pertains to purchasing property in an agricultural district and is signed to acknowledge that you are aware that there may be noise, dust and odors in this agricultural district. Attorney stated this is part of the "Right to Farm" Law for legal ramifications.

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#47 - #54	\$3,930.28
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#34 - #37	18,991.66
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#5 - #9	13,082.33

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

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to approve the minutes of February 8, 2017.

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

The Zoomobile from Buffalo Zoo came to the Town Hall on Wednesday and was enjoyed by 6 kids and 5 adults. Cookies & refreshments were served. Discussed possibly going into a neighboring Town's (Gerry or Poland) recreation program as we are not getting very good attendance at recreation events.

Supervisor informed the Town Board of the Town Park Committee meeting. Mike Eaker, Councilwoman Beightol and Supervisor Cronk met and discussed plans for the rejuvenation of the Town Park. Discussed taking out some blacktop providing more greenspace and enlarging the playground, Mike's ideas include building a "removable electric post" (approx. \$250.each) that could be used during events and wiring placed back in the ground and post removed for winter months, Electric panels need to be updated and underground boxes placed, and tops on lampposts need to be replaced. All ideas were discussed including grant funding for this project as estimated costs were \$16,000.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk, RMC/Recd Secy