

March 8, 2017

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on February 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Kate Conti, Deputy Town Clerk/Recording Secretary
Sandy Colvenback, resident
Milo Elliot, resident
Robert Carpenter, resident
Debbie Carpenter, resident

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

Public Participation

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter were here to invite the board to tour the section of Abbey road that has been closed, for many years. Mr. Carpenter stated, he has tried to prepare the road to accommodate his plans for his farm going through a transition, to beef cattle. The Carpenters said their plan is to build a new home for themselves on the land, and to parcel the other land out for development. The road has been surveyed by Dan Berry, at the request, and expense (\$1,200) of the Carpenters, the survey has been given to the highway superintendant.

Milo Elliot was present to make the Board members aware that the erosion in the creek behind his house has gotten considerably worse, and wonders what the town can do to slow this erosion process, Supervisor Cronk informed Mr. Elliot that in 2014, when the erosion started to become a problem there was some contact with contractors to fix the creek bed, but with no interest in the job by these contractors, Supervisor Cronk has dropped it. Councilman Rhinehart suggested contacting the Soil and Water Conservation District to help resolve this problem, since this property is in the drainage district.

The people who live on the creek pay tax money to go toward maintaining the creek. Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to authorize Councilman Rhinehart to contact Dave Span about the creek by Mr. Elliot's house.

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

Old Business

- Windstream has installed the new phone service and internet, all is working well.
- Supervisor Cronk and Councilwoman Beightol report on the grants meeting at Southern Tier West, the meeting was meant for larger projects and did not seem to be what the town of Ellington was looking for. STW suggested getting a hold of the USDA for help in planning for a salt storage shed.

New Business

- A list of possible grant writers has been brought to the board for discussion. Motion made by Beightol seconded by Rhinehart to allow the clerk's office to make contact with the people on the list.

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

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Superintendant Colvenback has been replacing old signs with new ones. Roadside chopping is being done with the excavator. The high winds have caused many downed trees, the cleanup is ongoing. The highway employees have gathered tires from Little Road, Abby Road, and North Hill, there is a trailer full.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted. VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried.

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#55 - #68	\$848.48
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#38 - #42	2,490.11
ABSTRACT NO. 5	TOTAL	\$3,338.59

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to approve payment of the bills as submitted. VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Chase-aye Carried.

Checks received by Supervisor Cronk:

3/2/2017	\$702.16 - Conegwango Light District
3/08/2017	\$380.94 - Town Clerk February Fees

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart, to accept the minutes of February 22, 2017.

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

Committee Reports

Park Projects/ Assignments were handed out to board members that were present.

Beightol-Playground reconfiguration

Rhinehart-estimates for removal of shuffle boards, and blacktop, including fill and reseed.

Chase-estimates for sidewalk and to move the mill stone

It has been suggested by Supervisor Cronk that after conversation with Supervisor Snow, recreation be joined with Town of Poland, a portion of their recreation will be paid for by the Town of Ellington, for one year only.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to join Kennedy for their recreation and Easter Party.

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

Monthly Reports

- Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the Town Clerks/Tax Collector Monthly Report as Submitted.

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

- Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Assessor's Monthly Report as Submitted.

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

The Houghton College training schedule has been handed out.

The Board discussed at length the property around Abby Road, assessments, and the costs of rebuilding the road.

Motion to adjourn made by Rhinehart at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti

Deputy Town Clerk/Recording Secretary