

APRIL 12, 2017

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on April 12, 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
Sandy Colvenback, resident

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

Public Participation

No one was present for public participation so this section of the meeting was closed.

Old Business

The Legal Notice for the Public Hearing on April 26th concerning the legal abandonment of Abbey Hill Ext. between South Hill Rd and Wolcott Road was read by the Supervisor. A copy of a letter that will be sent to the adjoining property owners was reviewed by the Town Board. Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to publicize the Legal Notice in the Post Journal and send copies of the letters to the property owners.

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

Band Concert contracts will be sent to Kokomo Band (July 1st), Maurice Brown (July 8th) and Sunny Side Up (July 22nd). There will be three concerts and two movie nights.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to have Councilwoman Beightol contact the organizations to ask them to serve refreshments at these concerts and movies.

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

The creek work behind Milo Elliott was discussed. Councilman Rhinehart has looked at creek and will talk with contractors. He was informed that the creek can be worked on when it is dry or if water in creek, a channel to detour water needs to be made.

The Town Park project was discussed. Councilmen Chase & Rhinehart met in the Park and looked over blacktop to be removed and measured and estimated prices for concrete. Estimated it would take approx. 6 yards of topsoil to fill in the shuffleboard area when blacktop is removed. Need to have representative from playground equipment company come to look at area.

New Business

Town Board made the decision to set the date for Townwide Yard Sales to be held on Saturday, June 3rd. and Townwide Clean Up will be held on June 10th .at the highway building.

Randolph Hardware will be called about servicing the generator.

A huge tree limb has fallen off of an old rotten tree in the old section of Valley View Cemetery, luckily missing any monuments. The Caretaker has looked at this and gave an estimate of \$2,250 to remove the tree and limb and clean up area. Highway Supt. will look at tree limb to see if the highway dept. can get rid of the broken limb. A letter needs to be written to the Caretaker about some of Town Board's concerns and requests. Topsoil will be needed and plantings discussed for the area around the Veteran's Monument.

The Librarian asked if the Town will be doing anything for the Library's summer reading program this year. Councilwoman Beightol commented that we will probably have kids going to the reading program even though we have joined with Town of Poland for summer recreation and we should donate.

The Caretaker called the Supervisor about the two dugouts on the ballfield that are in need of repair or removal. Councilman Chase feels they need to be removed as dugouts have not been used on years and are a risk. Replacing dugouts with benches were discussed. Hwy. Supt. will look at dugouts and remove if necessary.

Letter was received from Chautauqua County Dept. of Finance asking if we would like to go with electronic direct deposit with our accounts payable from the County.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Rhinehart to file paperwork necessary for direct deposit of funds from the County.

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

Highway Superintendent's Report

Guardrail has been repaired on 28 Creek Road that was damaged last year. Started sweeping roads, a little early this year. Suppliers did not have "wafers" for broom yet. We had shared services with Conewango using our chopper on the excavator as they have helped us with hauling gravel. Sluice pipe on Waterman Road has been changed to help with drainage. Treated roads with salt/sand on April 7th, hopefully the last time ! Hwy Supt has been looking at snowblowers for the back of the tractor.

Price quoted for back attachment was \$5,400., double that for front loading snowblower. Only other thing we will need is chains for the tractor. Looked at plows for truck, they were \$4,500. Have been putting in "weepers" to drain wet spots. Had to excavate about 100 ft. of clay on Wolcott Road and replace with gravel. The blacktop plant is open now but no one is ready to start oiling.

Motion made by Beightol, 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:

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| General Fund Claim Nos: | #81 - #97 | \$5,405.82 |
| Highway Fund Claim Nos: | #46 - #56 | <u>7,092.98</u> |
| ABSTRACT NO. 7 | TOTAL | \$12,498.80 |

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

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

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| 04/11/17 | \$849.00 | Justice Court fees-March 2017 |
| 04/11/17 | 861.88 | Town Clerk fees-March 2017 |
| 04/11/17 | 3,826.42 | Tax Collection penalties and petty cash |

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of March 8th and March 22nd as submitted.

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

The reservations for Local Government Conference in Houghton, N.Y. need to be in soon. Please let Clerk know if you plan to attend.

Monthly Reports

No reports from Assessor or Dog Control Officer. D.C.O. will be informed of monthly reports.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the Tax Collector'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 Chase, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Town Clerk'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 Building Code Officer'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 monthly Financial Report 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 Budget Modification to increase the Highway Fund DA2665-Sales of Equipment and DA5130.2-Machinery, Equipment by \$44,070 due to the sale of the 2005 International truck.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy