

APRIL 26, 2017

The second monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on April 26, 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
Loren Kent, resident
Kevin Colburn, resident
Laurie Williams & daughter, residents/property owner
Robert & Debora Carpenter, residents/property owner
Michael Carpenter
John Griffith, property owner
Dale Robbins, Attorney
Jonathan Boogey, Attorney Assistant

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, the Public Hearing regarding the qualified abandonment of Abbey Hill Extension was opened. Town Clerk read the Legal Notice as such. Supervisor asked the group to limit their questions to three minutes to give everyone a chance. Atty. Dale Robbins introduced himself and his Associate Jonathan Boogey and that they were there to represent the Carpenter's and the Griffith's and their concerns if Abbey Hill Ext were to be abandoned. He is asking the Town Board to hold a decision for 30 days so they can submit additional evidence. Much discussion entailed amongst those present.

Motion made by Rhinehart to table for 30 days, no second to the motion.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Cronk to have the Highway Superintendent sign the Certificate of Abandonment.

VOTE: Chase-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-nay, Motion dropped as Beightol could not vote.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to table any decision for 30 days.

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

Public Hearing closed at 7:25p.m.

Public Participation

No one else was present for public participation. That part of the meeting was closed.

Old Business

Registrations need to be in for the Southern Tier West Conference at Houghton by May 3rd.

Town Park renovations were discussed. Opening the Bandstand so bands can play inside had been suggested. Drawings and suggestions should be shown to the public for their comments.

Electrical system needs to be done before Town Picnic.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to work with Supervisor to get electrical bids for the Town Park.

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

Request from County to go with electronic payment. Town Clerk has filled out required paperwork and sent to County. Received confirmation that all transactions will be electronic from now on.

Summer Reading Program at the Library was discussed as some of our children will not be able to go to Kennedy for summer recreation. Theme this year is "Building a Better Community".

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to donate \$100. to the Library's Summer Reading Program.

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

New Business

Arbor Day program was discussed Flowers will be planted around the Veterans Monument at the Town Hall.

Supervisor received a letter from the State that they found no problems with the audit that was done on our grant facilitated by C.H.R.I.C.

Supervisor received information and contract for the Chautauqua Works Program again this year.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to authorize the Supervisor to sign and send back to Chautauqua Works

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

Highway Superintendent Report

Hwy Dept. has placed "weepers" on roads to drain water. North Hill Rd had a spring under it. Additional pothole patching has been done. Heavy rain has plugged sluices and caused damage. Sluices have been unplugged and one reinstalled. The plows and wings have been painted and stored for next year. Excavator broke down again and was sent to Anderson Equipment in Olean. It was previously repaired at Vantage Equipment in Batavia. Harris Hollow Road and Wade Hill Road have been graded, York raked, rolled and brined. Harris Hollow Rd. is on the list for oil & stone this year. The limb in the cemetery has been taken down and cut up. Dugouts on ball field will be removed.

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.	#98 - #103	\$2,457.72
Highway Fund Claim Nos.	#56 - #60	13,373.13
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos.	#14 - #16	<u>1,185.90</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 8	TOTAL	\$17,185.90

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the minutes of April 12, 20117 as submitted.
 VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Committee Reports

Supervisor spoke with recreation director from the Town of Poland and there were a few children from Ellington that attended the Easter Egg Hunt at Temple School. Our Town Board are invited to attend their recreation meeting held in late May. Discussed funding from Town of Ellington towards the summer recreation program at Town of Poland.

Councilwoman Beightol told the Town Board that the Baptist Church scheduled for July 1st may not be able to do the refreshments at the band concert. Pastor Don will get back to her. Also, the Food Pantry is dissolving so they will not be available to do refreshments on July 22nd.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn meeting at 8:15p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.