

MAY 10, 2017

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on May 10, 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

No further progress has been made on the Town Park plan. Estimates and plans made by Mike Eaker were reviewed. All Board members agreed electrical needs to be done first. Councilwoman Beightol discussed the size needed for a band if bandstand is opened up.

The old stage used in the Park was discussed. Need to talk to Ellington Town Picnic Assoc., as half-owners, about the dilapidated shape of the stage.

Abbey Hill Rd Ext was discussed again as it was taken off the C.H.I.P.S. list by the State DOT in 2016 but will not be taken off paper until 2018 by the time the paperwork catches up. It is not up to the Town to remove roads from C.H.I.P.S. funding, it is done by the State.

The motion made by Town Board to wait 30 days, as requested by Carpenter/Griffith attorney, will fall after the scheduled Board meeting. Also, Supervisor clarified that the motion was made on Wednesday, April 12th to send letters to homeowners about Public Hearing. Legal Notice was placed in Post Journal and letters were sent out on April 13th, letters were not held at the Town Hall. Board members expressed their feelings pro and con on the abandoning of Abbey Hill Rd.

New Business

Application for use of the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 20th from 6-9 p.m. was received from Loren Kent of the Democratic Committee for Democratic caucus.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to approve the Town Hall use application.

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

Caretaker report was given by the Supervisor. Caretaker has mowed Pioneer Cemetery, worked in Waterboro Cemetery and mowed at town Hall and Hwy Bldg.

People have been mowing their own lots at Valley View Cemetery and had let the Supervisor know of this. Caretaker finally got Valley View Cemetery mowed. Caretaker has asked if Town Board would approve the purchase of wood barrels with flowers planted in them to place on the tree stumps in the front yard of the Town Hall. Board feels stumps should be ground up and made into grass. There is a large tree branch that has fallen in the cemetery, not knowing if it is a Town "tree" or Rod & Gun Club "tree".

The dedication of the historical marker purchased by Roger Gilbert has been set for June 17th at 2:00p.m. He will do the advertising.

A Public Hearing has been set for June 14th at 7:00p.m. for the NYSCDBG grant with C.H.R.I.C. The Visiting Nurses Flu clinic has been cancelled.

Highway Superintendent Report

All plows and wings are off all the trucks, painted and put away for the season. All sanders are also power washed and put away. Have had shared services with Cherry Creek, Gerry and Charlotte doing skid paving. Shared services with Ellington had 6 neighboring townships doing blacktopping, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. of 28 Creek Rd, 3/10 mi on Dean School Rd., 4/10 mi. on Waterman Rd towards Gerry and towards Drybrook Rd.

Hwy Supt. has heard nothing from Anderson Equipment about the repairs on the excavator. Trucks have been readied for summer projects with change of tires and snow plow frames removed.

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

Kit has been ordered by Randolph Hardware to service the generator as soon as parts received.

Cable still not back on at the Highway bldg. and Town Hall. This was included as part of Franchise agreement with Time Warner. When phone and internet service was disconnected with Time Warner (Spectrum), they removed the cable also. Town Clerk has talked with the Director of government affairs and he is reviewing paperwork. Will call again!

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#104 - #122	\$4,161.30
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#61 - #71	6,443.91
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#17	<u>358.46</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 9	TOTAL	\$10,963.67

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to pay the bills as submitted, with the exception of bill from Caretaker for topsoil as it has no receipt and amount/labor was questioned.

Blacktop chunks found in topsoil.

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

Supervisor will call Caretaker and ask for receipt.

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

05/09/17	\$58,201.50	Chaut.Co. Mortgage Tax-quarterly
05/09/17	400.00	Refund from E.F.Library-should go to E.T.P.A.
05/10/17	2,097.92	Town Clerk fees-April 2017

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of April 26, 2017 as submitted.

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

Committee Reports

Grant writers have not been found yet.

Councilwoman Beightol has planted flowers around the Veterans Memorial in front of the Town Hall.

Monthly Reports

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

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the monthly Building Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the monthly Town Justice report with no activity.

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

No Assessor report was given.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the monthly Financial Report provided by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Supervisor read a letter received by the Village of Falconer showing appreciation and gratitude for the Ellington Fire Dept.'s help with the village fire in March.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn meeting at 8:03p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.