

MAY 24, 2017

The second monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on May 24, 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
Robert & Debora Carpenter, residents/property owner
Michael Carpenter
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

The Public Hearing from April 26, 2017 was reconvened by the Supervisor. Public hearing had been convened with request from Attorney Dale Robbins for a 30 day time period to gather more information concerning Abbey Hill Road Ext. Mr. Robbins stated that his clients are not asking to open the road but to leave the road as it is right now with possible further development.

Public Hearing closed at 7:07p.m.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to leave Abbey Hill Road Ext.as it currently is.

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

Closed Public Participation part of the meeting.

Old Business

Town Park renovations were discussed again. Councilman Chase would like to discuss with the public about the Town Park renovations. Councilwoman Beightol will get a sketch of the park plan ideas to show the public. Town Board will advertise to meet with public on June 14th from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. in the Town Park.

New Business

Town Clerk has received a grant for indexing of minutes and scanner has been received. Town Clerk discussed possibility of purchasing a new hard drive for the Clerk's office. Current computer is 6 years old and running very slow. Computer quotes from Southern Tier Graphics were viewed by the Town Board.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to allow the Town Clerk to use her discretion on a new hard drive purchase.

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

Certificate of Satisfaction was received from Chautauqua County Tax Enforcing Official that the Tax Collector has made full satisfaction of the Tax Warrant issued to the Town of Ellington.

Arbor Day program was discussed again. Has gotten late and plants need to get in and mulched. Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to authorize Councilwoman Beightol to purchase flowers to be planted around the memorial.

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

A receipt has not been received from the Caretaker for the topsoil he purchased and placed on a voucher so the check will be held. There was also a question on the labor charge.

Mrs. Payne, owner of property on W. Main St., asked about the right-a-way for the driveway to the ballfield. Attorney reminded us we have been through this before and we do have the right-a-way to the road and we will maintain.

Governor has mandated the County Wide Shared Services Initiative with shared service savings by August 1st. Supervisor and Hwy. Supt. went to the meeting in Mayville. If cannot save on taxes, need to prove efficiency. Municipalities and schools will need to follow this also.

Highway Superintendent Report

Hwy. Supt. reported that the skid paving is finished in Ellington. Started oil spray patching with Ellington's "oil buggy" in Cherry Creek and then Gerry (Shared Services). Hwy Supt. and Supervisor attended shared services meeting in Mayville. Town Board discussed the ways we shared services and plan efficiently to report to State. There was a tractor fire on South Hill Road. DEC and Hazmat have been testing soil from fuel spillage and the Hwy. Dept. was instructed by the DEC to fill road areas with millings where fuel laden gravel had been removed.

Oil patching in Ellington and roadside mowing has begun. Shared Services with the County for oil & stoning has been moved back to June 5th.

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:	#123 - #128	\$2,670.62
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#72 - #77	4,585.49
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#18 - #21	<u>1,544.36</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 10	TOTAL	\$8,800.47

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 Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of May 10, 2017 as submitted.

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

Committee Reports

Councilwoman Beightol has been trying to get an organization to take over the refreshments for the Band Concert. Ellington Rod & Gun will do refreshments for one and possibly both.

Michelle Henry will be meeting the Town Historian tomorrow morning to work on organizing and protecting our old photos.

Historical monument for James Jesse Strang will be placed on June 17th at 2:00p.m. Letters have been sent to Senator Young, County Executive Horrigan and Assemblyman Goodell.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy