

JUNE 14, 2017

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on June 14, 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
Tamara Miles, Councilwoman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary
Keith Hitchcock, Dog Control Officer
Eileen Powers, C.H.R.I.C.
Kevin Colburn, resident
Sandy Colvenback, resident

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing #1

As advertised in the Post Journal, a public hearing was held for the public to make comment on the current Community Development Block Grant project. Eileen Powers from C.H.R.I.C. reported that two modular have already been purchased and placed for two families and another trailer will be purchased for another family in Ellington with the mobile home replacement grant funding. Town Board discussed, no one from public spoke.

Public Hearing #2

As advertised in the Post Journal, a public hearing was held to consider applying for a CDBG grant in the 2017 Unified Funding round. Town Board discussed the application, no one from public commented. Town of Ellington has applied for CDBG grants since 1999 and brought in over \$1,000,000.00 in funding to Town residents.

Public Hearings closed at 7:37p.m.

Public Participation

Keith Hitchcock, Dog Control Officer, was present with a report for the year so far. He is making calls to delinquent dog owners reminding them to license their dogs. If they do not license in a timely period, tickets will be written.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Dog Control Officer's report as submitted.

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

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

Old Business

Town Supervisor, Town Clerk & Building Code Enforcement Officer went to a dinner meeting in Mayville for a presentation on "Zombie" houses presented by Wade Beltramo of NYCOM. He explained many ways to identify a zombie property. It was advertised to give all B.C.O.'s 2 credit hours for meeting but this was not followed through.

NYSEG representative has been at the Town Hall to discuss the additional lighting around the Town Hall. NYSEG suggests changing our lighting to LED. Town Board would like more information on costs to be able to discuss this.

Supervisor reopened the discussion on applying for a CDBG grant in 2017.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to apply for a CDBG grant for trailer replacement.

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

Town Board met with the public in the Town Park to discuss renovations. Supervisor explained some of the changes and drawings of the Bandstand and area were available to review.

Bandstand changes were met favorable as was the moving of the gristmill memorial. It was asked if there could be some playground equipment put in for older kids of ages 5 to 12. It was discussed to remove the old merry-go-round to provide more greenspace. Historical significance was questioned about altering the Bandstand but it has already been remodeled. Meeting attended by Councilmen Rhinehart & Chase, Councilwoman Beightol & Miles, Supervisor Cronk, Karen Bifaro, Kevin Colburn, Judy Rhinehart, Beth Speas, Roberta & Mike Doud, Denise & John Arnold and Rosemary and Diana MacKown.

Have not heard from Mat Pickup, Ellington Picnic Assoc., concerning the co-owned 16 ft. stage. Hwy Supt. will look at it and see if it is safe to use or in disrepair and needing to be destroyed.

Saturday, June 17th at 2:00p.m. will be the program for the James Jesse Strang historical marker unveiling. Refreshments will be available at the Town Hall with Roger Gilbert giving a slide show of James Jesse Strang's colorful life.

New Business none

Highway Superintendent Report

The oil and stone has been finished in Ellington, now helping other Towns with shared services. The historical marker post has been installed and ready for Saturday's program.

The insurance for the tractor fire on South Hill Road will only pay for the spot the tractor was sitting on, not the rest of the road that was dug up. Clean up day went well filling two dumpsters. The salt shed at the highway yard for storage of the salt/sand mixture was discussed again. Highway Supt. has received quotes on pricing from a NYS compliant company and also information on a possible grant. He has been in contact with a grant writer that will apply for a 75% reimbursement grant. Her charge will be \$2,200. to write all the paperwork needed. She has a successful resume for obtaining grant funding for other municipalities. Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to proceed with contract with Ann McDonnell to apply for a WQIP grant for a salt shed for the Town of Ellington.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to proceed with contractors to build the salt shed.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted.

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

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#129 - #146	\$ 4,906.29
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#78 - #86	118,965.83
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#22	<u>358.46</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 11	TOTAL	\$124,230.58

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

05/31/17	\$290.70	Scrap metal
06/01/17	4,992.97	Chaut. Co. Mortgage Tax 10/1/16 - 03/31/17
06/12/17	678.28	Town Clerk - May 2017
06/12/17	345.00	Justice Court - May 2017

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of May 24, 2017 as submitted.

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

Committee Reports

Recreation committee, Councilwoman Beightol, is having a hard time finding a group to do refreshments for July 1st and July 22nd.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to accept the Historian report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the Town Justice monthly report a submitted.

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

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

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

Assessor's report will need clarification before acceptance.

No Building Code Officer's report was submitted.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to approve the Budget Modification of increasing DA3501 State Aid C.H.I.P.S. and DA5112.2 Improvements by \$22,520 in the budget.

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

Motion made to accept the monthly Financial Statement of May 2017 as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs

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

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn meeting at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk, Recd Secy.