

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on September 13, 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
Sandy Colvenback, resident
Kevin Colburn, resident
Klaus Mandel, resident

Public Participation

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

Unfinished Business

Councilman Chase and Jennifer Swanson met in the Town Park to discuss renovations that Ms. Swanson will specifically draw for concrete, millstone, etc. A small excavator will be needed to dig around the millstone to see what the base is and how it can be moved without harm.

New Business

A new mailing machine for the office was discussed. Have received information from Pitney Bowes about a 60 day trial. Discussed other machines from Pitney Bowes and stamps.com.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Miles to table for more information.

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

Term for a member of the Board of Assessment Review will expire at end of September. An email was sent asking if he was interested in renewing his appointment.

When the Cemetery Association dissolved, the funds were given to the Town and have been held all these years. It was discussed to set up a special acct. to use these funds to construct an addition to the building at the cemetery so as to have more storage. Hwy Supt. will draw up a rough draft of plans for bidders.

Town Board received their budget workbook and a reminder that Budget meetings will be October 4th & 18th. Regular meetings are October 11th and 25th.

Highway Superintendent Report

Driveway tubes have been placed on Abbey Hill Road and Old Chautauqua Rd. Hwy. Dept. has been helping Gerry and Cherry Creek with blacktopping. Have been blacktopping edges of Waterman Rd. towards Drybrook Rd. Will be making modifications to our back blade to use for leveling the shoulder work. Hwy. Dept has been cleaning ditches and hot mix patching on Hunt Road. Highway Dept. had a 3 day project placing over 300 loads of gravel on Wade Hill Road with 12 trucks and 5 townships helping.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Highway Supt. report ad 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:	#210 - #222	\$4,957.95
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#120 - #129	44,283.28
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#34	<u>358.46</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 17	TOTAL	\$49,599.69

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

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

08/30/17	\$936.03	Charter (Time Warner)franchise fees
09/12/17	200.00	Joe Reed for sluice pipe (in hwy. account)
09/12/17	1,075.54	Town Clerk fees-August 2017
09/12/17	543.00	Town Justice fees-August 2017

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the minutes of August 23, 2017 as written.

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

Committee Reports

Surveys with questions on recreation wants and needs was sent out with dog license renewals and posted in Town Hall and Library. Only 2 were returned so will try to put on our website. Halloween will be sponsored by the Town Recreation. Possibly a hayride. Library expressed they would like to join the Town for Christmas program. Possibly a pancake breakfast, craft to make and hang on tree in Park.

Monthly Reports

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

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Assessor's monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the Dog Control Officer's monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to accept the Financial Report for August 2017 submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

No Building Code Officer report as he is at schooling.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.