

OCTOBER 25, 2017

The second monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on October 25, 2017 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman, Deputy Town Supervisor
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman
Tamara Miles, Councilwoman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary
William Duncanson, Attorney
Kevin Colburn, resident
Sandy Colvenback, resident
Ellington Farman Library Representatives
Town Picnic Representatives

ABSENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor

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

As posted in the Post Journal, the Public Hearing on Local Law No.1-2017, "A Local Law for Residency Requirements for the Appointed Offices of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Dog Control Officer and Second Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Ellington" was opened.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to adopt Local Law No. 1 - 2017 as submitted.

Poll Vote was called by the Town Clerk as follows:

Chase-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Miles-aye, Cronk-absent Carried.

Public Participation

Judy Whittaker, Director of the Library, spoke to the Town Board about the many activities she has done at the Library and a schedule for more. She would like to send an update on the Library activities once a month to the Town Board. MaryJane Griffith, Treasurer of the Library, also spoke to Town Board about the Library budget. They have just had a large restoration project done on the Library. Funding for this project came from a variety of grants. They are requesting an increase of \$1,000. to their part of Town budget. This shows as "Special Project Person" in their financial statement. President Marti Telford thanked everyone for supporting the Library. They have finally received their Charter after many years of paperwork. MaryJane Griffith, Treasurer of the Ellington Town Picnic Association, spoke about their loss and profit of the picnic. Fundraisers are held to support the Picnic. Problem of very few volunteers helping to keep it going. Movie night funding from Town was very helpful.

Mat Pickup, President, spoke about people that have helped and thanked them very much. Cindy Wragge, Library Board, told the Town Board the Library is a place for anyone to be able to go and the money in the Budget is useful and helpful. Also, the Town Picnic success affects the Library also as they are a vendor at the Picnic.

Deputy Supervisor Chase thanked them all for coming and their requests will be considered while working on the Budget.

Closed Public Participation section of the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Town Board discussed at length the Tentative Budget figures.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to add \$1,000. to the Library's budget of \$29,000. for 2018.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Rhinehart to adopt a Preliminary Budget and set a Public Hearing date of Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00p.m.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Rhinehart to reject the bid for addition to Cemetery building due to inadequate bid sampling and wait until spring to re-bid.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to reject the Caretaker bid due to inadequate bid sampling.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to re-advertise Caretaker bids to be placed by Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 3:p.m. to be opened at 7:00p.m.

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

Councilman Chase will get concrete pricing for the Town Park project. Councilwoman Beightol commented on upgrading the light posts to courtyard lights with LED bulbs. Discussed having an outlet either on lights or elsewhere to be able to plug things in. Councilman Rhinehart will check with Steve Lundsten about taking the old concrete off of the monument. It was discussed that the flagpole should have been placed first then place the 18" wall around this.

Discussed the sculpture in the Park needing to be power washed and stained with color to detail the animals.

Highway Superintendent Report

Shared service has been completed with Conewango for tree/brush cutting. Pulled shoulders on Bentley Hill Road, 100 loads of dirt hauled between Conewango Valley and the blueberry farm. A grant was received for erosion control and large rocks were placed in ditch on Leach Hill Road. A truck hauling the stone jackknifed and rolled over on Leach Hill Rd. and the road had to be closed for cleanup. The last round of mowing roadsides has been finished. The loader was assessed for exchange. The one year option would be trading our current loader and pay \$21,600 for a 2018 loader. Or two year option is trade of loader and pay ½ each year. This would be a \$161,000 loader machine.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted.

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

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#241 - #254	\$4,140.04
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#141 - #147	41,988.40
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#39 - #41	<u>1,185.90</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 20	TOTAL	\$47,314.34

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

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

Supervisor received the following check for deposit:

10/24/2017	\$155.36	sale of scrap metal
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Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of October 11, 2017 and October 18, 2017 with date change in first paragraph.

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

Councilwoman Beightol reported that the Baptist Church will be helping Town Recreation with the Costume Parade at the Firehall at 7:00p.m. on Halloween night.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to place ads noting Trick or Treat hours will be Tuesday, Oct. 31st from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. with the Costume Parade at the Firehall to follow.
VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Miles-aye Carried.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy