

OCTOBER 11, 2017

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on ~~October 11~~, 2017 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
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

ABSENT: Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman

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

Public Participation

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

Bid Opening

As advertised in the Post Journal, bids for the position of Caretaker from 01/01/18 to 12/31/18 were opened.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to acknowledge the bid received for Caretaker and table for further discussion.

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

Unfinished Business

Town Clerk informed the Town Board that she has discussed mailing machines with other Town Clerks in the County and feels that Pitney Bowes is not the company to order from. Majority of Clerks have Neopost machines in their office and are very happy with that choice. Salesman for Neopost was very helpful and quick to answer any questions.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to order mailing machine from Neopost.

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

New Business

Supervisor Cronk and Councilwoman Beightol met with the insurance agent to discuss medical insurance for employees. Staying with Independent Health for one employee and United Health Care for another at a slight increase is what was decided by committee.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Rhinehart to support the choice made by the Committee for employee insurance.

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

Supervisor received a letter from NYS Ag & Markets that Chaut. County Humane Society is approved for holding animals from Town of Ellington.

A report was received from the Librarian of the Ellington Farman Library. She will be attending the meeting on Oct. 25th to answer any questions.

A credit card for Town purchases was discussed. A survey of what other Towns have for a credit card was received by the Clerk. A call was made to the Town's bank, Catt. County Bank and paperwork was received.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Miles to apply for a Visa card through CCB with a \$5,000. limit.

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

A liquor license renewal for Breezewood Links LLC., 4341 Dean School Road, was brought before the Town Board.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Rhinehart to acknowledge the liquor license renewal.

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

Highway Superintendent Report

Hwy Supt. reported that 6 trees and stumps have been removed from the ditch area by the Rowland residence on 28 Creek Road by Great Lakes Tree Service. The large drainage project is finished on Wolcott Road. Hwy Dept has had shared service with Conewango with blacktopping and Cherry Creek with millings. The monument in the Park has been removed by the Hwy Dept. and power washed by the Hwy Supt., ready for its new location in the Park. The loader has been appraised by Five Star and will be getting information to the Hwy Supt. soon. Driveway tubes have been installed on Wade Hill Road and Wolcott Road. As there is a washout problem on Leach Hill Rd. the Hwy Supt. has been informed of possible grant funding that would allow the purchase of oversized stone for 1800 ft. of ditch on Leach Hill Rd.

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

VOTE: 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:	#233 - #240	\$ 2,075.06
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#136 - #140	21,315.93
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#38	<u>358.46</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 19	TOTAL	\$23,749.45

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

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

10/11/17	\$1284.31	Town Clerk fees for Sept. 2017
10/11/17	270.00	Town Justice court fees for Sept. 2017

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of September 27th as written.

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

Committee Reports

Supervisor reported she had talked to our insurance agent about coverage for a hayride at Halloween. This would be covered if it is a scheduled, sponsored Town recreation program.

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

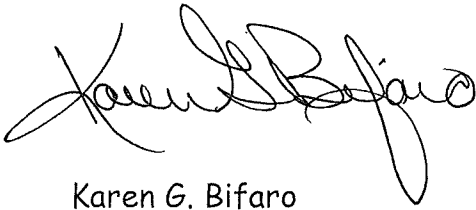
VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Miles-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

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

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

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn the meeting at 8:08p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen G. Bifaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy