

OCTOBER 24, 2018

The second monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on October 24, 2018 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  
Kevin D. Colburn, Councilman  
Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary  
Diane Reynolds, Resident  
Sandy Colvenback, Resident  
MaryJane Griffith, treas. Ellington Farman Library & Ellington Picnic Assn.  
Judy Whittaker, Library Director  
Marti Telford, Library President  
Cynthia Wragge, Library Trustees  
Delores Young, Library Trustee  
Brenda Rickard, Library Trustee  
Dave Young, resident  
Student, Falconer Central School

Meeting was opened following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

As request for funding in the 2018 Budget continues, Judy Whittaker, Library Director, showed the Town Board an exceptional slide show of activities at the Ellington Farman Library. She commented that she wanted to show what the Library offers to people free of charge. Mary Jane Griffith, Library treasurer, commented on expenses going up, one being the minimum wage going up \$.70 per hour next year. Cynthia Wragge also spoke to the Board. Councilman Reynolds asked how many people from Conewango Valley visit the Library. Library Director will research and have an answer for him.

MaryJane Griffith, Ellington Town Picnic Assn. treasurer, commented on the small group of volunteers that work hard to plan the Town Picnic and its festivities. They wouldn't be able to cover expenses if it were not for the advertisers of the Town Picnic and all the fundraising they do. She thanked the Town for their help.

Resident, Dave Young, wanted the Town Board to be aware of all the work that has been done by the Highway Supt, Dennis Colvenback. Mr. Young commented that most all Ellington roads are now hard surfaced, improvements have been done on roadsides, improvements to the highway building and how nice the Town Park looks. The public needs to know all of this. Mr. Young asked for a standing ovation for the Hwy Supt., all Board members acknowledged except Councilman Reynolds and Councilman Rhinehart.

Public Participation closed.

Accountant, Laura Napoli, has met with the Town Board and reviewed the figures on the Tentative Budget.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to adopt the 2019 Tentative Budget as the 2019 Preliminary Budget.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-nay, Rhinehart-nay, Cronk-aye  
Carried 3-2

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Reynolds to set Public Hearing for 7:00p.m. on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Rhinehart handed out a printout message from County Executive George Borrello about planning the County Budget.

Highway Employees contract for 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2021 has been discussed.

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Beightol to adopt the contract as agreed upon with the Highway Employees.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-nay, Rhinehart-nay, Cronk-aye  
Carried 3-2

Sexual Harassment Policy was reviewed by the Town Board after Attorney review.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy as presented.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Councilwoman Beightol met with Jonathan Mayr from Southern Tier West pertaining to our Clean Energy Community grant. One of the easiest qualifications left to get is the electric charging stations. Because we have waited to act on the electric chargers, the DEC will not rebate any monies back to the Town. The price of the chargers is approx. \$1,000. Once they are purchased and approved by NYSERTA, the Town will receive \$5,000 within two weeks for being a Clean Energy Community.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to purchase the electric car chargers for the Town of Ellington.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Reynolds-abstain, Cronk-aye Carried.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> the Town Board discussed the purchase of the Lawn tractor and decided to purchase next year. After budget discussions, it was discussed purchasing the lawnmower equipment out of this year's budget. Trailer size was also discussed.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to rescind motion made on September 12<sup>th</sup> and purchase the lawnmower this year.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Every year the Highway Supt. is required to do a highway inventory of all equipment owned by the Town of Ellington.

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

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to declare the 1977 Oshkosh as surplus.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Shoulders have been worked up on the newly black-topped roads, Wolcott, 28 Creek and Bemis Roads. Installed driveway tubes on Dean School Road for logger's driveways. Hauling in 1A stone for next year road work. Ellington Hwy Dept has had shared services with NYSDOT. Highway Dept. have also been ditching.

Councilman Rhinehart asked about the "patches" on the salt shed. Hwy Supt. has had a representative from the company come out and look at them. He assured Hwy Supt that it is covered under warranty. They are called "field welds" and they "patch" any blemishes they find when putting it up. Will be sending a man down to place plastic in the corners of the concrete wall to help stabilize it. Also, concern about signage on Bentley Hill Rd with a tree down on electric wires. Highway Supt. tried to cut tree up himself but could not because of wires so was running to get signage. Then placed cones and called NYSEG.

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

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-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:	#24 - #271	\$1,053.23
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#147 - #152	38,118.54
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#40 - #43	<u>3,502.92</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 13	TOTAL	\$42,674.69

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

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Supervisor received the following check for deposit:

10/11/18	\$400.00	payment from resident on Dean School Rd. for sluice pipes
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Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of October 10, 2018 as submitted.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

**Committee Reports**

Councilman Beightol will get the cider, Town Clerk will get the cups for the Halloween Party and set up will be at 6:30p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at the Firehall.

**Correspondence**

Letter received from Town Clerk, Karen G. Bifaro, resigning from Cemetery Coordinator and housekeeping.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the resignation.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to advertise for the position of Cemetery Coordinator.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Rhinehart to go into executive session.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to close open session and go into executive session.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to close Executive session and return to open session. No motions or votes were taken during executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recd Secy