

NOVEMBER 14, 2018

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on November 14, 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
Jeff McIntosh & son, Caretakers

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

Public Participation

Caretaker, Jeff McIntosh, asked if there were complaints about their work and questioned if the Town was putting out bids for the Caretaking position for 2019. Town Board informed him that the Town will be hiring someone to do the mowing, landscaping and helping at highway jobs when needed this year. He commented that they would be available if this does not work out. Also, he told Town Board to remember that they do tree service if it is needed. McIntosh's were thanked for their service.

Public Participation was closed at this time.

Town Board was updated on the NYSEERDA Grant. We have received the electric car chargers and they will need to be put up. Waiting for the State to approve our request and grant funds will be sent. NYSEG has sent a list of street lights included in the grant but a total inventory will be done before streetlights are changed to LED.

Previously had discussed and bid for building an addition to the building at the cemetery. More storage is needed for the stage, lawnmower equipment, etc. and the purchase of another storage building for Valley View Cemetery was discussed. This can be purchased with monies that was given to the Town from the Cemetery Association when they dissolved and later put into a Reserve Fund. The largest storage shed (12x24) is \$2,625.00 and can be placed next to the building already at the cemetery.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to explore this further.

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

Highway Superintendent Report

All trucks have been prepared for plowing and sanding. The chopper is on the excavator and chopping back brush on North Hill Road. The roller was sent for diagnostics and found the water pump was not only bad but needs a new motor. Estimates for its repair exceed the value of the used roller, will look for replacement costs. Highway Supt. was at a telephone conference with Sen. Cathy Young's office and was informed that there will be no permits for brine use anymore in NYS. We have no permit but have "piggy-backed" on the County for application to dirt roads. Hwy. Supt. commented that we are thankful to have hard surface roads now. The Oshkosh is running and decision needs to be made what to do with it.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to place an ad in the paper to sell the Oshkosh.

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

Councilman Rhinehart asked for a written explanation to an email that was sent to Supervisor Cronk and Hwy Supt. Colvenback pertaining to the placement of signs at dead end on Mill Street by his residence. Hwy Supt. read a statement pertaining to the survey and placement of the signs and the snow plow turnaround. Mr. Rhinehart then asked questions and stated his opinion, one being he feels he is being harassed. Mr. Rhinehart gave the Town 48 hours to remove the signs at the dead end of Mill Street that he feels are inhibiting access to his property.

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

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

Audit & Payment of Claims

At this time the Town Board reviewed the bills for payment as submitted:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#272 - #287	\$8,416.04
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#153 - #166	24,044.25
Trust & Agency Fund Claim No:	#44	<u>392.58</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 15	TOTAL	\$32,852.87

Councilman Rhinehart questioned the bill for the remote start on truck.

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

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

Supervisor did receive the following checks for deposit:

10/29/18	\$ 108.00	reimbursement for driveway pipe
11/05/18	76,877.91	Chaut. Co sales tax
11/14/18	1,323.00	Town Clerk-October 2018
11/14/18	100.00	Justice Court-October 2018

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of October 24, 2018 and November 5, 2018 as submitted.

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

Committee Reports

Supervisor wanted to thank Councilwoman Beightol for setting up a very nice Halloween Party at the Firehall. It was attended by 54 people, best turnout of people in a long time. Costume parade was held, cider, donuts and candy given and a good time had by all.

Saturday, December 15th will be the Breakfast with Santa at the Library. Town Recreation will provide books for the children. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be attending.

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the monthly Financial Report as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.

