

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on February 13, 2019 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
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Sandy Colvenback, Resident
Terry Hickok, AFLAC Insurance

ABSENT: Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman

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

Public Participation

Terry Hickok from AFLAC Insurance presented a short explanation of the different types of insurance available through him. Brochures were handed out.

Public Participation part of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

Paul Hitchcock was called to break up an ice jam on the creek behind the highway building in concern of flooding from continued rain. Dept has been hauling in stone for roadwork in the summer. A new plow is needed on truck #5 as it has been welded and patched a lot. Governor has come up with a plan that you need to be certified to run an excavator. Everyone needs to take a class and be tested. Town of Gerry is setting up a training class to be held at the Gerry Rodeo grounds. We have a highway employee that is leaving his job at the Ellington Highway Dept. Hwy. Supt. has done some interviews but have a problem with the starting wage being too low. He asked if there can be any way to amend the contract to change the starting wage to raise it a little but not the same wage as the current employees.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to amend the current Highway Employees contract by making a Memorandum of Understanding and attaching to the current contract. The Highway Supt. will make the decision what will be starting pay for a new employee. This will be signed in agreement by the highway employees and Town Board members giving the Highway Supt. the right to change the starting wage for a new full time MEO highway employee.

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

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

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

Town Board discussed looking for a part-time employee/caretaker to do the mowing, weeding & etc. of all Town properties and cemeteries and also help at the highway department.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Colburn to run an advertisement in the Pennysaver looking for a part-time caretaker and also a full time MEO with a CDL for the highway.

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

Additional equipment needs to be purchased for the Caretaker position. Mower has been purchased but push mower, weed eaters, shovels, rakes, etc are needed.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to have Hwy Supt put a list together with pricing and bring to next meeting.

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

Hwy Supt. reported that the Town *will not* be getting any "winter recovery monies" from the State, as we had received the previous year (\$22,159.).

Supervisor referred to the Governor's 2020 Budget proposal to stop the Aid & Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) funding. This will mean a loss of \$14,635 in funding to the Town of Ellington. She asks that everyone send letters to Senator Young.

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#30 - #49	\$29,870.96
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#15 - #29	28,202.45
Fire District	#50	<u>93,650.00</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 3	TOTAL	\$151,723.41

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

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

01/15/19	\$1,566.05	Fire Department fuel usage(2018)
01/25/19	150,000.00	Payment from Tax Collector
02/11/19	66,598.06	Chaut. Co. Sales Tax
02/08/19	621,519.29	Payment from Tax Collector(fulfill warrant)
02/13/19	1,690.66	Town Clerk monthly(Jan.2019)
02/13/19	333.00	Town Justice monthly(Jan.2019)

Audit Committee, Councilman Rhinehart, Councilman Reynolds and Councilman Colburn performed an audit on the Supervisor's books, Town Clerk's books, Tax Collector's books and the Justice Court's books on January 16th. Councilman Colburn reported that they found all of the records to be in order.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes of January 9th, 2019 as submitted.

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

The following Annual Reports were reviewed by the Town Board:

Historian, Town Clerk and Town Justice

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the Annual Reports as submitted.

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

Town Clerk reported that the NYSERDA Grant has been approved and we will be receiving our funds within the next couple of weeks.

There were no Committee Reports submitted.

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Ellington Farman Library's quarterly report as submitted.

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

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the Financial Report for January 2019 submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPA's.

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

With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Colburn to adjourn at 8:11p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy