

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

The second monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on February 27, 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  
Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary  
Diane Reynolds, Resident  
Bill Jackson  
Sandy Colvenback, Resident  
Brad Griffith, resident

No one was present for Public Participation.

### **Unfinished Business**

The engineer has not returned phone calls/ messages from Councilman Colburn concerning Mill Street.

The Attorney drew up a "Memorandum of Understanding" for the Town of Ellington and the Highway Employees contract from 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2021 amending the starting wage for an MEO with a CDL license to be not less than \$15.00 and no more than \$16.50 which was discussed at last meeting. The Supervisor read this to the Town Board and informed them that she had left a copy at the highway building for the highway employees to review. Councilman Rhinehart handed out a sheet on minimum wage for NY State and feels we should stay with that wage.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to table this discussion until next meeting.

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

Hwy Supt. is to provide a list of maintenance equipment needed for the caretaking of Town grounds.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to table discussion until Hwy Supt. is available.

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

No New Business was discussed.

**Audit & Payment of Claims**

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

General Claim Fund Nos:	#50 - #62	\$32,681.01
Highway Claim Fund Nos:	#30 - #31	11,494.15
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#6 - #8	<u>13,901.97</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 4	TOTAL	\$58,077.13

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

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of February 13, 2019 as submitted.

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

**Committee Reports**

Councilwoman Beightol met with the Ellington Library to discuss us jointly plan the Easter Egg Hunt. This will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a.m. to 12 noon. Town Recreation will furnish the candy. The Librarian will have crafts for the kids after the Easter Egg Hunt.

Highway Supt. was present to discuss the list of maintenance equipment prices:

Self- propelled mower	\$764.00	28"deck
	399.00	21"deck
Blower	479.00	
Weed eater	183.95	
Landscaping cart	300.00	

The Hwy Supt. brought up the expense of fixing the current 1990 roller, purchased from the Town of Carroll for \$5,000. It will be very expensive to fix this roller and it does not meet safety requirements. He asked how he could purchase another roller if it was at auction or in a magazine.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to allow the Hwy Supt. to spend up to \$25,000. on a roller for the highway dept. and discuss with Town Board as possible.

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

Hwy Supt. questioned the pay scale for a part-time year round employee, whether they would be considered a highway employee.

An advertisement was sent to the Pennysaver but was not placed in the paper. It will be in next week's paper. Wages for this part-time employee were discussed but was not decided.

Motion made to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted.

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

The "Memorandum of Agreement" will be sent down to the highway employees for them to view.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recd Secy