

MAY 8, 2019

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on May 8, 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
William Duncanson, Attorney
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Sandy Colvenback, Resident

ABSENT: Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman

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

Public Participation

There was no one present for this portion of the meeting.

Our County Legislator representative, Dan Pavlock, will be called by the Supervisor and asked if he would like to attend a meeting.

Highway Superintendent Report

Hwy Supt. commented that Teitsworth was at Hwy Bldg to discuss putting the Oshkosh on their on-line auction. They no longer have a physical auction in Gerry. Dept has been ditching, installing driveway tubes, cleaning intersections, hauling washed stone and changing trucks over from winter to summer(tires, painting plows). Started shared service on skid patching with Cherry Creek and Gerry. The first week of June we are scheduled to start shared service with the County. Oil pricing from Suitkote is \$2.94/gal and changes monthly and we spread over 40,000 gallons which means we will not get as much done this year before we run out of money. . Blacktop is \$80/ton this year. Highest it has ever been.

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

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

Unfinished Business

Letters being sent to government officials concerning the budget cuts to state revenue sharing program known as "Aid and Incentives to Municipalities" was discussed. Letters were reviewed.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to sign and send the letters to state officials.

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

An estimate of the cost of placing blacktop on the Valley View Cemetery roads was reviewed. One road needs to be dug out and gravel placed in it. Lakes Shore Paving can grade roads as our grader is too large. Discussed possibly putting millings on it. Maybe do gravel work this year and then then pave it next year.

Supervisor has asked Jim Smith, President of the Fire Dept, if they could possibly put the street flags up as the Town does not have bucket truck but Fire Dept has ladders. Jim Smith agreed that Fire Dept could put the flags up and down. Doug Merrill in Conewango Valley has told Supervisor that he and his family will put up flags in Conewango Valley as a community project.

Townwide Yard Sales are scheduled for June 15th. The Library and Ellington Picnic Assoc. will also be joining in the festivities. Ellington Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd. Cockaigne will be having a craft fair on that day also.

New Business

Resolution No.2 - 2019 "Grievance Day" was read by the Supervisor. This will change Grievance Day to the 4th Tuesday of May from 4 to 8 p.m.

Poll Vote was called by the Town Clerk and signatures placed on Resolution.

An application for use of the Conewango Valley Park was submitted by Linda Millspaw for use on Sunday, July 21st from 11a.m to 3p.m.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to approve the application as submitted.

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

Contract received from Charter (Time Warner) for renewal in November 2019. A copy was given to the Attorney for review. This proposal is for 15 years, contract is for 7 yrs. currently. Copy will be left on table in Clerk's office for anyone to review.

The Drainage District was discussed. There has been concern about trees growing in the creek. Town had a Drainage District Commission form in 1962 that served as a committee and reporting to the Town Board with any problems in drainage district. This committee ended up disbanding and it was left to the Town's responsibilities. Every year \$800.00 is placed in the budget for work in the creek. Clerk tried to find a map at the County and was told we would need to come to County bldg. and look for it. It was suggested to call a tree service to estimate the cost of cutting trees in creek bed from ballpark down towards bridge. Trees will be marked.

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#119 - #131	\$6,631.21
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#57 - #67	<u>9,018.06</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 9	TOTAL	\$15,649.27

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

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

05/03/19	\$60,466.22	Quarterly Sales Tax
05/08/19	722.55	Town Clerk fees-April
05/08/19	796.00	Justice Court fees-April

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of April 24, 2019 as submitted.

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

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Colburn to accept the Assessor's monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the Ellington Farman Library report as submitted.

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

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

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

Correspondence

Letter received from Chautauqua County Dept. of Insurance that if we should ever choose to cancel our insurance with the County, it would cost us \$32,783.43

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Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy