

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on September 11, 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
Kevin D. Colburn, Councilman
Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary
Diane Reynolds, Resident
Sandy Colvenback, Resident

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Public Hearing (rescheduled from August 28th)

Supervisor opened Public Hearing for discussion of the franchise agreement with Time Warner. No one from the public was in attendance. Questions were asked by the Town Board and answered by the Attorney.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to close Public Hearing.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the franchise agreement between Time Warner and the Town of Ellington.

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

At this time the Supervisor read Resolution No. 3-2019, " IN THE MATTER OF THE GRANTING OF A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE HELD BY TIME WARNER CABLE NORTHEAST LLC IN THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON, COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK". Town Clerk called a poll vote of Town Board members and signatures were presented.

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

4 votes for 1 against

Highway Superintendent Report

The large tube project on Dean School Road has been finished with the help of shared services from Town of Gerry. We went to Charlotte to help with blacktop. We have also been doing a lot of ditching and have placed 3 more driveway tubes.

Helped Cherry Creek with roadside project. There is a logging project starting in 2 weeks on Dean School road. Weather has finally given highway a break.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Highway Supt. report.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Reynolds to declare file cabinets and wooden computer desk as surplus equipment.

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

Two member's terms have expired on the Board of Assessment Review. It was discussed that each Town Board member will bring a name to the next meeting to be discussed to fill those positions.

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

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

Two bids of over \$15,000 had been received for work in the creek. Drainage district budget is at \$8,000 currently. Councilman Colburn met with contractor Doug Rice and asked him to bulldoze the blockages for now. This should help keep the creek open until a more extensive project can be done.

New Business

Assessor's term was discussed. Roxanne Aucoin had filled the term of the previous Assessor after her resignation and now that term will expire on Sept. 30th

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to appoint Roxanne Aucoin as the Town Assessor for a term of 6 years.

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

A call was received from Gerry Nelson of Busti, NY by the Town Clerk requesting that a special monument he has made be placed on Corydon Bates' lot in Valley View Cemetery. Mr. Bates was a local gun maker in the 1800's.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Colburn to allow the special monument to be placed at Corydon Bates' cemetery lot if the proper foundation is placed first.

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

Information has come to us about the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce. Many Towns & Villages have joined the Chamber of Commerce for their help in following State mandates, insurance and other viable information.

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Beightol to become a member for a 1 year trial at a cost of \$320.00

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

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#230 - #236	\$1,334.00
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#116 - #125	6,719.36
Trust & Agency:	#30	<u>520.08</u>
ABSTRACT NO 17	TOTAL	\$8,573.44

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

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

09/03/19	\$4,315.00	Auctions International (sale of truck and Oshkosh)
09/11/19	\$1,417.80	Town Clerk fees-August 2019
09/11/19	\$203.00	Town Justice fees-August 2019

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the minutes of August 14, 2019 as submitted.

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

No minutes from August 28th as no quorum was available for a meeting.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the General Budget Modifications as posted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Highway Budget Modification as posted by Bahgat & Laurito- Bahgat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the clarification to the month of August Budget Modification as prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the month of August Financial Report as prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to close open session of meeting and go into executive session.

Motion made to close executive session and return to open session. No action taken.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn meeting at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy