

JANUARY 22, 2014

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on January 23, 2013 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor  
Tamara Miles, Councilwoman  
Roger D. Brainard, Councilman  
Sharon J. Berg, Councilwoman  
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.  
Sandy Colvenback, Resident

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

#### **Public Participation**

Arissa Hitchcock, Library Director, was present to discuss a fund raiser for the Farman Free Library and needed permission for the use of the Town Park. She would like to have a car show around the Park and a toy show in back of the Library on Saturday, June 14th. A Park Permit application and approved by the Town Board will be needed. Board commented how nice it is to have a library director working so hard to library and community working together.

#### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Replaced the cutting edge on front blade on truck #5 and the cutting edge on wing blade on truck #6. Truck #7 went to Boyles for computer diagnostics because of the motor losing power. Repairs were made and it does run better but still using a lot of oil. Had a problem with water running down Shelters Road onto Bates Road. We will need to address the problem on Shelters Road. Need to discuss later. We have refurbished the grader's plow wing that has sat for years and rusted. Met with an engineer from Midland Oil regarding Pickup Hill Road. They seem interested in helping us out. This road was oil & stoned 2 yrs ago but came apart. Suit-Kote was asked to do core samples, which they did, but we never heard anything from them. Repairs to the connections on the lo-pro truck were done as the plow wouldn't angle.

There have been some concerns about the employees (firemen) not attending fire calls. Hwy. Supt. talked with Lloyd Johnson about this. Mr. Johnson was under the assumption that they were not allowed to go. Hwy. Supt. told him the policy for the employees is going to the fire/emergency calls if they feel a need to. Had to replace the cutting edge on truck #7 wing blade and need to replace the patrol wing as it was rusted through. Called for an estimate to Henderson's to replace the patrol wing. Barmore's had to come back to repair the loader tire again. The Clear Creek bridge will be replaced by Union Concrete on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

The Hwy. Supt. and the Town Board discussed Shelters Road abandonment.

Through the years the water has ruined Shelters Road and it is only one car width wide. Shelters Road and Engdahl Road(on the Gerry townline) are both seasonal roads. Highway Supt. has discussed abandonment of the road with the Attorney. The same person owns all the land on both sides of Shelters Road ( $\frac{1}{4}$  mile) and there are no other residences/camps there. Shelters Road meets all the criteria for abandonment as we have not maintained the road in over 6 yrs and no one has traveled it. First thing that needs to be done is a Public Hearing then Certificate of Abandonment. Highway Superintendent showed pictures of the Road and area to the Town Board. Letters will be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Jay Olmstead and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Anderson (property owners) about the Public Hearing that will be advertised for February 26th, 2014. Attorney Duncanson will draw up the Legal Notice for the Post Journal. Hwy. Supt. will let the Attorney know of the Board's decision.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to start the abandonment process for Shelters Road.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

**Audit & Payment of Claims**

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#14 - #25	\$8,638.73
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#9 - #12	3,835.61
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#3	<u>2,883.60</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 2	TOTAL	\$15,357.94

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

01/15/14	\$125.21	Refund from Selective Insurance
01/22/14	488.00	Justice court fees-December 2013
01/22/14	134.00	Sluice pipe payment from Robert Speas

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of January 8, 2014 as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

**Annual Reports**

Town Board reviewed the Town Clerk's annual report.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the Town Clerk's annual report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Town Board reviewed the Town Justice's annual report.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the Town Justice's annual report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Town Board reviewed the Historian's annual report feeling that some obituaries and other information was missing or incorrect.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to not accept the Historians report until it is amended.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

**Recreation Committee**

Lights have been taken down in the Town Park by committee and volunteer. Need to look in the shed behind Town Hall for lights and timer. Band Concerts will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 p.m. Supervisor would like to see the Buffalo Zoo program return again this year.

Nothing has been heard from Solar Liberty about our solar panels. They did tell us it could take up to 12 weeks. Miles will contact by email to keep in touch.

The appointment of the Attorney for the Town had not been done at the Organizational Meeting.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to appoint William Duncanson Jr. as the Attorney for the Town for 2014 at a rate of \$150.00/hour plus a retainer of \$1,250.00 paid in June and December.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

The appointment of the Building Code Officer was held over until Supervisor could speak with B.C.O. about working on the problem of vacant buildings in Town. Supervisor will speak to the Judge about the legal aspect of building code.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to appoint Frank J. Fonti as the Building Code Officer for 2014.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Town Clerk has not been able to work on the Time Warner phone system switch over but will have information at next meeting.

Audit of the Town Supervisor's, Town Clerk's and Town Justice's books has been scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30p.m. Audit Committee consists of Councilman Brainard, Councilwoman Berg and Councilman Chase.

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Town Board reviewed Resolution No.1-2014, "Shared Service Contract".

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to approve this resolution which will be attached to these minutes hereto.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 8:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.