

FERRUARY 12, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on February 12, 2014 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
Roger D. Brainard, Councilman
Sharon J. Berg, Councilwoman
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Sandy Colvenback, Resident

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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

No one was present for Public Participation so that portion of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

The excavator was brought in to shop and steam cleaned. The large hose on front boom was replaced, had new windshield installed and hopefully have located the oil leak after replacing hose. Installed the lights on the new box for the Lo-Pro and ordered steel for repairs. Hwy. Supt. asked the Town Board how they wanted to dispose of the "old" broom from old tractor (auction,sell). Hwy. Supt. said everyone is concerned about salt, which we are not short of, but told Board that they have used 2,480 gallons of diesel fuel in January which averages out to 100 gallons per snowplow's run. Replaced the broken rim on truck #7 before it shattered and came apart. Barmores did adjust the bill as they have been at highway bldg. twice to fix the same repair.

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

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

Audit & Payment of Claims

General Fund Claim Nos:	#25 - #53	\$119,423.15
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#13 - #27	17,706.64
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#4 - #5	<u>\$10,205.27</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 3	TOTAL	\$147,335.06

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to approve payment of the bills as submitted.

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

01/29	\$200,000.00	Received tax money from Tax Collector
01/28	100.00	Time Warner rent
02/10	61,266.55	Chautauqua County Sales Tax
02/10	429.00	O.C.S.F.S.- Recreation Fund
02/12	1,146.00	Justice Court fees -January
02/12	3,864.00	Town Clerk fees -January
02/12	400,000.00	Received tax money from Tax Collector

Committee Reports

No Reports

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Chase to accept the Town Justice monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the Animal Control Officer's monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to accept the Tax Collector's monthly report as submitted.

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

Supervisor spoke with Judge Johnson about court procedures with the Building Code Officer. B.C.O. will be working on notices to property owners with vacant buildings.

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to accept the monthly Financial Report submitted by accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, CPAs.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of January 22, 2014 with the following changes:

Motion made to appoint William Duncanson as the Attorney for the Town at a rate of \$150.00 /hour, **not year**.

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

Town Clerk reported that the phone lines have been switched to Time Warner today. Compass Consultants are working on changing our email addresses. New AT&T phones have also been set up in all offices in Town Hall.

Historian will make changes to her report and have available to Town Board by the next meeting.

A request has been made by Walter Ackley for his burial, when the time comes, in Soldiers Circle. Rules & regulations for Soldiers Circle burials were discussed. Decision tabled until further investigation.

Fuel & propane charges from Noco Energy Corp. for the Town and the Fire District were discussed. Questioning if we are paying State Bid prices as promised. Hwy Supt. will call the County and ask about their propane and fuel pricing. May need a written contact with supplier.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to authorize the Town Clerk and the Highway Superintendent to write up and publish advertisement for bids for propane, diesel fuel and gas.

Received "Letter of Engagement" from accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs, which needs to be signed each year if Town Board so desires to use their services of bookkeeping and payroll.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to authorize the Supervisor to sign the engagement agreement.

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

Motion made by Berg to close the meeting at 8:17p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.