

MARCH 12, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on March 12, 2014 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  
Robert Carpenter, Resident & Falconer School Board member

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

Robert Carpenter was present to talk to the Town Board about the gap elimination adjustment placed on the schools by NYS Education Dept. A rally was held in Ellicottville last week attended by 550 people. He is asking everyone to contact State legislators, Senators and Assemblymen asking them to stop this financial burden on schools by next week's deadline. Town Board discussed at length. Public Participation closed at 7:17p.m.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

The Lo-Pro truck is in the shop getting prepared to be painted and rims have been sand blasted and primed. Truck #7 (International) is at Five Star in Erie for evaluation. A new engine would cost approx. \$29,000. Pickup truck has been to Ed Shults for oil change and tire rotation. Hwy. Supt. asked the Town Board if they still wanted to trade every 2 years to keep in rotation. He will be doing some pre-shopping for prices. He is still waiting for prices from 2 other dealers on a loader trade-in. Has prices from 2 other dealers. Removed a downed tree from Valley View Cemetery driveway as it was a hazard. Spoke with John Griffith about the purchase of a plow wing and parts that can be used on the Lo-Pro. New would be approx. \$5,000. Tonight the hwy. crew is working through the March 12<sup>th</sup> blizzard! Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted.

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 follows:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#62 - #76	\$31,402.56
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#38 - #51	<u>10,214.96</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 5	TOTAL	\$41,617.52

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to pay the bills as submitted.

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

02/12/14	\$694.34	Time Warner franchise
02/26/14	100.00	Time Warner rent
03/12/14	852.00	Town Clerk fees-February 2014
03/12/14	2,015.50	Town Justice fees-February 2014

**Committee Reports**

Councilwoman Miles and Councilman Chase (Recreation Committee) will contact the Librarian (Arisa) at the Farman Free Library to coordinate plans for an Easter Party. The "band" schedule for the Town Park is in the works.

**Monthly Reports**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to accept the Farman Free Library's reports as submitted.

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

Supervisor asked if our salt & sand budget was in trouble like other municipalities. Hwy Supt. feels we are right on target with our winter budget. Sand/salt ratio is 6ton of sand to 1 ton of salt, keeping our salt purchase lower.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to accept the February 2014 Financial Statement as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, CPAs.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2014 meeting as submitted.

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

In-house audit was completed by Councilman Brainard and Councilman Chase. Next year this audit needs to be completed by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Highway Supt. signed the "Abandonment of Shelters Road Certificate" after no one was opposed to this at the published Public Hearing on February 26, 2014. Signage to be placed at this location was discussed.

Solar panel project for Town Hall and Hwy. bldg. was discussed. Emails will be sent to Solar Liberty to find out the progress. Tabled.

The sculpture carving in the Town Park by Appalachian Arts was discussed. Tabled.

The Historian has not submitted her adjusted yearly report.

Fal-Ken Electric's proposal for electric lights in the crawl space of the Town Hall was discussed. Town Board feels that work estimated at \$550. May only need 2 lights and outlets and anything more would be unnecessary. Call will be made to Jon Ross again.

Soldier's Circle burials in Valley View Cemetery rules & regulations were discussed. A lot of Towns do not have a Soldier's burial area. Supervisor read some of the requirements needing to be stated in these regulations. These will be set up and decided at the next meeting.

The Ellington Town Picnic Association asked if we would be the administrator of a grant from the Falconer Regional Community fund. These are small grants for any not-for-profit organization. This was discussed by the Town Board. Deputy Supervisor Miles asked for a motion.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Chase to approve the Town to be the administrator for the grant for the Ellington Town Picnic Assoc.

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

Councilwoman Miles has been asked about speed zones on Main Street. This is a County Road, not a Town Road so the Sheriff's Dept. would need to be called. Also, asked about putting signs on the utility poles.

Councilwoman Miles asked what Town Board thought about having CPR training for a Recreation activity. American Heart Association will be contacted about this.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to authorize Councilwoman Miles to apply for grant for a salt storage shed for the highway dept.

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

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,