

MARCH 26, 2014

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on March 26, 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, Councilman

Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman

Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent

Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk /Rec. Sec.

William Duncanson, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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

No one was present for Public Participation.

Highway Superintendent Report

The Highway Supt. has submitted and explained a proposed plan for entire payment of the Bond Anticipation Note on the 2014 Mack Truck which will come due for payment on May 1st. Town Board discussed proposed plan with Attorney present. Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to pay off the Bond Anticipation Note on the 2014 Mack Truck if approved by the accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPA's.

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

Truck #7 has been repaired of the "cutting out" problem, motor and turbo charger was tested and found to be fine. Truck will need to be torn down further to find oil leak problem. Labor rate at Five Star is \$118.00/hour. The Lo-Pro truck work is continuing. When ready to place box on frame, it was found that the new box did not fit the truck. Henderson admitted they made a mistake when ordering. Box will be sent to Watertown for new cab cover makeover. "Sinkhole" on Hagerdon Hill Road was found to be a tube that has rotted away.

For now it has been filled with #2 stone until tube can be replaced in better weather. The Valvo truck is at I-86 for repairs, as it won't start. Have been chopping on Dredge Road then on to Drybrook Road. Town of Gerry has asked about purchasing the old York broom. Used the new tractor and broom to sweep the driveway at the Town Hall.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Chase to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted.

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

Supervisor discussed some concerns brought to her by Frank Giles that lives in Conewango Valley by the playground. He would like to see a playground sign or a stop sign placed in the area. Also, concerned about damage caused by trees growing out of the blocks that are along the creek. He would like to see a weight limit sign for trucks loaded with steel going through the area. Hwy. Supt. will address these concerns. The Caretaker will be asked to look at the backstop in the playground as it needs to be repaired or torn down. Mr. Giles will order 25 more flags for us to be used for the Veterans in the Cemetery.

Bids for propane and highway fuels were discussed. Amerigas has the State bid for propane. Town Board feels we should go to bid.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to advertise for Bids on propane and fuel to be submitted by Wednesday, April 23rd at 3:00p.m. and opened on at 7:00p.m. on that day.

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

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#77 - #83	\$3,972.46
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#52 - #58	8,854.62
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#8 - #9	<u>3,225.56</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 6	TOTAL	\$ 16,052.64

Motion made by Chase, 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:

03/20	\$616.18	Conewango's share of light district
03/20	2,400.00	Justice Grant funds

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting.

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

The revised Historian's annual report was presented to the Town Board. Requested changes and corrections were made.

Request from the President of the Ellington Town Picnic Association to hold the annual Tractor Pulls in the same location of Town property.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to grant permission for E.T.P.A. to use Town property for Tractor Pull event with proof of insurance.

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

The mutually owned stage used for Town Picnic and Band Concerts was discussed. Carpeting needs to be taken off and it needs to be painted. MaryJane Griffith will get the price of painting and let us know the cost. Possibly get high schooler to paint for Community Service hours. Grant application for the Town Picnic has been filed but have not heard anything yet. Appalachian Arts will be arriving this weekend to start setting up to sculpt the ash tree in Park. Price quoted was not to exceed \$3,000.

Supervisor read the proposed rules & regulations for Soldier's Circle burials.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the rules & regulations as written.

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

Notices to clean up winter decorations in the Ellington Cemeteries were send to the Pennysaver and posted locally.

Dates of Sept.13th, Sept. 28th or Oct. 4th to hold the Flu Clinic at the Town Hall were submitted to the Visiting Nurses Association.

Fal-Ken submitted a quote of \$450. to put in 2 light and a plug. Town Board discussed and then tabled this matter.

Ellington Town Wide Yard Sales will be set for the first Saturday in June. Advertisement will be posted in Pennysaver, local signs and on the radio. Discussed people parking around the Town Park and selling out of the trunk of their car.

Recreation Committee's Easter Party will be held at the Farman Free Library on Saturday, April 19th. Need cupcakes for the party.

Received word that Comcast if buying out Time Warner. Need to discuss any changes to the contracts we may want.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy