

APRIL 9, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on April 9, 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  
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk, Recd Secy.  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent

ABSENT: Sharon J. Berg, Councilwoman

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

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

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Overhead door cable on the highway bldg. was repaired by Jamestown Overhead Doors. Highway employees have been removing the plows and preparing to paint for off season storage. Have been hauling in stone from Country Side getting ready for road work. Used "perma-patch" in some of the major pot holes, trying to see how it works. Cutting brush on Drybrook Road as it has not been done in so long that trees needed to be removed from the ditch. Employees have begun sweeping the sand/salt mixture from the roads. Welding repairs have been made to the broken plate on the excavator's chopper. A 50 ft. tube that had rotted and caved in on Hagerdon Hill Road was replaced and covered with gravel. As soon as it settles, hot patch will be placed on top. Ditching has also been done on this road. Selling the old York broom to Cassadaga Valley School for \$700. An extra broom head and wafers will also be sold to them for \$300. Truck #6 (Volvo) has been at I-86 repair shop but not sure of parts or cost for repairs yet. Hwy. Supt. has priced out a new 2015 Mack Truck at \$115,034.00 (\$4,500. more than last year).

Supervisor informed the Town Board that the 2014 Mack Truck B.A.N. has been paid off as was voted on at last meeting. Steve Rexford brought notice that there is a tree "hung up" in another tree on the property line between his home and Town Hall. Hwy. Supt. will take care of when the ground is dry enough for the truck to pull up to the tree.

Milo Elliott has expressed a concern about the creek bank next to his residence on S.Rte 62. Someone will call Dave Wilson from Chaut. Co. Soil & Water to ask about the Class C situation. The sidewalk removal on Mill Street was discussed. Hwy. Supt. said this was on his schedule for this summer.

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

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

**Audit & Payment of Claims**

General Fund Claim Nos:	#84 - #85	\$6,768.05
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#59 - #64	<u>2,562.20</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 7	TOTAL	\$9,330.25

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to approve payment of the bills with corrected amount for Noco bill.

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

03/31/14	\$85.33	refund from Windstream
03/26/14	100.00	Time Warner rent(electronic)
03/08/14	745.00	Town Justice - February fees
03/09/14	713.76	Town Clerk - February fees
03/09/14	4,069.44	Tax Collection-penalties, late fees & int.
03/28/14	36.00	sale of chairs (Martha Potter)

**Committee Reports**

Easter Party for the kids will be held at the Farman Free Library on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 11a.m.to 12:30p.m. Donations are needed as well as volunteers.

Yard Sales will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Will advertise for a "trunk & treat" sale around the Park where people may sell out of their car trunks.

Report of a tree down in Waterboro Cemetery, too wet to even go back in there.

**Monthly Reports**

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

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

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

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

Enumeration of dogs was discussed. If

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

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

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

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

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

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

No Building Code Officer's report was available.

Town Board reviewed March 2014 Financial Statements from accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPA's.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the monthly Financial Statement as submitted.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to approve the Budget Modifications as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPA's.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to accept the minutes of March 26, 2014 with the correction of selling from Valvo to Volvo.

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

Solar Liberty has informed Councilwoman Miles that our application has been sent to NYSERDA but takes 6-8 weeks to hear anything. We should receive approval soon.

The tree sculpture in the Town Park has been completed. Carvings represent the four school systems within the Town of Ellington. It is carvings of a cougar for Cassadaga School, a panther for Pine Valley School, a cardinal for Randolph school and a falcon for Falconer school. The carving will need to be finished with a spaying of a linseed oil mixture, applied 3 times. There is room to do more carvings and they will come back if we want. An article about the sculpture will be written for the Post Journal.

Discussion amongst the Town Board about decorating the Bandstand in the Town Park for Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, etc.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to decorate the Bandstand for the holidays.

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

The Town has received many items from the Rice family from the estate of Bob & Laurene Rice.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the items and thank the Rice family.

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

Many items have been received by Robert Carpenter from the Helen B. Johnson estate including a stained glass replica of the Bandstand.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the items and thank Mr. Carpenter and family.

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

The old wooden chairs we have at the Town Hall are no longer in use or are needed so will be sold. Also, the old highway broom is no longer needed.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to declare the chairs and highway broom as surplus.

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

Town Board reviewed the Town of Ellington Rehab Program list of eligible homeowners supplied by C.H.R.I.C.

Town Board discussed a local law for unoccupied buildings. A copy of another municipality's law was copied and given to the Town Board to review for next meeting. The Attorney also has a copy to review.

Town Clean Up Day was set for Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be held later this year because of the townwide yard sales.

Town Clerk asked for approval of the Town Board to hold the yearly Free Rabies Clinic on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 5p.m. to 7p.m. Approved.

An application for use of the Town Park on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1p.m. to 3p.m. was received from Judge Johnson to perform a marriage in the Town Park.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to approve the use of the Town Park.

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

An application for use of the Town Hall on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 5a.m. to 10p.m. was received from the Chaut. Co. Board of Elections.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to approve this application.

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

Southern Tier West Conference was discussed. It will be held at Houghton College on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Miles discussed a program to teach CPR. It will cost \$1,450 for 10 people as they get to take the breathing dummy with them. This project will be further investigated so was tabled for now.

Motion made by Miles to adjourn at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.