

APRIL 23, 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
Tamara O. Miles, Councilwoman
Roger D. Brainard, Councilman
Sharon J Berg, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk /Rec. Sec.
William Duncanson, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. As was advertised in a Legal Notice in the Post Journal, propane and fuel bid were opened. Only one bid was received from Lictus Keystone, Inc., which contained the proper paperwork.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to accept the bid but table decision until further discussion.

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

No one was present for Public Participation.

Highway Superintendent Report

Repairs to Mutton Hill Road have been underway. Over 150 ton of stone has been placed and graded so road is now passable. Replaced broken fan belt on grader, noticing u-joints on hydraulic shaft were worn, so replaced them. Hwy. Supt. has priced new pickup truck but at this time the prices are too high. The tractor had the rear tires "loaded" at Z & M. Hwy. Dept has installed "weepers" on Abbey Hill, Waterman S.Hill and Pickup Hill Roads by digging in 2 ft. and placing tile then stone. Have been working on removing plows and plow frames and painting for summer storage. Building "stands" to place the sanders on so they will be kept off of the ground. Pothole repair is continuing. The repair cost for the Volvo is between \$5,000. and \$7,000., so purchasing a new Mack Truck was discussed.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to go ahead with putting in oral order for a new truck so as to be in line but with the stipulation the Hwy. Supt. check pricing with other truck dealers to see if price is different. Will be needing a truck at the end of the year for snow plowing.

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

Town of Ellicott's street sweeper broomed/swept around Town Park, Wade Hill and streets in Conewango Valley.

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

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

Caretaker Report

Caretaker report was read by the Supervisor in the absence of the Caretaker. The backstop at the Conewango Valley playground has been taken down and removed with the help of the Hwy. Dept. Replacement will be discussed at future meetings. Many letters are missing from the "Welcome" road signs in Conewango Valley area.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to authorize the Caretaker/Hwy. Supt. to take signs down and have section painted by Barrons Signs.

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

The rest of Caretaker's report will be given by Caretaker at next meeting.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the report as given.

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

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#96 - #112	\$4,802.53
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#65 - #74	8,653.15
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#10	<u>2,883.60</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 8	TOTAL	\$16,339.28

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to pay the bills as submitted.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the minutes of April 9, 2014 as submitted.

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

The Hwy. Supt. has sprayed the carved sculpture in the Town Park with a linseed mixture to help preserve it. A write up for the Post Journal will be submitted with pictures.

Letter received from Chaut. Co. Family Services that we will be receiving a check for \$758.77 recreation funds.

Town Board has copies of a Local Law for the unoccupied, abandoned building to look over. Attorney needs to look over other laws and will get back to us in May. Letters of "Order to Remedy" have been sent out.

Local Law to change the date of the annual Board of Assessment Review was discussed by the Town Board.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to introduce the local law to change the annual Board of Assessment Review hearing date to the Thursday following the fourth Tuesday in May.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to advertise a Public Hearing on May 14th at 7:00p.m. to allow the public to voice their opinion on Local Law No. 1-2014, "Adopt an Alternate Board of Assessment Review hearing date".

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

C.H.R.I.C. is planning to come to Ellington for the NeighborWorks program from June 7th - 15th. Project plans are being made to paint the Bandstand in the Town Park. Other ideas were suggested by Town Board members.

Energy assessment was done by company working with NYSEG. Assessment was done on Town Hall. Board suggests assessment be done at highway building.

Suggestion to wait until solar panels are placed and if extra money in budget at end of year, proceed with improvements to be energy efficient.

Councilwoman Miles called about CPR classes. Cost is \$25.00 to get certified and \$15.00 for book. They have a video of CPR that we could show with the attendance of an EMT or nurse. She will put up a sign it sheet to see if there is any interest.

Councilman Miles looked up information on the DEC website. Class "C" creek is a water supporting fishery. All of Clear Creek has to have a permit to enter it. 28 Creek is not really classified but is so close. If we have a written agreement with DEC, we can repair less than 100 feet. Milo Elliott has asked for some work to be done on his property by the creek.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.