

MAY 14, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on May 14, 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  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk, Recd Secy.  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. As advertised in a Legal Notice in the Post Journal, a Public Hearing was called at 7:00p.m. to consider a local law to adopt an alternate Board of Assessment Review hearing date.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to close Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m and approve the passing of Local Law No. 1-2014.

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

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

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

1993 Volvo is still at I-86 Truck Repairs and does not run. Hwy Supt. will find out how much it will cost to tow back to Highway Bldg. Hwy. Supt. suggested the 1993 Volvo be put in the online auction with a reserve placed on it.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to declare the 1993 Volvo truck as surplus equipment.

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

Installed the new wafers on the new broom already as first set was worn out. It is doing a great job. Dug out weepers on Abbey Hill Road and replaced with gravel to let the water drain, will be blacktopping soon. Found that there is a clay bar under Abbey Hill Road so dug out and filled in with gravel. Ditched and put in a new driveway for new resident on Abbey Hill Road.

. Hauled in stone to stockpile at shop as will be doing some trenching this summer. Added oversize stone on tube at 28 Creek Road by Rice residence. Have been replacing, straightening, etc. the street signs. Time Warner has informed the Hwy. Supt. that they will not need the sub-station at highway bldg anymore. The new box and wiring has been installed on the Lo-Pro truck. Looks like a brand new truck ! Have been cleaning up behind the cold storage building and surprised to find **alot** of old tires. Do not understand why they were not put in Tire Amnesty. We had downed trees on 28 Creek Road that needed to be cut up to clear for traffic. Heavy rains in the creek at end of Waterman Road have damaged the road down to one lane. Have fixed with stone, will need to blacktop. Hwy. Supt. will get the skateboard equipment set up in parking lot area. Hwy. Supt. answered questions that had been asked at last meeting about ordering a new truck. The box and hydraulic package is also under the Onondaga County contract as well as the truck. Valley Fab cannot beat the price of Henderson's for truck box and equipment. Hwy. Supt. will get three bids for box and equipment. Motion by Brainard, seconded by Berg 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:	#113 - #131	\$5,058.92
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#75 - #86	10,087.99
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#11	<u>341.96</u>
ABSTRACT NO 9	TOTAL	\$15, 488.87

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

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

Supervisor received the following checks, which were deposited.

04/28	\$100.00	Time Warner rent
04/29	\$1,000.00	Sale of road broom (surplus)Cassadaga Valley School
05/05	\$57,459.62	Chaut. Co. Sales Tax(1 <sup>st</sup> quarter)
05/12	\$107.47	Refund from Windstream
05/12	\$30.60	Refund from Post Journal (overpayment)

05/12	\$24.00	Sale of wood chairs
05/14	\$1,877.08	Town Clerk fees-April 2014
05/14	\$1,870.00	Justice fees - April 2014

### **Committees**

Recreation: Councilwoman Miles will furnish a list of Bands that will play in Town Park for Concerts. Contracts have been sent to bands.

### **Monthly Reports**

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

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase 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 Chase, seconded by Berg 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 Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the Town Justices' monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the Financial Report for April 2014 as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPA's.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to agree to the Budget Modifications made by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPA's.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the minutes of April 23, 2014 as submitted.

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

### **Caretaker Report**

Caretaker has filled in 10 graves with topsoil, seeded and covered with straw. He has filled some spots in driveway with gravel, restored a marker that had been tipped over, also filled low spots and tire ruts with top soil and seeded. He removed the two "Town of Ellington" signs that need to be painted. The post is rotted off at the ground and needs to be replaced. Flags have been placed on flagpoles in Cemeteries, small picket fences at Town Hall have been painted and bunting placed on them. Back stop at C.V. Park has been removed and taken away. Town Board discussed and decided to wait on replacement of back stop. Tree is down in Waterboro Cemetery but is still too wet to go in there. New picnic tables were discussed. Cheaper to purchase then to build ourselves.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to have the Caretaker purchase 2 new picnic tables at \$125.00 each.

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

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

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

Fuel bids received from Lictus Keystone were discussed. This was the only fuel bid received after advertising for bids to be opened on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor read off all the prices for propane, diesel fuel and gasoline. V.President was called and we were told they will honor state bid price on all fuels but non-ethanol.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to accept the bid from Lictus Keystone for our fuel and propane purchases for the year.

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

Councilwoman Miles has heard nothing from Solar Liberty. Town Board requests she contact Solar Liberty and ask if they are still on track for placement in June.

Farman Free Library (Arisa) has planned a Car & Toy Show will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>. She has a car club involved, Dairy Princess, F.F.A. to run games and vendors. June 13<sup>th</sup> is NeighborWorks Day in Ellington. C.H.R.I.C. will be here to paint the Bandstand. Ellington Day Hab will be planting the flower pots in the Town Park. Public is invited !

EnerPath has finished an energy assessment on the Town Hall and highway bldg. Because of prevailing wages, the costs to upgrade the lighting to make it more efficient would be \$1,365.84 for Hwy. Bldg. and \$1,422.16.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to table for now to see what is happening with the Solar Panel project.

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

Town Justice, Jennifer Johnson, submitted the bids from two companies for new carpeting in the Board Room and Justice office as part of the Judicial Grant she received.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to purchase from Floors at your Door as the Judge had recommended.

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

At this time Resolution No. 9-2014 "Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials" was reviewed. This will be posted for 30 days and then sent to N.Y.S.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to approve this resolution as submitted.

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

Southern Tier West will be having a "Demonstration Day" Practical Solutions for Site Stabilization and Stormwater Management on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at S.T.W.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to approve Councilwoman Miles and Berg to attend this seminar.

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

Motion made by Berg to adjourn meeting at 9:08p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/ Recd Secy.