

MAY 28, 2014

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on May 28, 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
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk /Rec. Sec.
William Duncanson, Town Attorney
9 Students of Pine Valley Central

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00 p.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

Repairs have been done on Waterman Road by the bridge from the storm wash out as well as 12 loads of gravel used on other shoulder repair work. All the weepers have been patched with black-top and have graded old Chautauqua Road. Employees have been working shared services with Cherry Creek, Gerry and Charlotte. The rehabbed "chipper" box has been installed on 10 Wheeler. Road side mowing was going good until mower broke but will be fixed by end of week. An old sluice pipe has been torn out and replaced with new at Foy residence on South Hill Road. Tim Rhinehart bought the tube and Town extended his driveway at his farm. Niel Frazier has been off from work because of the passing of his mother. The skateboard equipment is back on the blacktop area for use. Fire Dept. will be asked to fill the water barricades used to divide the parking lot/skateboard area. Jamestown Overhead Doors serviced the overhead doors on hwy. bldg and replaced a rusted track.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the Hwy. Supt. Report as submitted.

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

Caretaker Report

The flag bunting were placed on the Bandstand by Caretaker and Councilwoman Berg. The wood at Conewango Valley Park has been cleaned up, flags have been placed at the cemeteries, six picnic tables and the red, white & blue garbage cans have been placed in the Park. New tables will be picked up on June 6th from the Amish. Flowers have been planted in the pots at the Town Hall and in the sign at Valley View Cemetery.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Brainard to accept the Caretaker 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:	#132 - #139	\$4,501.60
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#87 - #92	5,890.46
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#12 - #13	<u>3,225.56</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 10	TOTAL	\$13,617.62

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 for deposit:

- 05/15 \$12.00 sale of a chair(reserve)
- 05/28 \$500.00 Grant from Falconer branch of the C.R.C.F. for Ellington Town Picnic Association administered by Town of Ellington.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of May 14, 2014 as submitted.

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

An agreement with NYSEG has been signed for the installation of meters for the solar panels.

The sculpture in the Town Park being painted was discussed amongst the Town Board and public attending.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to have the animals on the sculpture be painted to represent the 4 school they stand for.

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

The proposed law(Local Law No. 2-2014) for unoccupied abandoned buildings has been given to all the Town Board members to review. Attorney Duncanson feels this is a law we should have on the books.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to proceed with Local Law No. 2-2014 and advertise a Public Hearing to be set for June 11th, 2014 at 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to authorize Town Clerk to place ad in Post Journal for Public Hearing and attach an abstract of Local Law No.2-2014.

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

Town Board discussed the quote from EnerPath for efficiency lighting at the Town Hall and Highway Bldg.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to table this matter until there is a financial discussion further into the year.

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

Dog enumeration was discussed. Last two Animal Control Officers had started an enumeration but never finished. Attorney said a temporary A.C.O. can be hired to do dog enumeration. Job description needs to be reviewed and a map of the town sectioned off should be done.

Councilman Brainard will talk with Hettenbaugh at Randolph Hardware about the maintenance on the generator.

David Wilson, Chaut. County Soil & Water, looked at the creek area with Milo Elliott behind his house. 150 feet of creek work could be done for less than \$5,000. Mr. Wilson will help with the paperwork needed to work in the creek. Town Board discussed a survey being done of the whole creek as other areas need help also.

The gazebo purchased by the Emmick/Walters families, in memory of T.J. Walters has been placed next to the Town Hall by the skateboard area. It is a great addition to the Town. It was heard that the Baptist Church donated to this also. Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to send thank you notes to these families.

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

Letter has been sent to Congressman Reed about the postal boxes being placed outside of the Post Office and cutting service hours at the P.O. He was asked if he could attend a Town Meeting to discuss this problem for the community.

Town Clerk/Cemetery Coordinator informed the Town Board of what the rules and regulations have been in the past. Any foundations for monuments should be done by the monument company where purchased, according to our specs. This is to keep the Town of Ellington from any liability.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to leave the foundation rules as they have been.

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

Councilwoman Miles and Berg attended the class at Little Valley held by S.T.W. They felt the discussion of controlling runoff and erosion it was informative.

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The Farman Free Library will be having a "Toys Big & Small" event in the Park on June 14th. There will also be a flower planting and crafts for the kids on that day. Another recreation event is to take the kids to Gernatt's pond for fishing.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro

Town Clerk/Recd. Secy