

JUNE 25, 2014

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on June 25, 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

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

Public Participation

Cathy Mata, resident of Leach Hill Road, was present to discuss excess water problems causing tree loss and bank erosion on her property. This is concerning other property neighboring her property and how this is drained.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to close public session and go into executive session.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to close executive session and reconvene in open session.

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

No votes or motions were made in executive session. Supervisor told Mrs. Mata that the problem seemed to be between her land and the neighbors land and any further discussion of this problem should be between them and their attorneys.

Highway Superintendent Report

Due to his absence at the last meeting, the Hwy. Supt. went over some of the report submitted at last meeting.

He has met with the Amish that travel Mutton Hill Road to discuss what needs to be done to the road to make it passable. The three estimates for the "snow package" for the new Mack truck were discussed.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to accept bid of \$54,900. from Hendersons for the "snow package" equipment.

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

The letter from property owner concerning drainage on Little Road was discussed.

Hwy Supt. has looked into different options but that system has been effective

for 50 years and we can do no more in that area because of the layout of the land.

Attorney commented that the only drainage we are responsible for is in the road

right-a-way. Hwy. Supt. recommends trading the highway pickup truck every 2

years for the best value. Information sheets were handed out to the Town Board

to show that every year the truck depreciates approx. \$2500. Every year you wait

the more it will cost plus repairs, tires etc. Information Ex.: loader is old enough

now that it would cost \$53,000. to trade for new. The more new equipment we have

the less is spent in repairs. Money has been put in budget for new machinery so it

is not taken out of road repairs, etc.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to table decision on truck purchase.

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

Clean up day was successful with 2 dumpsters being filled this year, compared to 1

last year. Employees have been working "shared services" with Town of Gerry and

Town of Poland. Have patched holes with "Perma Patch" on Drybrook Road. The

"bad spots" have been dug out on South Hill Road and Waterman Road and readied

for repair. The second round of shoulder mowing is underway. Leach Hill Road

issues have been assessed and water line hole has been filled in for safety. Lower

Leach Hill Rd. has been ditched, barriers put in and over sized stone. New cutting

edges and starfire tines installed on grader. Grading has been done on Mutton Hill,

Little and Wolcott Roads.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase 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 submitted:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#154 - #160	\$5,097.18
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#102 - #109	12,753.98
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#14 - #15	<u>3,225.56</u>
ABSTRACT NO.12	TOTAL	\$21,076.72

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

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

Supervisor received the following check for deposit:

06/25/14 \$3,916.62 Chaut. Co. Mortgage Tax(10/01/13 to 03/31/14)

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to approve the minutes of June 11, 2014 as submitted.

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

Councilwoman Miles has had no further correspondence since June 6th from Solar Liberty about the solar panels for Town Hall and Hwy. Bldg.

The dog enumeration to be done by the Animal Control Officer was discussed. A.C.O. told the Supervisor she could start in August. Town Board made the decision to pay the A.C.O. \$5.00 per each unlicensed dog found plus mileage. This will be pay above her yearly salary. Door cards were discussed to be placed at residences where no one is home.

Supervisor asked Park Committee to walk the Park for limbs that need to be removed and the limbs that are hanging over the sidewalk. Town Clerk will contact NYSEG about the branch hanging on lines at Valley View Cemetery.

Veteran's monument in the Town Park was discussed. Steve Lundsten was to make a stone monument for war veterans. Instead of names on stone this will be a monument for all veterans. Look online for a general wording to place on stone.

Discussed the controversy of the current Vietnam Veterans monument in the Park. (wrong spelling, names eliminated, etc.)Town Board will look over monuments and Soldier Circle area.

Painting of the storage building was discussed. Supervisor would like to see a legal notice for bids on painting of this building. Hwy. Supt. will ask the part-time employee if he would be able to paint.

Building Code Officer description, as per the Building Code Law, will be reviewed by the Attorney. If Town Board is still in agreement to appoint a new B.C.O., Supervisor will talk to current B.C.O. know that we are soliciting for a new B.C.O. for 2015.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Miles to approve the Permit for the use of the ball fields by the Town Picnic Assoc. for the Town Picnic Parade and tractor pull on August 2nd & 3rd 2014.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to approve the Permit for the use of the Town Park for the Town Picnic by the Town Picnic Assoc. from July 31st to August 3rd.

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

Town Board members have been invited to be a part of the Town Picnic Parade.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to proceed with the leasing of the Conewango Valley Playground. A letter was sent to Tom Fox and Janet Mansfield concerning the lease for the Conewango Valley Playground.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,