

JULY 9, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on June 11, 2014 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
Roger D. Brainard, Councilman
Sharon J. Berg, Councilwoman
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk, Recd Secy.
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Allison Gilbert & Casey(cousin) ,residents

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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

Public Participation

Allison and her cousin Casey came to the Town Board to ask about setting up a free produce exchange somewhere in Ellington. Casey would like to do this for credits as an Eagle Scout. Supervisor told them it sounded like a great idea and to come back and let us know how it develops.

This part of the meeting was closed at 7:05p.m.

Highway Superintendent Report

Hwy. Supt. used "shared services" to haul in gravel to Wolcott Road but needs more. Big Dog Gravel has run out of processed gravel for now. Two trucks went to Carroll to help with oil & stone. Carroll & Poland are not in the "shared service" program. Two trucks went to help Cherry Creek at the Pine Valley School with millings. Roads that were oil & stoned have been swept. First round of oil & stone has been done, next round will be Drybrook Road from Waterman to town line, Hagerdon Hill Road and Abbey Hill Road. Have been ditching on Wade Hill Road and continuing work on Mutton Hill Road. Great Lakes Tree Service has been removing trees. The "weepers" are ready for blacktop patch, on Waterman Road it has been dug far into road, replaced soil and laid tiles.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the Highway Supt. Report as submitted.

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

Highway Supt. asked that a vote be taken on the decision to trade in pickup for new pickup truck. Need to move on whether Town Board wants new truck or keep pickup as is.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to trade in current pickup on the purchase the new Ford pickup truck.

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

Supervisor asked if Park Committee has looked at trees in the Park for any emergency removal of branches. Committee felt that there is nothing dangerous that needs to be cut before Town Picnic. It was commented that there is a large hole in the road on Park Street by the drainage grate .Hwy. Supt. will use perma patch to fix.

Caretaker Report

The Caretaker was not present for a report.

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#161 - #175	\$4,200.31
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#110 - #116	<u>62,051.90</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 13	TOTAL	\$66,252.21

Motion Made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to pay the bills as submitted.

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

06/26/14	\$100.00	Time Warner rent(electronic)
07/09/14	1,063.50	Justice Court fees - June 2014
07/09/14	1,416.70	Town Clerk fees - June 2014

Committee Reports

Supervisor asked about summer recreation plans. She commented that last year we had the "zoomobile" from the Buffalo Zoo, which went over very well. Library reading program is on Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Monthly Reports

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

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

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Brainard to accept the Town Justice report as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to accept the Building Code Officer's monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to accept the monthly Financial report submitted by accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the Budget Modifications of the Highway Fund made by accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs

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

Highway Dept. has hauled a couple loads of dirt to the tractor pull area on the town ball field.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Brainard to accept the minutes of June 25, 2014 as submitted.

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

Veteran's monuments were discussed. The Vietnam Veterans monument in the Town Park was discussed. Supervisor told the Town Board that people were not asked to pay to have their names placed on the Veterans Monument, it was built with donations from the all the public. The new monument, made and donated by Steve Lundsten, was discussed to be placed in the section of Valley View Cemetery that is unmarked as yet. Hwy Supt. handed out an example of an idea that could be etched on the stone monument.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Chase to place the new monument in the unmarked area of Valley View Cemetery.

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

The painting of the storage building was discussed again. The sides, doors and roof will need to be scraped and painted. Town Board commented that bidding the job out is the best thing to do. Supervisor asked if anyone would volunteer to help finish the painting of the Bandstand. Councilwoman Berg and Supervisor Cronk will finish the painting job on Friday at 10a.m.

Town Board was given copies of an amended Park Ordinance to review before we schedule a public hearing.

We have heard nothing new from Solar Liberty. Highway bldg. area has been cleared out for the placement of the panels.

Removal of the sidewalk in front of Langless/Brooks property was discussed and Hwy. Supt. has on his schedule for after Town Picnic. Supervisor asked if Board knew of any other area that was in need of sidewalk work.

Shared Service forum meeting at County on July 16th from 1-4p.m. was discussed. This is a discussion about municipalities staying within the 2% tax cap in order for STAR residents to get a rebate. Councilman Chase will try to attend.

Furnace/Air Conditioner yearly service with Noco was cancelled so Rideout's, Colburn's and King's Heating will be called for estimates of a yearly service agreement.

Supervisor talked to Frank Fonti about the Town Board soliciting for a new Building Code Officer starting in 2015. Frank had told the Supervisor that he will be retiring at the end of the year.

A.C.O. has a tentative form to use for dog enumeration when no one is home. She will be starting the enumeration in August.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.