

JULY 23, 2014

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on July 23, 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  
Sandy Colvenback, resident

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

#### **Public Participation**

No one was present so that portion of the meeting was closed.

#### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Highway Dept. has finished the "hot mix" patching. The "water damage" repairs and ditches cleaned on Wade Hill Road. Employee had an accident with truck #4 and wrecker needed to be called to remove truck from its side in the ditch. For liability reasons the employee was taken for drug testing. Started trenching on Wade Hill Road and used a truck from Poland for the trenching project on Pickup Hill Road. D.E.C. called to tell the Highway Supt. that an anonymous caller informed them of a fuel leak at the gas tank at the highway bldg. The Fire Dept and Hwy. Dept. are the only ones that use that fuel tank. All hoses and handles have been replaced with new. The third round of roadside mowing has begun. Hwy. Supt. has submitted CHIPS forms for the "Extreme Winter Recovery" funds which totaled over \$13,000. Hwy. Dept. has replaced a 12 in. driveway tube on Old Chautauqua Road that had been damaged. Hwy. Supt. had a flat tire on the pickup truck, which ruined the tire. Spare was placed on and a spare tire was donated by Bob Speas. Only have work crew of 2 employees for 10 days as 1 employee is on vacation. Sent to trucks to Conewango to help with black topping of their roads.

Barron Signs called to say our "Welcome to Ellington" signs are all repaired.  
 Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted.

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

**Audit & Payment of Claims**

The Town Board reviewed the bills as follows:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#176 - #184	\$5,956.97
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#117 - #119	3,471.33
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#16	<u>341.96</u>
ABSTRACT NO.14	TOTAL	\$9,770.26

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

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

The Supervisor received the following check for deposit:

07/17/14 \$270.00 Sale of roller (shared with Town of Gerry)

**Committee Report**

Town Picnic- track needs to be plowed for the tractor pulls on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Recreation- Councilwoman Miles has scheduled the Buffalo Zoo mobile unit to come to the Town Hall on August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m. to 11a.m. at a cost of \$163.00 each day. Looking into field trip to Gernatt's which would be the cost of a bus.

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

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

**Old Business**

Supervisor made calls to Solar Liberty. Michael Prenzi is now the account manager for our project. An electrician came to the Town Hall and Hwy. Bldg. to look over the electrical layout to report back to the engineers to build the solar panels.

NYSEG has replaced the meters for solar power.

The Park Ordinance is being reviewed by the Town Board. Rules & Regulations have been obtained from Ellery, Poland & Sinclairville. We will discuss at the next meeting.

A retirement letter from Frank J. Fonti, Building Code Officer, was received. He will be retiring on December 2014.

Supervisor walked the sidewalks and looked them over and found no place that needs repair.

### **New Business**

Service contracts for the furnace and air conditioner were discussed at last meeting. Supervisor called and obtained quotes from Colburn's Heating, King's Heating and Rideouts. Town Board reviewed the information received.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to get service contract from King's Heating. Supervisor will call them.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to advertise by Legal Notice in the Post Journal for a person/persons to paint the 24x24 building, sides roof and doors, at the Valley View Cemetery.

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

Repairs at the Playground in Conewango Valley was discussed. Councilman Chase would like to have kids from Pine Valley School paint benches and seal blacktop. He commented that the slide also needs some work done to it.

Supervisor told the Town Board of the previous Town Board's effort to pass a law pertaining to the placement of older manufactured homes that may be a liability.

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Town Board authorized Attorney to work up a proposed law creating a moratorium on placement of manufactured homes on private property and manufactured home parks.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn meeting at 8:27p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro

Town Clerk/Recd. Secy