

AUGUST 13, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on August 13, 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
R. David Young, Caretaker
Mark Tarbrake, County Legislator

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

As advertised in the Post Journal, bids were to be opened for the painting job of the building at Valley View Cemetery. No bids were received.

Public Participation

Mark Tarbrake, our District 13 representative from the County Legislature, was present to introduce himself to the Town Board and ask if the Board had any questions of him. Supervisor asked about the information she received about the County Charter. He said an example is the County handling real estate issues. It was asked if anyone can push the County to mow the roadsides as it is dangerous at intersections. He said the County ordered new mowers and they were just delivered so they will be mowing soon. Also, what is County doing about poison hemlock? Health Dept. has put out warnings about this.

Highway Superintendent Report

All repairs have been finished on truck #4 and it is back in service. Ditching has been done on North Hill Road. Trucks have been hauling in 1-A stone from Country Side. Have used 10,000 gallons of oil to patch South Hill Road, 28 Creek Road, Waterman Rd. and Dean School Road. The 3rd round of mowing has been finished. Have been pulling shoulders and grading on Wade Hill Road as it was trenched this spring.

Hwy. Supt. asked for estimates to replace the concrete apron in front of the highway bldg to keep the water away from the doors. R.Patti Excavating quoted \$14,300. ,and Rob Elliott Construction quoted \$12,400. for a 71'x30' concrete pad. Also got a quote for concrete in the cold storage bldg. so as to be able to place equipment on concrete instead of dirt. Funds are available in DA5130.2 of budget. The dozer work has been completed on Mutton Hill Road. Abbey Hill Road has been graded, York raked and rolled and is ready for "priming". Shoulders have been pulled on South Hill Road from our "pit area" up the hill, as it was badly needed. Had shared services hauling gravel on Wolcott Road. Made repairs to "washed out" sluice pipe on 28 Creek Road. Had truck #3 inspected, passed with no repairs needed. Hwy. Supt. filed and sent reimbursement request for CHIPS funding(\$69,321.96) and winter recovery funds(\$13,861.04).

The sidewalk pieces have been removed on Mill Street and fill will be brought in. The "sink hole" on Dean School Road has been filled in.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted.

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

Caretaker Report

Has been a challenge trying to mow in between dodging rain drops , the new picnic tables have been stained. The Library had some excess mulch that they gave the Town so the Caretaker placed around the Town Hall flower beds. The "Welcome Signs" have been repaired by Briggs and put back up by Caretaker. He had to replace one post and painted it. He has filled in the area around gravesites with soil. The ball field was left in terrible condition from the Town Picnic parade. Large depressions in yard and someone ran over and damaged the seat on the teeter tauter.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg 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:	#185 - #206	\$4,251.13
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#120 - #132	26,941.42
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#17 - #18	<u>3,225.56</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 15	TOTAL	\$34,418.28

Motion made by 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 checks for deposit:

07/28/14	\$100.00	Time Warner rent
08/04/14	\$63,866.33	Chaut. County sales tax (quarterly)
08/11/14	\$369.64	scrap metal sale
08/13/14	\$2,312.50	Justice court fees-July 2014
08/13/14	\$866.42	Town Clerk fees-July 2014

Committee Reports

Recreation Committee will be having the Erie Traveling Zoo at the Town Hall on Thursday, August 14th and Friday, August 15th 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.

The Town Picnic will be holding the tractor pull on Saturday, Sept. 6th

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Miles, 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 Berg, seconded by Brainard 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 Town Justice's monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

Hwy. Supt. commented that the \$75,000. Budgeted for C.H.I.P.S. needs to be amended because of the increase in funding to approx.\$119,000.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the monthly Financial report as submitted by the accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat P.C.

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

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

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

Councilwoman Miles told the Town Board she has had contact with Solar Liberty and they plan to be at the highway bldg. on Sept. 22nd to start installation of the solar panels. Installation will take 3-4 days and then 3-4 days to run the electric wiring.

Milo Elliott spoke with the Supervisor tonight about the area of the creek by his house. Supervisor talked with David McCoy from Chaut. Co. Planning & Economic Development and he will be here to meet with Town Board members on August 19th at 1:00p.m.

The lease of the Conewango Valley playground area from Tom Fox was discussed. Mr. Fox had been sent a letter, with a copy of the current lease, a month ago to see if he had any questions about the lease renewal. He has not contacted the Town. Supervisor proposes to go ahead with the current lease and yearly payment along with another letter as the lease expires on Sept. 1st.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to renew the lease with the same five(5) year terms as the last lease with the yearly payment, and send to Mr. Fox.

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

Town received notification from N.Y.S. Office of Real Property that our equalization rate is 100%.

According to the Animal Control Officer's monthly report, she will be starting the dog enumeration September 1, 2014.

The slide at the C.V. playground needs repairs. Caretaker and Hwy. Supt. will look over.

The copy of the law for the Moratorium of manufactured home placement as drawn up by the Attorney, was reviewed and discussed. A public hearing needs to be set for the law creating the moratorium.

Motion made by Miles, second by Berg to set Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00p.m. as the Public Hearing for the law creating a moratorium for the placement of manufactured homes in Ellington.

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

The memorial benches in the Town Park were discussed. Caretaker will take to the Amish to see how much it would cost to refinish or replace. Discussed opening it back up in the spring to sell memorial benches again.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to approve the Town Hall Use Permit requested by the Chaut. Co. Board of Elections for Primary Elections on September 9th.

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

Motion made by Berg to adjourn meeting at 9:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.