

AUGUST 27, 2014

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on August 27, 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
Steven Rexford, EFD Chief
Sandy Colvenback, resident

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

Public Hearing

As advertised in a Legal Notice in the Post Journal, a Public Hearing was held at 7:00p.m. for Local Law No.3-2014, "A Local Law Creating A Moratorium on Placement of Manufactured Homes Within the Town of Ellington". No one was present from the general public.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to proceed with the filing of the Law with the State. Poll Vote was called by the Town Clerk as follows:

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

Public Hearing closed at 7:15p.m.

Public Participation

Steve Rexford was present to ask the Town Board if the blacktop parking lot could be used for a state sponsored class to practice the use of a "hurst tool" that has been purchased by the Fire Dept. Demolition cars will be used to teach the use of the "hurst tool" on Thursday September 25th at 6:30p.m.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to allow the Fire Dept. to use the Town Hall parking lot for this class.

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

Public Participation was closed at 7:20p.m.

Highway Superintendent Report

Shoulders have been "pulled" on Old Chautauqua Road and shoulder work on upper Harris Hollow Road. This fill was used for Mill Street where the sidewalks had been torn out. Grader has been run on Wade Hill Road. Hwy. Employees have worked "shared services at Sinclairville for the County, Charlotte to help with their oil & stone, and Ellery to help with oil & stone. Hwy Supt. asked the Town Board about the project to place a concrete apron at the front of the garage bldg.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to table this project for now.

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

Ellington's oil & stone has been done, Abbey Hill Road is no longer a dirt road,

Drybrook Road has been done to the Poland town line and Hagerdon Road is done.

Truck #5 was inspected with no problems and truck #4 is being fixed at Boyles as it did not pass inspection.

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#207 - #212	\$ 2,790.29
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#133 - #139	36,179.41
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#19	<u>2,883.60</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 16	TOTAL	\$41,853.30

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

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

Committee Reports

The Town Picnic's Tractor Pull has been rescheduled for Saturday Sept. 6th at 11a.m. at the town ballfield.

Recreation Committee discussed having a hayride and historical tour in October.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2014 Town Board meeting as submitted.

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

A proposal was received from a contractor for the painting of the building at the Valley View Cemetery of \$1,600. And another \$1,000 for the painting of the roof.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to table the painting project for now.

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

The solar panel project with Solar Liberty was discussed. There is concern with the projected ground mount placement at the Hwy. bldg. A new site plan will need to be done.

Due to the retirement of the Building Code Officer at the end of the year, Town Board decided to place an advertisement in the Post Journal and Pennysaver requesting applications.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to place the employment advertisements and request applications and resumes be in by 3:00pm. on Wednesday, September 24th.

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

Town Board discussed the lease on the playground property in Conewango Valley owned by Tom Fox. Councilman Chase had spoken with Mr. Fox and he would rather have a one year contract instead of a five year contract. He will talk with Mr. Fox again and report back to the Town Board.

David McCoy, a geologist with the Chaut. Co. Planning and Economic Board met with the Supervisor to discuss controlling stream bank erosion. He said there are grants available for stabilization. He suggests a buffer zone of trees/weeds be set up on the creek banks. Supervisor will talk with Dennis Wilson, Chaut. Co. Soil & Water, again.

Rabies Clinic was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 from 5 - 7p.m. at the hwy. bldg. All paperwork went back to the Health Dept that evening so no count as to how many animals were inoculated could be taken. Town Clerk noted that without the many volunteers we would not be able to have this clinic. THANK YOU to all.

Town Clerk has attended the Audit Informational meeting conducted by Laura Napoli from Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs held at STW. Information was on what auditors will be looking for at a state audit. There is another class this Friday and the Procurement Policy will be discussed.

The Supervisor discussed the carving in the Town Park. She would like to see the animal figures darkened with stain to set them out from the tree itself.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to call Appalacian Art and ask her if she can come put stain on the animals.

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

Supervisor informed the Town Board that the budget estimate for N.Y.S. Retirement for 2015 is down \$13,000.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro

Town Clerk/Recd Secy.