

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on September 10, 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
Allen Swanstrom, resident

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

Public Participation

Allen Swanstrom was present to ask the Town Board when road work will be done on Pickup Hill Road. Hwy Supt. said it was oil & stoned 2 years ago but fell apart. Soil samples were taken by Suit-Kote to see why the oil did not adhere. The whole surface will need to be taken off and replaced. Hwy. Sept has ditched and addressed the drainage with tiles in the center of the road. Goal is to eventually oil & stone the whole surface.

Public Participation closed at 7:10p.m.

Highway Superintendent Report

Shoulder work has been done on Leach Hill Road. Sheriff called on Labor Day that a tree was down on Hagerdon Hill Road. All roads that had been oil & stoned have now been swept and look good. Truck #5 had gone to Erie for warranty work (recall). Repaired pot holes on Hunt Road with perma patch. Rain storm caused Leach Hill road to be full of debris and needed sweeping and emergency ditching. Working on Young Street because of drainage problems. Had to place "Road Closed" signs on Wolcott Road for fire Dept as there was a pole broke and lines down. Shoulders have been pulled on Little Road. Truck #7 was sent to Boyles with an air conditioner problem. Finished grading and York raking on Wade Hill Road. The new Mac truck is in Watertown getting fitted for equipment. It will be October or later for the new pickup truck. Current truck needs oil change and brakes. Supervisor spoke of complaint of potholes on Dredge Road.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the Hwy. 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 follows:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#213 - #223	\$4,556.75
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#140 - #147	57,874.90
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#20	<u>341.96</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 17	TOTAL	\$62,773.61

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard 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:

08/26/14	\$100.00	Time Warner rent
09/10/14	130.00	Justice Court fees-August 2014
09/10/14	1,509.61	Town Clerk fees-August 2014

The large willow tree on the ball field that has been falling into Pat Moss' fencing, has been cut down and pushed back on Town land.

Town Board discussed a historical hayride but due to the liability of wagon and weather permitting, it was decided to have presentation of history at the Town Hall on October 18th at 2p.m.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Brainard to accept the Dog Control Officer's monthly report.

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

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

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

Caretaker's report was read by the Supervisor. He wrote of a proposal to divide the caretaker jobs between the cemetery mowing and other mowing. Town Board discussed and decided to keep the job description as it has been.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Miles to accept the Caretaker report as submitted.

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

The Town Board reviewed the August 2014 Financial Statement prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to accept the financial report as submitted.

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

The Town Board reviewed the August 2014 Budget modifications made by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by berg to accept the budget modifications as submitted.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the minutes of the August 27th Town Board meeting as submitted.

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

There has been no more communication from Solar Liberty about the installation of the solar panels. Last word was that they would be starting installation on September 22, 2014.

Four applications have already been received for the Building Code Officer position. Final date for applications is September 24th .

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to have Supervisor Cronk and Councilman Chase form a committee to review the applications and bring recommendations to the Town Board.

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

The Dog Control Officer has begun the dog enumeration. First day she found 9 dogs that were unlicensed.

Town Clerk attended the second Audit Meeting at Southern Tier West. Procurement Policy was discussed. Papers were distributed to the Town Board for review.

The new server has been installed by Southern Tier Graphics.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to place Legal Ad in the Post Journal for Caretaker. Bids can be submitted until 3p.m. on Wednesday October 8th and will be opened at 7p.m. on that date.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.