

SEPTEMBER 24, 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
Mr. & Mrs. Gennamore, property owners on Little Road
Michael Anderson, property owner on Dean School Road

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

As according to the notice in the Post Journal for Building Code Officer applicants, the applications were opened and viewed by the Committee. Town Board will go into Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss the applicants.

Public Participation

Mr. & Mrs. Gennamore were present to discuss a water drainage problem on their property. They feel that water is coming off Brainard and Little Road and being drained on to their property where they want to build a house. They don't understand why a ditch cannot be put in. They had set up cinder blocks to block the water and someone moved them. They have filed a complaint with the Sheriff's Dept. about this. Town Supervisor told them that the Highway Committee and Highway Superintendent will consult and get back to them.

Michael Anderson was present to ask the Town Board if there was money in the budget for oil & stone on Dean School Road. He said the road is terrible. Hwy. Supt. commented that the constant rainy weather has been hard on road work this year. Highway Committee will discuss with Hwy. Supt. and will get back to him. No one else from public present so public participation was closed.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to close public meeting and go into executive session.

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

Motion made by Miles to close executive session and reconvene in open session.
 VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.
 Interviews of Building Code applicants will be held at 7:30 & 8:00p.m. on Weds,
 Oct. 8th. No votes or motions were made.

Highway Superintendent Report

Ditching has been done on Mutton Hill Road, Bentley Hill end. Shared service work was done in Towns of Carroll, Conewango and Charlotte. Everyone trying to get work finished up with the break in the weather. Mowing of roadsides is being done for the last time this year. Mower broke down again and repaired. Oil & stoned the "wings" at the intersections. Oil left over was used for patching on Pickup Hill Road. Hwy. Supt. has prepared information about the loader exchange for the Town Board to review. Met with electrical engineer from Solar Liberty about the solar panels for the highway bldg. Graded Harris Hollow Road and Dredge Road. Repair work done again on Leach Hill Road shoulders, spoke with Mrs. Mata about the problem by her residence. Hwy Supt. asked the Town Board if they want to follow procedures to have speed limit signs placed permanently on Leach Hill Road. Town Board feels that the signs can be removed and speed limit will be left at 55m.p.h. Pickup truck went in for brake pads and oil change.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the Highway Supt. report.
 VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Audit and Payment of Bills

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#224 - #233	\$3,410.86
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#147B - #151	7,366.29
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#21	<u>2,883.60</u>
ABSTRACT NO.18	TOTAL	\$13,660.75

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to pay the bills as submitted.
 VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Miles to accept the minutes of September 10, 2014 as submitted.
 VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

The Solar Liberty Project Coordinator was in Town to check on the area where panels will be placed. Project is scheduled to start on September 22nd.

The signed lease for Conewango Valley playground has not been returned from Tom Fox and the check, sent with the lease on August 18th, has not been cashed as of yet. Councilman Chase will try to speak with Mr. Fox.

While looking at banks for a Bond Anticipation Note for the new Mack Truck, Community Bank said they will not do B.A.N.s if you are not customers of this bank. Catt. County Bank will do the B.A.N. under their terms.

Updated job description for Dog Control Officer was given to the Town Board for review. This is a yearly appointment starting January 1st.

Job description for the Building Code Officer was discussed. Suggestion to add hours that the B.C.O. will be present at the Town Hall.

A liquor license application for Hattaways Ellington Bar & Grill, 724 E.Main Street, Ellington, N.Y. has been sent to the N.Y.S. Liquor Board.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to approve the submission to the Liquor Board and congratulate the Hattaways for opening a new business in Ellington.

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

The creek bank erosion was discussed by the Town Board again. Supervisor suggested calling a contractor to look at the creek bank and see how much can be repaired with the funds available. Dave Wilson, Chaut. Co. Soil & Water will help us with the permit required to work in the creek.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to have the Supervisor make the call to a contractor and assess the situation.

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

Terms are expiring on September 30th for the Board of Assessment Review members, Richard Young and Leon Beightol. Supervisor contacted the two men and they will accept another term if the Town Board approves.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to reappoint Mr. Young and Mr. Beightol for another 5 year term.

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

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro

Town Clerk/Recd Secy.