

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on November 12, 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

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

As was advertised in the Post Journal, the Public Hearing, for the CDBG grant, was opened to the Public. Eileen Powers from C.H.R.I.C. was available by conference call. She informed the Town Board of the home owners in Ellington that have been helped with home improvements and that all the funding has been spent. No one from the Public was present.

Public participation closed at 7:12p.m.

Highway Superintendent Report

Town highway was asked to help the County push piles of dirt, from ditching on West Hill, piled on the Rhinehart property on Wade Hill Road. Highway Supt. attended the training by S.T.W. on drainage. Dept has been hauling stone for use on roads in 2015. Truck #4 went to Barmore's for new rear tires. Hwy. Supt removed the wood bandstand used in the Park. Suggestion to maybe pour a 16x16 concrete pad instead of the wood stage that needs to be dismantled and stored every year. Shoulder work being done on Young Road. Have been chopping on Wade Hill & North Hill Road. Did some pothole patching on 28 Creek Road and Bentley Hill Road. Hwy. Supt.called the County on the loose blacktop on the bridge at 28 Creek Road. Received calls of a tree down on Leach Hill Road. Shared service with Charlotte on shoulder work, brush chopping at Conewango and one truck to Poland for blacktop. Received two loads of salt from the County, plows and sanders are on, all ready to go for snow ! Hwy. Supt. attended a meeting at Pine Valley School with Hwy. Superintendents and Town Supervisors to discuss bus turnarounds, etc. Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted.

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

Inventory list of highway equipment was given to the Town Board for review.
 Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to accept inventory list 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:	#258 - #278	\$6,057.66
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#166 - #180	20,519.60
Trust & Agency Fund Claim No:	#23 - #25	<u>6,188.54</u>
ABSTRACT NO.21	TOTAL	\$32,765.80

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg 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:

10/28	\$ 100.00	Time Warner (rent)
11/07	73,593.11	Chaut. Co. quarterly sales tax
11/12	77.27	refund from N.Y.S. Insurance Fund (disability)
11/12	2,034.00	Town Justice-October 2014
11/12	1,536.29	Town Clerk-October 2014

Committee Reports

No results from the Halloween Party at the Library were available. The Halloween Party at the Firehall was attended by 12-15 children. Firemen's Auxiliary would like to keep having the party even though the attendance was low.

Decorating the Bandstand in the Town Park will be discussed at the next meeting.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Miles 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 Berg 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 Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the Building Code Officer's monthly report a submitted.

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

No Assessor or Dog Control Officer reports were submitted.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Miles to accept the monthly financial report as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, CPAs.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the Budget modifications as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, CPAs.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of October 22, 2014 and October 29, 2014 as submitted.

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

Old Business

Manufactured Home Law was discussed by the Town Board. Discussed changing the statement of the square footage requirements in the law. HUD standards/requirements were discussed. Councilman Brainard said there was a change in HUD requirements in 2008. Supervisor will talk to Attorney before the next meeting.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to table discussion until next meeting.

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

Caretaker bids were discussed by the Town Board. Previous year's contract prices were reviewed.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the low bidder, Richard Cadle, as the Caretaker for the year 2015 for the Town of Ellington.

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

Supervisor spoke with Rodney Lind, new Building Code Officer for 2015. He is very happy to be coming to this job at the Town of Ellington.

Solar Liberty has placed the grids at the Town Hall and at the Highway Bldg. Councilwoman Miles was told that in two weeks after all the electrical work is done, it should be up and running.

We have not heard anything from Jim Schimek about the permit from DEC for the creek work.

New Business

Town Board discussed December's second meeting is scheduled for Dec. 24th. Discussed end of year meeting date to be Tuesday, December 30th at 7:00p.m.

Supervisor and Town Clerk met with Brian Janek from The Walsh Group to provide the employees with medical insurance from Univera starting on Dec.1, 2014 to Nov. 30, 2015.

Town Board reviewed a copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. & Mrs. Gennamore on Little Road.

Letter was received from N.Y.S .Insurance Fund commenting on our good recordkeeping and a refund check for the Town's Disability Insurance.

Supervisor asked for permission to send a letter of acknowledgement and thank you to David Young for his work as Caretaker.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.