

DECEMBER 10, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on December 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
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk,
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Rodney Lind, pro tem Building Code Officer
Student from Pine Valley

ABSENT: Sharon Berg, Councilwoman

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 Local Law to regulate placement of manufactured homes within the Town of Ellington was opened at 7:00p.m. Town Board discussed questions amongst themselves as no one from the public was present.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to approve proposed Local Law No. 4 as written with the typo changed from "complaint" to "compliant".

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

Public Hearing was closed at 7:21p.m.

As advertised in the Post Journal, bids were opened for the sale of the 2011 Hyundai loader. One bid was received from Big Dog Gravel Products. All paperwork was in order. The bid was for \$95,559.69.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to table the bid so the Highway Committee and the Hwy. Supt. may discuss.

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

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Dept. was off of work for Thanksgiving and the day after. Plowed on Nov. 26th which was payroll double-time. The CHIPS payments are being questioned, possibly too much deposited in account. Because of good weather, have started chopping on Harris Hollow Road again.

It was questioned where loaders would be taken for repairs, John Deere loaders would go to Five Star in Orchard Park and Cat Loaders would go to Batavia. Pre-sanded roads before freezing rain worked quite well. Finally received new radio for truck #9 as old radio from Volvo could not be programmed. Radio antenna on tractor was replaced, after dismantling roof of tractor and hydraulic tank for sweeper was straightened.

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

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-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:	#283 - #295	\$2,403.23
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#186 - #203	191,713.95
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#26	<u>341.96</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 23	TOTAL	\$194,459.14

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

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

11/25	\$ 100.00	Time Warner rent
11/25	\$792.73	Time Warner franchise fee
12/03	\$6,768.35	Chaut. County Mortgage Tax
12/10	\$990.31	Town Clerk fees-November 2014
12/10	\$1,630.00	Justice Court fees-November 2014

Supervisor noted to the Town Board that the nice buffet of mulled cider, bagels and muffins, sitting on our table is from Judge Johnson and her husband to all of us for the holiday.

Recreation Report - Santa will be coming to the Library on Saturday at 11:00a.m. for a party sponsored by Ellington Recreation and Farman Free Library. Arissa Hitchcock, Library Director, informed the Town Board that she will be leaving the Library on Dec. 20th to take on a full time job. Arissa has done a great job with all projects at the Library and worked very well with the Town. She will be missed.

Town Picnic Report - There will be a fund raiser auction for the Ellington Town Picnic Assoc. on Friday night at the Firehall.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the Town Clerk monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the Financial Report submitted by Baghat & Laurito-Baghat CPA's.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to accept the minutes of November 26, 2014.

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

Old Business

Supervisor asked Councilwoman Miles about painting/staining of the sculpture in the Park. She will try to get it done. Really should be covered with a tarp.

Nothing more has been heard from Solar Liberty. They called Councilwoman Miles and left a message; she will make a phone call and let us know what the status is.

A Deputy for the Dog Control Officer was discussed. We have had phone calls about dog problems and not able to reach the D.C.O. Proposing to appoint a deputy D.C.O. to cover calls when D.C.O. is unable to be reached.

Town Clerk's computer has been ordered from Southern Tier Graphics. Laptop is just running on the electric cord as it will not charge.

Motion made by Miles to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.