

MARCH 11, 2015

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on March 11, 2015 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
Tamara Miles, Councilwoman
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman
Roger D. Brainard, Councilman
Sharon J. Berg, Councilwoman
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Mark Tarbrake- Chaut. Co. Legislator
Student from Pine Valley School

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

Chaut. Co. Legislator, Mark Tarbrake was present at the meeting. He commented on options to move the Dept. of Motor Vehicles office. Changing the years of the County Legislators' elected term to 4 years has been discussed. If accepted, this decision will be on the election ballot in November. Mr. Tarbrake commented that he was proud of us for going green with the solar panels. No one else was present for Public Participation so that portion of the meeting was closed at 7:10p.m.

Highway Superintendent Report

Hwy. Supt. informed the Town Board of an incident with an irate resident accusing the highway dept. of plowing snow in his driveway. Sand is still being brought in as the sand pile is nearly gone. Big Dog Gravel picked up the Hyundai Loader on 03/04/15. Have been using the grader to scrape off the ice the roadways and the excavator to drain standing water off the roads. Hwy. Supt. has ordered an extra brake drum and shoes to keep on hand. Hwy. Supt. asked if the Town had thought about putting in a concrete pad for a band stand this year instead of the wooden one. A new garage door opener has been ordered for the last door to be upgraded. A radio has been ordered for the new loader. We are in need of a new roadside mower or major repairs to the old one. Everyone be thinking about what you would like to see in the next newsletter that will be out May 1st.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Brainard 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:	#72 - #87	\$4,311.94
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#25 - #37	<u>157,553.93</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 5	TOTAL	\$161,865.87

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to approve payment of the bills as submitted.

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

02/26	\$ 949.00	refund on Town insurance(changes)
02/26	100.00	rent payment from Time Warner
02/26	808.09	franchise payment from Time Warner
03/05	95,559.69	bid payment for Hyundai loader
03/11	519.28	Town Clerk-February fees
03/1	1,893.00	Town Justice-February fees

Committee Reports

Councilwoman Miles reported that the Easter party will be held on April 4th from 11a.m. to 12p.m. at the Library.

Band Concerts are still being worked on. There will be 5 concerts again this year.

Councilwoman Miles is working on grant applications. Possibly "piggy back" on grant with Cherry Creek.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Brainard, 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 Chase, seconded by Miles to accept the Tax Collector's monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Brainard 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 Officers monthly report for January and February, as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to approve the Budget Modifications as reported 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 monthly Financial Statement as prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, CPAs.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of February 25, 2015 with the correction on page 2 "Town's Recreation Grant through Chautauqua County".

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

The Disaster Coordinator for the Town of Ellington was discussed again.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to appoint Steve Rexford, Fire Chief, as the Disaster Coordinator for Ellington with the Town Supervisor as support.

This appointment will be done at the Organizational Meeting from this time on.

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

Wind power was brought up for discussion again. There will be another meeting of EverPower on March 24th from 6-8p.m. at the Cherry Creek V.F.W. Proposed project of up to 70 wind towers to be constructed in the Cassadaga area.

Employee Handbook is an ongoing project to keep in coordination with the highway employee contract. This contract will end on Dec. 31st and needs to be in compliance with the employee handbook. Supervisor asked Deputy Supervisor Miles to work with Councilman Chase on this and then bring back to the Town Board.

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Chaut. Co. Planning & Development is having a meeting on April 7th concerning the labor force.

N.Y.S. Taxation Dept. send the assessment values of the franchises' in Ellington.

Thank you received from Congressman Reed's office thanking Town for the use of the Town Hall for his public meeting.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:08p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.