

**APRIL 8, 2015**

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on April 8, 2015 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor  
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman  
Sharon J. Berg, Councilwoman  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman  
Roger D. Brainard, Councilman

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

No one was present for Public Participation so this portion of the meeting was closed.

**Highway Superintendent Report**

Hwy.Dept. has been sweeping sand off of the roads, intersections were done first. Made repairs to sink-hole at the corner of Wolcott Road and Waterman Road, also filled in with dirt on Little Road where tube is under the road. Also found a tube failure on Butman Road. Unplugged sluice on Waterman Road near Wolcott Rd as large rocks had been placed at ends of tube. Picked up the trailer, to be used for the roller, at Southern Tier Trailer. Hwy. employee. chopped for the Town of Conewango (shared service) with our equipment. Chipper box that was found in the weeds has been refurbished and ready for use. Received word on the C.H.I.P.S. allotment for 2015-16, receiving \$119,877.98 plus winter allotment of \$17,326.30 totaling \$137,204.28. Accountants have been notified to adjust budget to show this increase in DA5112.2. Received a letter from residents on Dean School Road about their concerns. Hwy. Supt. has met with them but asked them to write issues down. The last new door opener has been installed by Overhead Doors on the hwy. garage door. Flat tire on excavator repaired by Stein Bros.in Cattaraugus. It was asked if provisions should be made to put a concrete pad in the Town Park.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Chase to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted.

VOTE: 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:	#96 - #110	\$3,599.08
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#44 - #51	<u>5,239.64</u>
ABSTRACT NO 7	TOTAL	\$8,838.72

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to approve payment of the bills as submitted.

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

The Supervisor received the following checks:

03/26	\$100.00	rent from Time Warner
04/08	355.21	Town Clerk fees for March 2015

### Monthly Reports

The Dog Control Officer's report noted that she would be giving up her position as of June 1, 2015. The Town Board asked to have an ad placed in the Pennysaver and Post Journal requesting applications for the D.C.O.job. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Town Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Assessor's report will be held for discussion as Town Board questions the "Notice of telecommunications ceiling". This will be discussed with the Attorney before the May 7<sup>th</sup> deadline for rebuttal.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to approve the monthly Financial Report with notification to accountants of the correction on page 4 of placing the \$95,559. in sale of machinery, not sale of scrap.

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

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Chase to approve the budget modifications as follows:  
+ \$95,559.69 to DA2665 and DA5130.2

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of March 25, 2015 as submitted.

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

Councilman Chase has been working on the Employee Handbook and Highway Employee Contract with Councilwoman Miles trying to merge the wording of the two contracts. They will be talking with the Attorney.

The lease on the Conewango Valley Park was discussed again. Councilman Chase will try to talk with Tom & Cleone Fox about this.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to authorize Karen G. Bifaro, as the Records Management Officer, to apply for a grant through the N.Y.S. Archives.

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

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Chase to set Townwide Yard Sale Day as Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to set Town of Ellington Clean Up Day for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

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

Town Hall Use Application received by Chaut. Co. Election Board to use the town hall on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for the General Election.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to approve the application.

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

Town Board reviewed the maps and information received from EverPower, Environmental Design & Research on the Cassadaga Wind Project.

Caretaker reported a large branch is caught in tree. Hwy Supt. will add to list for tree service.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recd Secy