

APRIL 22, 2015

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on April 22, 2015 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, Councilwoman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk /Rec. Sec.
William Duncanson, Attorney
Mallory Deiffenbach, Post Journal Reporter

ABSENT: Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman

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

Public Participation

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

Highway Superintendent Report

The first round of sweeping has been finished. The plows have been removed, painted and stored for summer. Blacktop plant is open and hot mix has been used for patching and filling pot holes. The truck with conveyer had been sent to Charlotte for 2 days for shared services. Hwy Supt tried to get the street sweeper from Ellicott to come here but it is broken and out of service. Water pump had to be replaced at the highway building by Miller's Well Drilling. Accountants have been informed to amend the budget line 5112.2 to \$137,204.28 for C.H.I.P.S. funding. Old Chautauqua Road is in need of major repairs. Hwy Supt. showed pictures of the road that has erupted like a volcano and grader can't be used as it will sink! Sluice pipe in front of Rickard residence on Hagerdon Hill Road was replaced due to a large hole in pipe. Added sluice to Foster residence on Wolcott Road. Roads listed for oil & stone this year are: Harris Hollow Road, Old Chautauqua Road, Abbey Hill Road, Wolcott Road(1 Mi.) and Dean School Road(golf course area), totaling 8 ½ miles of road.

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

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

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#111 - #124	\$7,218.33
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#52 - #57	3,211.70
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#9	<u>2,962.98</u>
ABSTRACT NO 8	TOTAL	\$13,393.01

Supervisor noted the credit of \$55.64 from NYSEG. Solar panels are working.

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

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

Supervisor received a check for deposit:

4/16/15 \$1,744.55 Justice Court fees-March

Committee Reports

Easter Party was attended by 25 people total, 11 being children.

Band Concerts are scheduled except for one date, July 4th

Councilwoman Miles will work on the "Town of Ellington night" at the Jammers Baseball game.

Town Picnic Report- Supervisor reported some of the schedule from the meeting. They are trying to adhere to their previous budget. Dan Warren (DJ) will be playing on Friday night, Paul Zittel will play on Saturday, Parade a 6p.m., Sunday - Community Church Service at the Community church.

Supervisor informed the Town Board of the list of concerns received from the Caretaker. Discussed removal of the dugouts and backstops on the ball fields. The back of the Vietnam monument in the Park is rotting. The blocking of the driveway to the ball fields was also discussed. Property easement needs to be checked.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Cronk to accept the minutes of April 8, 2015 as submitted.

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

Letter received from the Chaut. County Dept. of Finance of the cost if we were to drop our Worker's Comp from the County.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to accept the Town Justice report for March, 2015.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to accept the Assessor report as submitted.

Town Board had tabled this report as they questioned the cap on utility assessment. Found that it has become a law.

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

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Contents of the Employee Handbook was discussed. Councilwoman Miles will send information to the Attorney and he will review what has been changed so far.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to table the discussion until it has been reviewed by the Attorney.

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

Councilwoman Miles will be staining the sculpture in the Park next Wednesday. Kate Conti has offered to help with this.

Special request to bury two cremains in with their infant's grave at Valley View Cemetery.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to permit this special burial request.

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

Councilwoman Miles discussed grants for cemetery preservation.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.