

MAY 13, 2015

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on May 13, 2015 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

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

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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**

The Volvo dump truck was sold at auction and has been picked up by new owner. Old Chautauqua Road has been stabilized with drainage tiles, stone and gravel. Truck No. 7 failed inspection at I-86 so brought back to shop to fix brake canister, wheel bearing and wiper blade. Returned to Boyles where it passed inspection. Graded the roads in cemetery with back blade on tractor. Repairs have been made to rear seals on the excavator. Shared service has started with Gerry, Cherry Creek and Charlotte. Hagerdon Hill Road, Old Chautauqua Rd. and Dean School Road have been skid patched with blacktop. 2015 Mack truck (truck no.9) was sent to Erie for a recall and air conditioning problems. Have been ditching on Dean School Road and 28 Creek Road, ran grader on Wolcott Road, York raked and rolled. Trees were down on Waterman and Wade Hill Roads. A new mower was discussed by the Town Board. This is the fourth year of making major repairs to our current mower which had been left for disrepair.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to purchase the same kind of mower we have for \$9,400. so that parts could be interchanged.

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

Supervisor asked Highway Supt. if flags could be placed on poles for Memorial Day.

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

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

Caretaker asked where property line is by barriers at highway dept. Questioned if needs to be mowed. The problem of the ground bees in the Valley View Cemetery was discussed. The Cemetery had been barricaded off to public. Southern Tier Professional Pest Control, Inc. was called in to spray the area and will follow up spot treatment.

**Audit & Payment of Claims**

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#125 - #145	\$3,699.64
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#58 - #70	5,514.02
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#10	<u>453.62</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 9	TOTAL	\$9,667.28

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

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

05/04	\$3,000.00	Sale of Volvo truck
04/28	100.00	Time Warner(rent)
05/11	270.00	Richard Foster(driveway pipe)
05/11	411.68	Town Clerk fees-April 2015
05/11	1,129.00	Town Justice fees-April 2015
05/11	56,034.82	Chaut. Co Sales Tax
05/13	4080.09	Tax Collector (penalties, interest, late fees, petty cash)
04/24	41.81 & 41.07	N.Y.S. Retirement Fund refund (March & April)
05/13	135.00	Ron Rickard (driveway pipe)

No recreation report was given as Councilwoman Miles was absent.

**Monthly Reports**

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

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

Town Board discussed the loss of assessment from the gas wells and the State mandated tax cap. Options are very few.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the Justice Court monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to approve the Budget Modifications made by Baghat & Laurito- Baghat CPAs.

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

Town Board questioned why nothing had been taken out of 5110.1(summer payroll) yet and unexpended balance from 2014.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the April Financials prepared by Baghat & Laurito-Baghat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

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

Councilman Chase has spoken with the Attorney about the Employee Handbook and Highway Contract.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to table the matter for further discussion.

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

Councilwoman Miles and Deputy Conti have started staining the sculpture in the Town Park. They requested a scaffolding to be able to finish staining. Hwy. Supt. brought scaffolding from home and will help set up.

Caretaker questioned repairs needed at the Conewango Valley Park (post broke on pavilion, volleyball area cleaned, etc.) Still have no signed lease from Mr. Fox.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to give permission for Supervisor to contact Mr. & Mrs. Fox to inquire about contract.

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

At this time the Town Board reviewed the Dog Control Officer applications received. Three applications were received from Emily J. Anderson, Carla S. Hartman and Christina M. Wiles. Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to table decision until the meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> so references can be checked.

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

Park Use Application received from Laura M. Cronk for use of the Town Park for Band Concerts on Saturday evenings starting June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Chase to approve this permit as submitted.

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

Property lines on either side of the ball field driveway were discussed. Supervisor will look back at previous minutes to see if a lease had been established for use of the driveway or property is owned by the Town.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recd Secy