

MAY 27, 2015

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on May 27, 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
Eileen Powers, C.H.R.I.C. representative

ABSENT: Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman

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

Public Hearing

Eileen Powers was present to explain and answer any questions about the NYS Office of Community Renewal CDBG grant funding application. This funding would assist low and moderate income homeowners in the Town of Ellington with home repairs. This grant application will be due in July of 2015. Ms. Powers explained some of the stipulations needed to receive this funding as far as income status, property ownership, etc.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to apply to NYS Office of Community Renewal for the CDBG funding grant for possibly replacing a couple trailers and do some home repairs.

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

Public Hearing was closed at 7:17p.m. and the Town Board thanked Ms. Powers for coming.

Public Participation

Richard Cadle, Caretaker, was present to introduce himself to the Town Board and ask if they had any questions of him. He knows this is his first year but feels that he is starting to get a "pattern" for the mowing, etc. Closed this portion of the meeting at 7:30p.m.

Highway Superintendent Report

Truck #7 was sent for inspection and after repairs, finally passed inspection. Shared Services continue with Gerry, Charlotte, and Cherry Creek. Ellington used 500 ton of blacktop for skid paving on our roads. Our turn to help the others now. Mowing of roadsides has begun. Grader has been run on Wolcott, Dredge Road and Harris Hollow Roads. Can't grade if there is rain in the forecast. Mutton Road has been seeded on the hillside by County Soil & Water as it is too large of an area to leave bare. The "jointly owned" roller's transmission has broken and had to borrow Town of Poland's. Skateboard equipment has been moved to skate area, barricades and sign need to be placed. Truck #9 back in service from air conditioner repair under warranty.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to authorize the Town Clerk to place a Legal Ad in the Post Journal for bids on gravel and other product.

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

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Miles to accept the Highway Superintendent's 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:	#146 - #151	\$5,464.42
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#71 - #76	6,026.34
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#11 - #12	<u>3,416.60</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 10	TOTAL	\$14,907.36

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 the following checks for deposit:

05/27/15	\$ 1.34	refund from N.Y.S. Retirement
05/14/15	100.00	reimbursement from C.C.M.C.A. for Clerk's conference.
05/19/15	375.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ payment from Cherry Creek on mutually owned trailer
05/26/15	375.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ payment from Gerry on mutually owned trailer
05/26/15	375.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ payment from Charlotte on mutually owned trailer
05/27/15	350.00	Community Foundation Grant for Ellington Farman Library
05/27/15	500.00	Community Foundation Grant for Ellington Town Picnic Assoc.

Town Board heard information on the recreation trip to Jammers Baseball game.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to go ahead with recreation plans for "Ellington Night" at a Jammers game not to exceed \$500.00.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes from May 13, 2015.

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

The three applications for the new Dog Control Officer were reviewed by the Town Board.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to appoint Kristina Wiles, on a six month probation, as the new Dog Control Officer for the rest of 2015.

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

Supervisor spoke with James Spann of Chaut. County Soil & Water about the gravel bar in the creek. He will meet with Jim Schimek sometime this week about removal.

Property ownership of the driveway to the ball fields was discussed. The attorney will search the property lines and report back to the Town Board.

Attorney has spoken with Councilman Chase about the Employee Handbook. An example of a well contained Handbook is the one from Indian Lake. Need to decide what is needed in the Handbook.

Councilwoman Miles is still working on staining of the sculpture in the Park.

Supervisor discussed "Chautauqua Works" Program that runs from July 1st to June 30th
Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to approve Supervisor to sign the contract for this program.

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

Town received an application from Gibson Fireworks for fireworks display to be held on May 30th at the Grandview.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to approve the application for the fireworks display.

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

Town Board discussed changes to the Building Permit Application. Building Permit will be valid for one year than need to be renewed if building not completed. Any building construction done *without a permit*, while in process or completed, should be assessed a fee equal to or greater than original permit .

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to adapt the changes to the current building permit.

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

Councilwoman Miles reported that she received a call that the flags at the cemetery are very worn. We will check with Caretaker and replace with new flags.

Light bulbs in Bandstand are blown out. Will check this out.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,