

JUNE 10, 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  
Roger D. Brainard, Councilman  
Sharon J. Berg, Councilwoman  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent  
Mallory Diefenbach, Post Journal reporter  
Kristina Wiles, appointed Dog Control Officer  
Pine Valley School student

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman  
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman

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

As advertised by a Legal Notice in the Post Journal, bids were opened by the Supervisor for gravel, stone & sand. Two bids were received from Big Dog Gravel and Country Side Sand & Gravel, both bids had the proper paperwork enclosed.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to table for review at this time.

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

### **Public Participation**

Kristina Wiles, prospective Dog Control Officer was present to introduce herself to the Town Board and tell them what responsibilities she will handle as Dog Control Officer. She is currently the D.C.O. of Villanova and Charlotte also. She is requesting \$18. for each dog that is picked up and taken to the holding center but will work diligently to find its owner. She will also do an enumeration. She will send renewal letter, second notice and then ticket to court if dog is not licensed.

Town Board thanked her for coming to meet them.

Public participation was closed at 7:30p.m.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Spray patching has started with Charlotte, Ellington and Cherry Creek. Put the wood chipper on the tractor and have cleaned up downed trees on Pickup Hill Rd, Abbey Hill Rd., and Waterman Road. The weather has been a problem but have run grader on Dean School Road and Fuller Gulf Road.

Hwy. Supt. made the Town Board aware that the solar panel meter is not working. Roads that were oiled have been swept and have also hauled in 1A stone from Country Side to replenish stock. A new driveway tube was installed at the O'Brien residence on Hagerdon Hill Road. The County has trailered the excavator to Vantage Equipment for repairs. A proposed map of roadwork on approx. 10 miles of road to be done by our highway dept. this year was given to the Town Board members.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted.  
 VOTE: 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:	#152 - #165	\$3,241.22
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#77 - #84	<u>67,355.88</u>
ABSTRACT NO.11	TOTAL	\$70,597.10

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

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

05/19/15	\$790.59	Time Warner franchise fees
05/27/15	100.00	Time Warner rent
06/06/15	1,800.60	Chaut. County Mortgage tax (10/01/14-03/31/15)
06/10/15	1,157.09	Town Clerk fees-May 2015
06/10/15	353.00	Town Justice fees-May 2015
06/0/15	69.02	refund from Randolph Hardware

**Monthly Reports**

The reports from the Building Code Officer, Assessor, Town Justice and Town Clerk were reviewed by the Town Board.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Brainard to accept the monthly reports as submitted.

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

Motion made by Berg,, seconded by Brainard to accept the monthly Financial Statement as prepared by accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat ,CPAs.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to approve the Budget Modifications as prepared by accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat ,CPAs.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of May 27, 2015 as submitted.

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

A copy of an Employee's Handbook from the Town of Indian Lake was given to the Tow Board to review and import into our Employee Handbook.

Supervisor received a letter from Mrs. Tom Fox informing the Town of Ellington that they have the right to use the Fox property as a playground in Conewango Valley. They will contact the Supervisor when home from vacation to discuss lease agreement.

Spring Clean Up Day will be Saturday June 13, 2015 from 8a.m. to 2p.m. at the highway garage.

The Rabies Clinic will be held on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7p.m. at the highway garage and Mary Fales will be the veterinarian.

The Flu Clinic will be held at the Town Hall on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

A Town Park Use Application was received from the Town Picnic Assoc. for use of the Park for the Ellington Town Picnic to be held from July 31 through August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Brainard to approve the application as submitted.

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

A Ball Park use application was received from the Town Picnic Assoc. for use of the ball field on August 1<sup>st</sup> for parade lineup and August 2<sup>nd</sup> for the tractor pulls.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to approve the application as submitted.

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

A Town Hall use application was received from Laura M. Cronk for use of the Town Hall for a Republican meeting to be held on June 11, 2015 at 7p.m.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to approve this application.

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

A Town Hall use application was received from Karen G. Bifaro for use of the Town Hall for a Democratic Caucus to be held on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 6:30p.m.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to approve this application.

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

**Correspondence**

Supervisor received an invitation for all Town Board members to walk in the Parade for the Town Picnic on Saturday night, August 1st.

Councilwoman Berg reported that a citizen would like to see more flags displayed on poles on Rte 62 and Thornton Road, Town of Ellington's highway truck lettered and the lights in the bandstand need to be replaced.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Brainard to close open session and go into executive session.  
VOTE: Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to close executive session and reconvene in open session.

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

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Brainard to pay the current Dog Control Officer, Kristina Wiles, \$18.00 per dog picked up in town and transported to the Humane Society holding center for the rest of 2015.

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

Motion made by Berg to adjourn meeting at 8:37p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk, Recd. Secy.

