

JUNE 24, 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
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk /Rec. Sec.
William Duncanson, Attorney
Sandy Colvenback, resident

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

Hwy Supt. received a call from the Sheriff's Dept about a downed tree on 28 Creek Road. Loader was used to remove the tree. The meter has been replaced on the solar panels as it was not working. Ellington had shared service with Town of Poland even though they are not part of the County shared services. We borrowed Poland's excavator to replace the tube on Butman Road as our excavator is still being repaired at the Batavia shop. Pickup truck has had oil change and tire rotation. Highway Dept. received 18 truckloads of millings from NYS-DOT that will be useful. The skateboard equipment and barriers have been placed on blacktop area at Town Hall. Had a lot of shoulder repairs from the rain storms. The grader is having mechanical troubles with the serpentine belt. Wolcott Road has been raked and rolled again to prepare for oil & stone. Ellington highway dept. has been working shared services with Charlotte and Cherry Creek doing oil & stone on roads. Have had calls on the tall weed found along roadsides. After some research, have found it to be called "Angelica", which is not poisonous. Bids for stone, gravel and sand were discussed.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to accept the bids from Big Dog Gravel and Country Side Gravel Products as both companies are needed for different products.

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

Hwy. Supt. discussed options for the unexpended balance from budget with the Town Board. The mower we currently have was purchased in 2005 and in 2010 was placed in the weeds as junk. It was then repaired and has been used, with much more repair, since then.

Hwy. Supt. reported that Spring Clean Up Day went well with two dumpsters being filled and metal recyclables were full.

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

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

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#169 - #181	\$7,320.93
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#85 - #89	5,380.99
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#13 - #14	<u>3,416.660</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 12	TOTAL	\$16,118.52

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

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

06/15	\$137.00	Tax Collection fees from Chaut. Co. Real Property
06/24	145.18	Scrap metal to Weitsmans (cash)

Committee Reports

Councilwoman Miles has set up a recreation event for a Jammers game in July 14th at 5:30p.m. The cost is \$16.00 per child, two tickets per family, entitles you to unlimited ballpark food, soda & water and 1 hour pre-game, starting at 6:30p.m. (30 person limit)

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Berg to continue with the Jammers event.

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

Another event was discussed, "Get Fit" program to win a free ticket to the Jammers game.

Erie Zoo will be coming to the Ellington Farman Library on Tuesday, July 21st at 12noon.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of June 10, 2015 as submitted.

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

Attorney Duncanson was asked about some property line issues. He has investigated deeds. Need to continue maintaining property.

Employee Handbook was discussed and is still being worked on.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to table this discussion to further review.

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

Painting of the sculpture is on hold until dryer weather but hope to have done by Town Picnic.

Letter was received about the bad condition of the Valley View Cemetery. Grass has not been mowed or weeds removed. Cemetery Committee will talk with the Caretaker.

Town Board walked around the Town Park before tonight's meeting to look at reported damage to the slide and the trees/limbs.

Building Permit Information Sheet was distributed to each of the Town Board members for their review. Changes were discussed as follows:

--Building Permits shall become invalid unless the authorized work is commenced within 6 months following the date of issuance. Building Permits shall expire 12 months after the date of issuance.

--Renewal Permits are required and will cost ½ of the price of the original permit.

--Construction started with no permit must purchase a permit plus a fee double the cost of permit.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to amend the information sheet with the new changes.

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

It was noted that the Ziebart property on E.Main Street has been purchased from the tax sale and is being cleaned up.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.