

AUGUST 26, 2015

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on July 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  
Casey Rhinehart, resident  
Frank & Linda Whitacre, residents  
Elaine Congdon, resident

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

### **Public Participation**

Casey Rhinehart was present to discuss his situation with the NYS Retirement System. He found that no retirement was paid for him from Sept 4, 1984 to January of 1985 and NYS Retirement sent him a bill for \$699. to buy back his time for that period when he worked for the Town of Ellington. Supervisor has called the Assoc. of Towns and they will research and let us know. We will let Mr. Rhinehart know when we find an answer.

Frank & Linda Whitacre were present to discuss the Manufactured Home Law that the Town passed in 2014. They would like to place a doublewide home on their residence where their previous home burned down. The Manufactured Home Law states that a manufactured home placed in the Town of Ellington must be 10 years old or newer. The manufactured home the Whitacre's want to purchase is 19 years old. Attorney commented that the law does not say the Town Board can waive the age requirement. Town Board would have to amend or abolish the law which takes time. Councilman Chase commented that it is unfortunate but Town Board had to set a perimeter when the law was made and knew this would not satisfy everyone.

Closed Public Participation at 7:18p.m.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Shared service with the County is now finished. The repairs from the storm damage on Dean School Road (28 Creek to West Hill) has been completed. Shoulder work has been done on the middle section of Dean School Road (28 Creek to Waterman Rd.).

The tubes on Young Street have been replaced and ditches cleaned. All of Pickup Hill Road (3/4 mi.) has been regraded, rolled, patched and then oil & stoned. Driveway tubes have been installed for the Best residence on Waterman Road. Hwy Supt. met with County Soil & Water for an application to work on creek area on Harris Hollow Road. They sent back a letter that this area is not a protected stream so met with the County to have this area (200ft.) worked on and has been cleaned and creek is back away from road. Asked to install sluice pipes (45 ft.) and cleaned ditches on Wade Hill Road for Mr. Park. Shared services with Charlotte and then with Villenova on Friday. Had to do ditching and opening tubes on Butman Road. Two trees have been taken down in front of Cindy Johnston's and on Wolcott Road by Great Lakes Tree Service. Hwy Supt. commented that Town of Poland and Town of Carroll have helped us a lot this year. Motion made by Berg, 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 follows:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#227 - #223	\$2,937.38
Highway Fund Claim Nos.	#108 - #113	30,274.48
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#18	<u>2,962.98</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 16	TOTAL	\$36,174.84

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to approve the payment of the bills as submitted.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of August 12, 2015 as submitted.

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

Committee working on the Employee Handbook and Highway Contract will be meeting again to finalize the contract part and add to the Handbook.

Councilwoman Miles met with Mr. Lundsten of Jensen-Haglund Monuments, pertaining to the repair amount needed to be asked for in a cemetery restoration grant application. Ms. Miles has taken photos of monuments that need repair and will get them to Mr. Lundsten for his estimate of time and materials needed.

Supervisor discussed proposals she has received from driveway sealing companies. At last meeting Board approved proposal from Dependable Paving but he never returned Supervisor's calls. Signature Paving's proposal was very complicated, as payment is per linear feet. Lakeshore Paving sent a proposal of \$2,300. to clean, fill cracks, coat and line for handicap parking. Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept Lakeshore Paving proposal for \$2,300. VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Supervisor has set up a meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Fox to talk about the lease of the Conewango Valley Playground. Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to authorize the Supervisor to work with Fox's on the lease to get it approved. VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Supervisor read Resolution No. 3 - 2015 "NYS Retirement Standard Work Day". This will be posted on our website and at Town Hall for 30 days as required. Town Clerk called a Poll Vote of the Town Board as follows: VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Local Law No. 1 - 2015, "Rules & Regulations for use of the Town Parks" was discussed. Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a Public Hearing on this law on September 23, 2015 at 7:00p.m. VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Town Board discussed the vacation and personnel time of a highway employee that is retiring on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to pay this employee for his 7 vacation and 3 personnel days remaining. VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk, Recd Secy.