

OCTOBER 14, 2015

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on October 14, 2015 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
Tamara Miles, Councilwoman
Roger D. Brainard, Councilman
Sharon J. Berg, Councilwoman
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Sandy Colvenback, resident
Barbara Beightol, Town Council candidate
Dean Crandall, highway employee
Tim Putt, highway employee
Brian Best, highway employee
Three students from Falconer Central School

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

As advertised in the Post Journal and Pennysaver, the bids for the 2016 Caretaker position were opened and found as follows:

Jayne & Kate Conti	bid: \$29,500.	Included non-collusive & ins. Agreement
Richard Cadle	bid: \$27,972	Included non-collusive & insurance
Meyers Family	bid: \$27,000	No non-collusive - incomplete bid
Tree & Landscaping		

Motion made by Miles, seconded Berg to table Caretaker discussion until next Town Board meeting on October 28th.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to close open session and go into executive session to discuss employee contract with the highway employees.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to close executive session and reconvene in open session. No numbers are available at this time. Contract will be typed up and reviewed by the highway employees and the Town Board for final signatures.

Highway Superintendent Report

Ditching has been done on Butman Road, South Hill Road and Waterman Road as well as shoulder work on new blacktop section of Waterman Road.

The issue with the tube on the Babcock property has been resolved. The mower deck has been repaired again and Dick has finished the mowing for this year. We have had shared service with Town of Poland with their bulldozer resetting the concrete blocks in creek on bridge at 28 Creek Road. We have received the C.H.I.P.S. payment from N.Y.S.D.O.T. of \$137,204.28. Hwy. Supt. met with the Matas on Leach Hill Road with some options to fix their front yard from water damage, and this has been resolved. Annual Certification of highway mileage has been completed and sent in to the State. The new "Hot Tack" machine has been delivered. Reminder that International Truck #7 is still burning oil. Put new turbo charger on it but it didn't help with the problem. The Lo-Pro truck did pass inspection after new springs and brakes. Did a lot of deep ditching and found plugged tubes on Bentley Hill Rd by the Wendy Cobbe residence. Took out the tubes, cleaned and replaced to take care of situation. Councilman Brainard asked about the hiring of a bulldozer for use of leveling ditching's. Hwy Supt. explained that they need a place to dump and when someone takes 30-50 truckloads of ditching's and this area was right next to where they were cleaning ditches, cutting cost of fuel hauling to other locations. Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted. VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-nay, 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:	#260 - #279	\$3,707.24
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#123 - #131	46,080.62
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#21	<u>321.62</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 19	TOTAL	\$50,109.48

Motion made by Miles, 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:

10/14	\$ 5.00	rebate on paint purchase
10/14	1,023.50	Court fees for September 2015
10/14	1,060.47	Town Clerk fee for September 2015

A letter has been sent to Time Warner requesting fulfilment of the lease until March 2016.

Committee Reports

Halloween Party will be held at the Library on Saturday, October 31st from 11a.m. to 1p.m. Costume Parade was discussed to have on Halloween evening at 7p.m. serving donut holes and cider.

Mat Pickup has asked for the tractor puller group if it is possible they use the ballfield area for a couple more tractor pulls during the year. Board approved this with weather permitting and possibly also have local concession stands also.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to accept Dog Control Officer's report as submitted.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Miles to accept the Town Justice monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to accept the monthly Financial Report as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPA's.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of September 23, 2015 as submitted.

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

Councilman Brainard reported he is working on the project to remove the tree in Waterboro Cemetery.

The Committee working on the Employees Handbook will be meeting after the Budget is done.

Councilman Chase and his wife, with the help of kids, have started painting the storage building at Valley View cemetery. Trying to use this as Community Service project for school graduates.

Request from resident, Julie Langendorfer, asked the Town Clerk about how to get a speed limit sign on Harris Hollow Road. She says traffic speeding is causing a safety issue. Supervisor said a petition needs to be signed, it will be sent into the State to be reviewed, they will let us know when and what speed.

November's Town Board meeting will be held on November 10th at 7:00p.m. as Veterans Day is on Nov. 11th.

Mr. Bifaro has spoken with the contractor's concerning the "Good Neighbor Project". Supervisor spoke with DEC in Alleghany and was told it is an uncontrolled stream and to try to keep water flow clean of debris. MSB Gravel and Big Dog Gravel will donate gravel. This is all volunteer work and donated supplies.

Supervisor has made several calls to Jim Schimek about working in the creek to remove the gravel bar in the creek. He has not returned her calls.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.