

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y. This meeting was held on Tuesday due to Veterans Day holiday being on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

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  
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman elect  
Hanna Steward, school student

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

**Highway Superintendent Report**

Trucks No.2 and No. 5 have been inspected and passed. Hwy. crew has been ditching on Wade Hill and Leach Hill Road. The bandstand from the Town Park has been disassembled and put in storage. Hwy Supt. discussed the increase in attendance to the Amish School using the Mutton Hill Road and the need to keep maintained. The excavator and operator worked in Charlotte as shared services. A new sluice pipe has been installed on Old Chautauqua Road for the snowmobile club. Just received word that the grant for the wood chipper in 2012 has been denied.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg 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:	#287 - #302	\$4,266.45
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#133 - #141	4,754.76
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#223	<u>321.62</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 21	TOTAL	\$9,342.83

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

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

**Committee Reports**

Halloween Party at the Library went well with 15 - 20 children attending. The Halloween Parade was held at 7pm in the Town Park and was attended by 30 children. Refreshments, donuts and prizes were handed out. A group from the Baptist Church were also in the Town Park with refreshments and donuts.

**Monthly Reports**

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Chase to accept the Dog Control Officer's monthly report a submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to accept the Town Justice'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 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 approve the Budget Modification as done by the accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

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

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

Highway Supt. has been finding many old tires on the roadsides and has been turning them in to Barmore-Selstrom in Falconer and paying the fee. Supervisor feels that the Hwy. Supt. needs to be reimbursed for these payments. Town Board feels Hwy. Supt. shall be reimbursed with the receipt necessary.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of October 28, 2015 as submitted.

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

Councilman Brainard was asked about the tree that needs to be removed in Waterboro Cemetery. He would like to wait for frozen ground so as to eliminate rutting of the ground.

The Committee will get back to discussion on the Employee's Handbook now that the Budget has been finalized.

Town Board discussed Reserve Accounts to be formed out of unexpended balance. These will be set up with estimates included:

*Playground Equipment* : all swings, slides etc. need to be updated as it is breaking and not safe.

*Parks & Recreation*: trees, electricity repairs, Veterans Memorials

*Town Hall Building*: filing & storage needs to be updated, roof for the building is approx.. 16 yrs. old, efficient lighting and painting of walls.

*Highway*: salt shed, cold storage bldg., mower, improve yard and entrance to bldg., efficiency of lighting.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to close open session and go into executive session.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to close executive session and reconvene in open session.

Executive session was held to discuss Highway Employee Contract.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:12p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.