

NOVEMBER 25, 2015

The second regular monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on November 25, 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
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman elect
Student- government class
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk /Rec. Sec.

ABSENT: Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent

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 portion of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

In the absence of the Highway Superintendent, the Supervisor read the Highway Supt. report as submitted to her. Hwy. Supt. received a letter from a property owner on Old Chautauqua Rd. She is concerned of the condition of the road so they can get to their camp. He has worked on widening this road this year but it needs more work done on it. Dept. has been ditching on Leach Hill Road from Rte 394 to Little Road. Had to order a new tire for the Ford pickup as tire had a big slash in it. Sheriff's Dept. contacted Hwy Supt. at 5a.m. that a tree was down on Wolcott Road completely blocking traffic. It was cut up and removed and later chipper was brought to area to get rid of it. New tires have been installed on truck #7. Sanders and plows have been installed on all trucks. Had to plow and sand on Sunday, Nov. 22nd. Also, new cutting edges on plows.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Chase to accept the Highway 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:	#303 - #308	\$3,017.17
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#142 - #145	<u>6,212.03</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 22	TOTAL	\$9,229.20

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to pay the bills as presented.

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

Need to discuss what Town is doing to participate with the Library's Christmas programs. Also need to decorate the Town Park, including the Bandstand and light poles. Councilwoman Berg set up Sunday afternoon for decorating the Town Park.

Supervisor received a phone call from Randy Olsen thanking everyone that volunteered the help of equipment and supplies to put in the new sluice pipe to their driveway making it possible for them to drive from the road to their house.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of November 4th, 2015 as submitted.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to accept the minutes of November 10th, 2015 as submitted.

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

The Highway Employee's Contract has been signed by the employee's and notarized. The Town Board reviewed and signed, notarized by the Town Clerk.

Supervisor received a quote from John Penhollow of Great Lakes Tree Service for the removal of dead limbs from a maple tree in the Town Park for \$1,200. Tree clean-up in Valley View Cemetery is quoted at \$2,200. Another issue discussed was the willow tree in back of the ballfield that had been taken down previously, branches and debris left behind has become a den area for coyote or foxes.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Brainard to take care of the tree issues in the Town Park and cemetery as soon as possible.

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

The Town Hall reception desk quotes were discussed. Quotes have been received from Geer-Dunn Co., Inc., ColeCraft Commercial Furnishings and a local Amish Carpenter.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to go with the plans from ColeCraft.

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

Yearend meeting has been tentatively set for December 23rd at 7:00p.m.

Oath of Offices will be done on January 1st at 12noon.

Organizational Meeting has been set for January 6th, 2016. Possibly have Town Board meeting on that night also instead of January 13th.

Town Clerk attended the Chautauqua County Municipal Clerks Assoc. meeting attended by representatives from Chautauqua County Real Property Services. Tax Collection has been set for January 11th, 2016 to February 9th with no penalty, February 10th to February 29th will be 1% penalty and March 1st to April 1st will be 2% penalty. After April 1st, 2016 taxes will be returned to Chautauqua County. Town Clerk will stay with Williamson Law Company as a vendor for collecting taxes.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 7:49p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.