

DECEMBER 9, 2015

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on Wednesday, December 9, 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
 Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman elect
 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 portion of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

Had no problems during the long holiday (Thanksgiving) weekend. Have taken the ditching bucket off of the excavator and placed the big chopper on to do roadside brush/tree cleanup. Did get some done on Waterman Rd and Dean School Road before the chopper broke and needed repairs. Since repairs, have cut back pine trees on 28 Creek Road and on Leach Hill Rd. Have used the chipper on the tractor and this worked very well. Have been hauling 1A and 1ST (70 lbs.) and one empty box. Have claim in with UPS trying to find where it went! Have found that the cost of plow shoes are much cheaper at Henderson's than Southern Tier Supply.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles 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:	#309 - #328	\$6,351.20
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#146 - #143	4,052.27
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#24	<u>321.62</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 23	TOTAL	\$10,725.09

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg 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:

11/19/15	\$100.00	Time Warner rent
11/19/15	838.59	Time Warner Franchise fees
12/07/15	4,722.61	Chaut. County Mortgage Tax (short approx. \$916.)
12/09/15	736.19	Town Clerk fees-November 2015
12/09/15	1,310.00	Town Justice fees-November 2015

Councilman Brainard noted that the Budget Transfer of \$400.00 was taken out of DA9045.8 Drug Testing but we have a bill for Lakeshore Drug Testing contract taken out of A5132.4. General Garage Acct. Town Clerk will talk with accountants to clarify and deduct from the proper contractual.

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

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

Committee Reports

Recreation report was given by Councilwoman Miles. Town Recreation will be working with the Ellington Farman Library for an Edible Goodie Making Day on Saturday, December 12th from 11am to 1 pm. Santa will be arriving at the Library on Saturday, December 19th and giving out gifts to the children. Kids will also be frosting sugar cookies and making cinnamon ornaments.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the Dog Control 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 Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the Town Clerk monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to accept the Assessor monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Miles to table the acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report and the Budget Modifications until corrected by Accountants.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Chase to accept the minutes of Town Board meeting on November 25, 2015 as submitted.

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

Received notice from Cassadaga Wind Project that they will be sending up 4 helium balloons approx. 500 ft. where the wind towers will be located to study the visual impact. Photos will be taken to illustrate a visual of the project.

Committee working on the Employee Handbook will schedule meeting after the first of the year.

Town Board discussed setting up Reserve Funds from the unappropriated fund balance in General and Highway Funds. Amounts to be up to \$7,000. for the reception desk, up to \$200,000 for the equipment and capital improvements in the highway funds and up to \$30,000 for Park & Cemetery, \$20,000 for equipment and \$200,000 for capital improvements out of the general funds. Resolutions will be made for the reserve funds and presented for signatures at the next meeting.

It was announced that a Webinar will be presented by Assoc. of Towns on Thursday, Dec. 10th on computers titles, "What Do I Do Now" for newly elected officials. Councilwoman Elect Beightol is already registered.

Oaths will be administered at the last meeting of the year on Wednesday, December 23rd at 7:00p.m.

Councilwoman Miles tried to get trees/shrubs to plant in the Park. Hard to find at this time of year. Will wait until spring to purchase and plant.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy