

DECEMBER 23, 2015

The second regular monthly and year end meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on December 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
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk /Rec. Sec.
William Duncanson, Attorney
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman elect

ABSENT: Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman

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

Oaths of Office was administered to newly elected Councilwoman Barbara Beightol, Town Supervisor, Laura M. Cronk, and Highway Superintendent, Dennis Colvenback. Oaths had been given earlier to newly elected Councilman, Kelly Rhinehart, Town Justice, Jennifer Johnson and Town Clerk, Karen G. Bifaro.

Public Participation

No one was present for public participation so this portion of the meeting was closed.

Supervisor opened the meeting with a letter of good news from the N.Y.S. Office of Community Renewal that the Town of Ellington has received a home rehabilitation grant for \$426,000.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Dept. has been busy cleaning all the weeds and debris from under the guard rails and also continuing to chop brush on roadsides. Have been hauling stones to stockpile for spring road repair. The UPS shipping issue of an empty box delivery has been resolved and parts replaced. The spinner motor on sander has been replaced, chopper head has been welded and a new radiator has been replaced in truck #7. Trucks are hauling in salt from the County. Plowed snow on Saturday starting at 5:00a.m. and running three rounds during the day. Winter project will be installing wing on the Lo-Pro Truck. Supt. found that the breaker had been tripped on the solar panels and was not making electricity but he got it reset. A "thank you" was received from the Whitton family on Little Road for the work the highway dept. did to add a pipe to their driveway.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted.

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

Audit & Payment of Claims

At this time the Town Board reviewed the bills as follows:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#329 - #340	\$6,473.20
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#154 - #160	20,965.38
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#25	<u>4,380.48</u>
ABSTRACT No. 24	TOTAL	\$31,819.06

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

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

The Town Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

12/15/15	\$276.00	Sno-Goers snowmobile club for tube used on trail
12/16/15	1,408.42	Payment from Ellington Fire District for fuel used in 2015

Town Board reviewed the corrected Budget Transfers and monthly Financial Statement prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs for November, 2015.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept both reports as corrected.

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

Committee Reports

Recreation report was given by Councilwoman Miles for the Christmas party joined with the Library held on Dec.19th. Attending were 18 children and 15 adults when Santa appeared at the Library. Gifts were given to all and refreshments served. A craft party was held the week before at the Library with 15 kids attending.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the minutes of the December 9th meeting.

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

Resolutions for Reserve Funds from unallocated funds in 2015 were discussed. Supervisor read the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 5 - 2015 will reserve no more than \$150,000 to be used for equipment out of the Highway Account.

POLL VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-absent, Cronk-aye

Resolution No. 6 - 2015 will reserve no more than \$50,000 to be used for capital improvements out of the Highway Account.

POLL VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-absent, Cronk-aye

Resolution No. 7 - 2015 will reserve no more than \$200,000 to be used for capital improvements out of the General Account.

POLL VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-absent, Cronk-aye

Resolution No. 8 - 2015 will reserve no more than \$20,000 to be used for equipment purchased out of the General Account.

POLL VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-absent, Cronk-aye

Resolution No. 9 - 2015 will reserve no more than \$30,000 to be used for Parks and Cemeteries out of the General Account.

POLL VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-absent, Cronk-aye

Resolution No. 10 - 2015 will reserve no more than \$7,000 to be used for Town Hall reception desk out of the General Account.

POLL VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Chase-absent, Cronk-aye

Supervisor found no specifics about reclaiming property on Harris Hollow Rd. Attorney said we are okay as long as we have permission to dump dirt. Councilman Brainard is opposed to hiring a bulldozer to level out large amounts of "ditch cleaning" piles on private property. It was commented that it is hard to find a place to dump the piles of dirt especially if it is near the ditch cleaning site and of large quantity. Highway Supt. has only called a bulldozer twice in his 4 year term. After much discussion,

Motion made by Cronk, seconded by Miles to authorize Highway Superintendent to bring ditching materials to most readily available spot without needing leveling requirements. If ditching is of quantity and needs leveling, it should be brought back to the Town Board.

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

At this time the Supervisor thanked Councilwoman Berg and Councilman Brainard with gifts for their years of service to the Town and wished them well. Punch and "goodies", provided by the Town Justice were enjoyed.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn at 8:07p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.