

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on February 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor  
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman  
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent  
Kate Conti, Deputy Town Clerk/Recording Secretary  
Sandy Colvenback, resident

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman, Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman

#### **Public Participation**

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

#### **Old Business**

- The in house Audit was completed on January 12<sup>th</sup> by Councilwoman Beightol and Councilman Rhinehart. In their opinion the records of all town officials are complete and are properly kept.
- The Town Park Report by Councilwoman Beightol: Mr. Eaker has determined that the main electric panel in the Town Park needs to be replaced. The current light poles can be reused but the tops should be replaced, and the same with the fixtures in the Bandstand. The electric poles that are on wood are also going to need to be replaced Mr. Eaker has suggested electric boxes that are kept secure in the ground and can be brought up when needed. Mr. Eaker is going to look into pricing and report to Supervisor Cronk.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Cronk to accept the Town Park Report as submitted.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried.

- Dog Control Report by Councilman Rhinehart: It has been determined through interviews that Kieth Hitchcock is the best candidate for the job of Dog Control Officer.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to appoint Keith Hitchcock as Dog Control officer. VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried

**New Business**

•It has been requested by the Board that all appointed positions in the Town of Ellington attend one Board meeting per quarter.

•Windstream Proposal: It has been proposed that the town switch phone and internet to Windstream.

Motion made by Beightol seconded by Rhinehart to switch telephone and internet to Windstream.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried

•The Board of Elections has requested the use of The Town Hall for an election on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 and November 7<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Motion made by Beightol seconded by Rhinehart to allow The Board of Elections the use of The Town Hall.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried

•Report of Interest earned in 2016 at the Cattaraugus County Bank \$3,107.14

**Highway Superintendent Report**

Highway Superintendant Colvenback attended a meeting of the watershed in Cherry Creek, A grant has been applied for the installation of rip rap on the banks of the dredge, to prevent Truck #4 tire and rim had to be replaced, and break repairs. There has been some tree work done at the intersection of Bentley and Pickup Hill. The Freeze and thaw cycles have damaged much of our roads.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted. VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried.

**Audit & Payment of Claims**

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#31 - #46	\$3,566.35
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#24 - #33	13,355.46
Ellington Light District	#42	243.33
Ellington /Conewango Light District	#43	171.48
Trust and Agency	#4	242.12
Fire District	#1	90,200.00
ABSTRACT NO. 3	TOTAL	\$107,778.74

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to approve payment of the bills as submitted. VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried.

Checks from Tax Collector received by Supervisor Cronk:

1/26/2017	\$250,000.00	
2/2/2017	\$350,000.00	
2/9/2017	\$162,989.84	Fulfilled Town Warrent
Sales tax	\$61,136.91	
January Clerks Fees	\$273.00	

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart, to accept the minutes of January 25, 2017. VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried.

**Committee Reports**

The Zoo Mobile is on schedule.

The summer band concert/movie schedule was discussed; no decisions were made at this time.

**Monthly Reports**

- Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Town Clerks/Tax Collector Monthly Report as Submitted.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried.

- Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Building Code Officers Monthly Report as Submitted.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried.

- Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Town Justice Monthly Report as Submitted.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried.

- Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the financial report.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Cronk-aye, Rhinehart-aye Carried.

- Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to authorize the clerk's office to seek out names of grant writers.

Motion to adjourn made by Rhinehart at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti

Deputy Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

