

JUNE 28, 2017

The second monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on June 28, 2017 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor  
Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman  
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman  
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary  
Sandy Colvenback, resident  
Kevin Colburn, resident

ABSENT: Tamara Miles, Councilwoman

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 part of the meeting was closed.

### **Old Business**

Town Board discussed Park renovation project. There has not been anyone in but one person to look at the drawings of renovations. Sidewalk will coming in from Main Street to the bandstand and millstone monument. Fal-Ken Electric has been working on electrical repairs so to be ready for band concerts and Town Picnic. Councilman Rhinehart will contact Steve Lundsten to ask about moving the millstone and price. The Town Board unanimously decided on the removable electrical posts in the Park. Councilmen Chase & Rhinehart will work on a drawing of Park so as to get ready for electrical bids, sidewalks and lampposts.

The James Jesse Strang historical monument has been placed by the hitching post on Park Street with approx. 27 people attending. Roger Gilbert gave a nice dedication with a reception that followed at the Town Hall. County Executive Horrigan could not be present but sent a Certificate of Recognition to the Town of Ellington, Senator Young was busy but sent a representative to the dedication and Assemblyman Goodell was present.

Two monthly reports were not available at the last meeting. The Building Code Officer's and Assessor's report were reviewed by the Town Board.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the B.C.O. report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to accept the Assessor's report as submitted.

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

**New Business**

Town Clerk informed the Town Board about the Rabies Clinic to be held on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Chase to hold the rabies clinic at highway bldg. on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Town Board was informed of the many complaints about the Gorby property on 28 Creek Road. He has been asked to clean up many times. Court action may be taken.

Park use application submitted for the Band Concerts to be held on July 1st, July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to approve the application as submitted.

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

Town Board met at 5002 Mill Street to look over the sidewalk in front of a new business.

Present sidewalk ( 53ft.) needs to be removed and brought down level to the street. Contractor, Rob Elliott, gave an estimate of \$300. to remove and approx. \$2,500. to rebuild.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to continue with the sidewalk project.

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

Highway Dept. will bring the stage down to the Park and repair what needs to be repaired to be safe.

Recreation will be joined with the Town of Poland for the summer.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to give \$600. of our recreation budget to the Town of Poland recreation.

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

We have been discussing lighting around the Town Hall area. One idea is to change the light head on poles in parking lot to LED lights. Another to remove the flood lights in front of Town Hall and place light poles in front of building where trees were removed. Town Clerk will look into grants for efficient lighting.

Supervisor read Resolution No. 2 - 2017" to file an application for funding for mobile home replacement for the Ellington Rehab Program. Town Clerk called a poll vote of the Town Board.

POLL VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Miles-absent, Cronk-aye Carried.

**Highway Superintendent Report**

Hwy. Dept. has completed sector 1 of the County oil & stoning of roads. As our Volvo excavator is still at Anderson's in Olean for repairs, we borrowed Town of Gerry's excavator to dig up the clay bar on Wolcott Road and replaced with drainage pipe and gravel. Hwy. Supt. met with Ann McDowell the grant writer for the salt shed. She took a lot of pictures and paperwork. Application must be in by July 28<sup>th</sup>. We will hold her payment check until grant application has been submitted. Hwy. Dept has been doing shoulder work on the newly blacktopped roads. Hwy. Supt. had shared services with Town of Carroll doing black topping. Dumpsters have finally been picked up from the "Clean Up Day" on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Rhinehart received call about washout at end of Hagerdon Hill Road. He is concerned about the center lane markings on Thornton Road. He would like the Hwy Supt. to call about this. Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted. VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol- aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Salt Shed and grant were discussed. Accountants want to see a separate fund for expenses. If rewarded, Grant funds will replace the expenditures in this fund. Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to take \$100,000. out of \$200,000. General Reserve Fund and set aside in a separate Salt Shed Fund for all expenses with salt shed. VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol- aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

**Audit & Payment of Claims**

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

|                                |             |                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| General Fund Claim Nos:        | #147 - #155 | \$1,232.60      |
| Highway Fund Claim Nos         | #87 - #94   | 115,464.06      |
| Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos: | #23 - #25   | <u>1,185.90</u> |
| ABSTRACT NO. 12                | TOTAL       | \$117,882.56    |

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to pay the bills as submitted. VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol- aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the minutes of June 14, 2017 as submitted. VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol- aye, Rhinehart-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

**Committee Reports**

Councilwoman Beightol discussed refreshments for band concert on July 1<sup>st</sup>. She has contacted every organization she could think of to ask them if they would like to have the refreshments at the band concert but was unable to get any volunteers.

Supervisor has contacted the Chaut. Co. Humane Society about doing an ice cream bar with donations from refreshments to be given to them. They were very happy and will bring a donation canister and some literature.

Highway Supt. has the stage on a trailer ready to be placed in the Town Park.

Regarding the Town of Ellington children who will attend the recreation program at the Town of Poland on Mon., Weds, and Fri. 9:30 to 11:30 am, email received from Recreation Director was read to Town Board. Board has also voted to give the Ellington Farman Library \$100. towards the summer reading program.

Motion made by Chase, seconded by Beightol to give the Town of Poland a check for \$600. for the Ellington children to attend summer recreation.

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

It was asked why we did not have no smoking signs in the children's play area in the Park. Councilman Rhinehart questioned and received email from Christine Schuyler, Chaut. Co. Dept of Health, saying there is no law that states "no smoking" signs be posted at Town Parks.

Information received from Assoc. of Towns about the passing of legislation for benefits for volunteer firefighters that get cancer in the line of duty. Assoc. of Towns is stating that they are against this legislation.

Letter received from Chaut. County Director of Finance stating legislation has been passed to accept partial payments on taxes but County is against it as they state it will be costly.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 8:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk, Recd Secy