

AUGUST 9, 2017

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on August 9, 2017 at 7:00p.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
Karen G. Bifaro, 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.

Unfinished Business

Supervisor contacted John Jaroszynski from Geer Dunn Co. about estimates for flagpoles in the Town Park. He would put in the base and pole. Quotes were received and Town Board reviewed. Motion made by Beightol seconded by Rhinehart to postpone decision until next meeting.

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

Revamping the electric and adding lighting in the Town Park was also discussed.

Tractor Pulls went well on Sunday. They were very happy with the track that the Town Hwy. Dept. had worked on.

Summer recreation and reading program were discussed. Town of Ellington had joined Town of Poland for recreation this year. It was reported that only 4 kids from Ellington participated in this program. Supervisor will talk to Supervisor Snow about payment for recreation program. The librarian had also commented that the summer reading program was not attended by as many as had registered. Discussed the declining attendance for recreation/reading programs for children. Possibly send out questionnaire to the residents inquiring what their ideas would be for town recreation.

Councilman Rhinehart reported that Doug Rice did get in the creek with his bulldozer behind Milo Elliott's house to clean up gravel and put banks back that has been washed down by the rain storms.

New Business

Assessor was questioned on the letter from the Real Property Tax Office about the Chaut. Co. Legislature considering raising the Senior Low Income Exemption from \$20,000. to \$22,000. She commented that if County increases this exemption it will not increase the Town budget but would be a small increase in County tax for taxpayers not getting the exemption.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to table Senior Low Income Exemption until we have further information.

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

The grant for mobile home replacement administered by C.H.R.I.C. was discussed. For the current grant, the third and last mobile home has been ordered and will be here in 6-8 weeks. A new application will be sent in for another mobile home replacement grant by Sept 22nd. The more applicants we have the better it makes or chances for selection of grant.

Allied Alarm had come to check on a noise coming from the security system. The DVR has quit working and need to be replaced.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to order the 8 camera DVR at \$1,300.

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

Highway Superintendent Report

Hwy. Dept. has been placing gravel on Wolcott Road. One truck was sent to Town of Carroll for blacktopping with shared services. Have been ditching and putting tubes in. Got 5 ton of blacktop for area in front of new sidewalk downtown and the rest used on Drybrook Road.

Hwy Dept. has been working with the State DOT so we can get the millings they are removing off of Rte 62 north and south. 100 loads of millings have been placed on Little Road and Wade Hill Road and graded, and will be rolled. Millings will help hard surface these roads at no material charge to the Town. The roller broke on Little Road and are waiting for the County to move it for us. Had to send our grader and operator to Town of Poland to help.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Highway Superintendent's report as submitted.

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

Received email from Ann McDonnell that the announcements for the salt shed grant will come out anywhere from late Sept. to early December.

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#184 - #198	\$2,635.01
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#110 - #115	<u>19,998.44</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 15	TOTAL	\$22,633.45

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to pay the bills as submitted.

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

07/03/17	\$65,523.97	Chaut. Co. sales tax-quarterly
08/09/17	470.00	Town Justice monthly fees-July 2017
08/09/17	2,428.93	Town Clerk monthly fees-July 2017

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the minutes of July 26, 2017 as submitted.

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

Committee reports

No committee reports

Monthly Reports

Monies moved for the Salt Shed Reserve account will show in the August 2017 financials.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the monthly Financial Report as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Town Justice's monthly report as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Dog Control Officer's monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Building Code Officer's monthly report as submitted.

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

Councilwoman Beightol wanted to comment and thank the Town for the new sidewalk in front of the new store and how nice the building looks. Councilman Rhinehart wanted to commend the Highway Dept in their part of removal of old sidewalk so new could be placed before Town Picnic.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn meeting at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy