

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on November 8, 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  
Tamara Miles, Councilwoman  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary  
Sandy Colvenback, resident  
Kevin Colburn, resident  
Bill Green, resident  
Falconer Central School government class students

### **Public Hearing**

As published on October 27<sup>th</sup> in the Post Journal, the Public Hearing for the 2018 Preliminary Budget was opened at 7:00p.m. No one from the public were in attendance to speak. The Supervisor discussed taking \$1,000 for 1440.4 Engineering and adding it to 7140.4 Playground and Recreation. No other changes were made to budget.

Motion made by Mile, seconded by Rhinehart to approve this change to the Preliminary budget.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to close the Public Hearing at 7:07.

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Chase to adopt the preliminary budget as the adopted budget for 2018.

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

Supervisor thanked the Town Board for their many hours of working on the 2018 Budget.

### **Public Participation**

No one was present for public participation so this section of the meeting was closed at 7:10p.m.

### **Unfinished Business**

Town Park - Councilman Rhinehart has been unable to make contact Steve Lundsten to ask about removing the old concrete from the Veterans monument. John from Geer-Dunn was at the Town Hall to speak to Councilwoman Beightol and Supervisor Cronk about what needed to be done to place the flagpole in the monument area of the park.

He recommends the 30 ft. internal halyard pole with delivery and set up included for \$2,033.25. He will also supply the PVC pipe and sand needed. Motion was made to purchase on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Highway Supt. has been in contact with Bloomquist Landscaping about the decorative blocks. They are 6inch high, will have 3 tiers with 2 inch cap on top, totaling approx. 18 - 20 inch high. Cost will be approximately \$1,500. Conduit will be placed under monument area for further lighting on monument and flag. Town Park Project has been placed in proposed phases. Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to order the block for the monument surround. VOTE: Chase-aye, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Miles-aye, Cronk-aye Carried. Electrical renovation and playground equipment will be considered for later.

Town of Ellington has received 2 Visa charge cards through the Cattaraugus County Bank. These will be used for purchases where an account cannot be set up. Accountant suggested we do this instead of using individual's cards.

Letter received from Town of Amherst requesting a proclamation of congratulations from the Town of Ellington for their 200<sup>th</sup> bicentennial celebration in 2018. (as of 2010 census there are 932 Towns, 62 Cities).

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to send a proclamation to the Town of Amherst.

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

Highway Superintendent has submitted his yearly highway inventory. We are still waiting to hear if we will receive the salt shed grant.

Motion made Miles, seconded by Beightol to accept the highway department inventory as submitted.

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

The Emmick family has been using the skateboard equipment in blacktop area at Town Hall for their radio controlled cars/trucks to run on. They have asked to use the equipment at their church for the winter and bring back in the spring. Town Board suggests an agreement be signed with Jonathan and Evelyn Emmick to release Town of any liabilities and equipment should be stamped with Town of Ellington on it.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Miles to lend skateboard to the Emmick family with agreement signed.

VOTE: Chase-nay, Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Miles-aye, Cronk-aye Carried

Lighting posts were discussed for the outside front of the Town Hall. Current flood lights make it difficult to see when you walk out of the building and also draw bugs to the building. Light posts with 3 globes on top have been looked at for replacements.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Beightol to order lights from Lowes not to exceed \$1,000.

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

Christmas tree and Bandstand decorating will be done on Friday, Nov.17<sup>th</sup> at 12noon in the Park. Tree will be placed outside of the Bandstand. Library will be making decorations for the tree on Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 12:30 pm.

**Highway Superintendent Report**

Hwy. Supt. informed the Town Board of a 2yr lease on a 2018 loader with a payment of \$11,046.66 when we take the loader this year and \$11,046.66 in 2018 making the loader owned by the Town.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Chase to purchase the loader on the 2 year lease program.

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

Truck #5 is back in service after turbo repair was done. This was under warranty.

Shop heaters have been inspected by T.J.s Plumbing and Heating and repair parts need to be ordered. NOCO no longer does repairs on furnaces.

Storm damage repairs have been completed on Dean School Road and Harris Hollow Road.

The area on Dean School Road with concrete wall is compromised. Called Dan Barry Surveyors to survey this area on Dean School Road and mark the Town's right-a-way.

Hwy Supt. is attending a seminar at Chautauqua Works to get information on the Paid Family Leave that is to start in January 2018.

Article in the Post Journal about the grant project with drainage rocks on Leach Hill Road.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Highway Supt report.

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

**Audit & Payment of Claims**

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#255 - #267	\$1,957.79
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#148 - #155	6,505.81
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#42	<u>358.46</u>
ABSTRACT NO 21	TOTAL	\$8,822.06

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

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

11/02/17	\$71,160.28	Chaut Co.
11/08/17	1,268.05	Town Clerk fees - October 2017

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the minute of October 25, 2017 as submitted.

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

**Committee Reports**

Halloween Party was attended by 15 children and 23 adults. Ellington Baptist Church furnished the donuts and the judges for the costume contest. Cost of refreshments and candy was \$61.87.

**Monthly Reports**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Miles, seconded by chase to approve the Budget Modification of \$35,984.00 from DA5130.2 to DA 5110.4 made by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the monthly Financial Statement prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn meeting at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,