

MARCH 14, 2018

The meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on March 14, 2018 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
Kevin D. Colburn, Councilman
Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary
Diane Reynolds, Resident
Sandy Colvenback, Resident

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

As advertised in the Post Journal and Pennysaver, Bids were opened at 7:00p.m. for concrete and electric work in the Town Park. Two bids were opened for concrete work and one bid for electrical work.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to table the bids for study.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye

No one was in attendance from the public so this portion of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

The roller tank repair has been completed. Dept. has done some cold patching on holes. March 2nd snowstorm of heavy wet snow downed trees and wires all over Town. Another storm on March 13 & 14 of heavy snow meant extra hours of plowing. Shoulder has been washed away on Harris Hollow Rd. and County Soil & Water has been contacted. Dept. has been working on a conveyor on the ten-wheeler. Bids for the salt shed project were discussed. This had been approved last year as money has been set aside for this construction.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to advertise for bids in the Post Journal.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Colburn to accept Highway Supt. report as submitted.

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

New Business

Attorney has reviewed the Non-Discrimination, Anti-Bullying, Anti-Harassment Policy for the Town of Ellington and found it to conform to the current legal standards and recommends adoption of the policy.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Non-Discrimination, Anti-Bullying, Anti-Harassment Policy as stated.

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

Placement of a water cooler at the Town Hall was discussed. Prices for rental of a water cooler from Culligan were discussed and decided purchasing our own would pay for itself in a short while.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to purchase a water cooler for the Town Hall.
 VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

The upgrading of the streetlights to LED lights was discussed. Town Clerk has been in touch with Mark Stifter from NYSEG concerning this conversion and the cost to the Town. Town Board questioned how long it would take to "payoff" the cost of the conversion and also questioned who owns the lights, Town or NYSEG. Town Clerk will get more information from NYSEG.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Reynolds to table discussion for further information.
 VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Letter of Engagement for the services of Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 was discussed.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to have the Supervisor sign letter of engagement.

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

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#55 - #78	\$44,428.56
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#35 - #52	27,456.51
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#8 - #10	<u>1,674.02</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 3	TOTAL	\$73,559.09

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

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

\$ 586.48	Conewango Light District (share of electric)
1,060.77	Charter Franchise payment
1,952.38	Town Clerk February fees
277.50	Town Justice February fees

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the minutes of February 14th, 2018 and February 28th, 2018 as submitted.

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Rhinehart told the Board of a tree in the Park that needs to have branch trimmed. There was also tree damage in the cemetery. Hwy Dept. had to clean trees out of driveway for a burial. A proposal will be asked of the Caretaker to remove damaged trees in the cemetery.

Recreation committee talked of going with Town of Poland for the Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held at the Temple School on Saturday, March 31st at 10a.m. They are asking \$40.00 to defray expenses. We are also invited to join Town of Poland for Summer Recreation and the Memorial Day Parade.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to send \$40.00 to the Town of Poland recreation for the Easter Egg Hunt.

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

Band Concerts in the Town Park were discussed.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to have three Saturday Band Concerts in July this year and the last Saturday will be for Movie Night.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Reynolds to invite Kokomo Band, Sunnyside Up and Maurice Brown Band to play for the Summer Concerts.

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

Playground in Conewango Valley was discussed by the Board. We are now leasing the land from Tom & Cleone Fox being used as the Conewango Valley Playground. We cannot get grant funds or spend any monies for equipment or buildings because it does not belong to the Town. Discussed other properties for sale.

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to approve the Budget Transfer prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

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

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

Assessor will be asked to attend the next Town Board meeting to discuss a re-evaluation of properties.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn meeting at 8:48p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy