

APRIL 11, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on April 11, 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 fabric membrane work for building a salt shed at the highway dept. Supervisor opened one bid for concrete work and two bids for fabric membrane and read information contained.

Town will provide materials (concrete, rerod), excavation and backfilling of site.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the bids as submitted.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Reynolds to table bids for further review.

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

Town Clerk will post notice of a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. to discuss the bids and make a decision.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

At last meeting bids were opened for the concrete sidewalk and electric bids for the Town Park. Councilwoman Beightol discussed the price of adding new lights to what we already have compared to all new lights. Total cost of concrete, new electric and lights would cost approx... \$27,000. She commented that AARP has a grant available that she would like to apply for to pay for this project.

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Rhinehart to authorize Councilwoman Beightol to apply for this AARP Grant.

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

Resolution No.9-2015 established a Reserve Fund of not more than \$30,000 for Parks & Cemetery.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Reynolds to proceed with the cement work in the Park and to apply for the AARP Grant and if granted, proceed with the electrical work in Town Park as funds permit.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Reynolds to accept the bid of \$11,640 from Davis Concrete & Excavating, Ashville, NY for sidewalks in Town Park.

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

Supervisor introduced Resolution No. 3 - 2018, "Adoption of the NYS Unified Solar Permit". This permit is unified through New York State. This is also part of our Clean Energy Community Grant.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the resolution as submitted.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to apply a \$25.00 building code application fee for the solar permit.

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

Street Light replacement program was discussed. NYSEG has informed us that we can replace 33 old cobra head street light heads to LED lighting for a cost of \$1,561.13. This should help with the amount of the electric bills and frequent calls for street lights needing repairs.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to proceed with street light replacement program.

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

The Town Hall furnace has been replaced. It had been repaired twice with the fact it may break down again. Price quotes were reviewed and decision was made to replace.

After discussion at last meeting, a water cooler has been purchased for the Town Hall. Bottled water had been purchased previously as water at Town Hall is not of good quality.

Councilwoman Beightol worked on the Code of Ethics and it was given to the Attorney for review.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to table until next month's meeting.

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

### **New Business**

The Chautauqua Works program has sent another contract for the Town to become involved in this Summer Youth Work experience program again this year.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to approve the Supervisor sign the contract with Chautauqua Works.

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

Limb had broken off of tree in Town Park and was removed by Meyers Tree Service for \$150. Hwy Supt will remove the large limb laying on cemetery lot at Valley View Cemetery.

Price had been received from Meyers Tree Service for removal of trees. Another quote is needed according to our Procurement Policy.

Energy audit of the lighting in the Town Hall and Hwy. building will be done by NYSEG representative on Thursday.

**Highway Superintendent Report**

Continuing to plow and sand and hoping this is the end. Have had more trees down from the heavy snow and wind damage. Wood chipper & broom have been installed on tractor. Continuing tree & brush clean up. Conewango Valley's storm damage has been cleaned up by highway dept. Trying to delete the pile of sand but had to haul in more because of weather. All plows have been removed, painted and put in storage. Still have a lot of trees/debris to clean up. Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted. VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

**Audit & Payment of Claims**

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#80 - #110	\$12,735.00
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#53 - #62	11,166.59
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#11 - #14	<u>1,763.54</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 4	TOTAL	\$25,665.13

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

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

\$1,856.00	Town Justice fees-March 2018
4,257.28	Town Tax Collector
1,937.92	Town Clerk fees-March 2018

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the minutes of March 14, 2018 as submitted. VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

**Committee Reports**

Councilwoman Beightol has sent out the contracts to "Soup of the Day" to play on July 7th, "Mountain Railroad" to play on July 14th and "Sunny Side Up" to play on July 21<sup>st</sup> for the summer concerts in the Town Park.

Town Wide Yard Sales was set for June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 and Clean Up Day has been set for June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Monthly Reports**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Tax Collector's monthly and final report as submitted.

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

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

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

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 Reynold to accept the Justice Court monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn 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 accept the monthly financial report as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

The new Assessor will be asked to submit a monthly report.

Town Board received the monthly activity report sent by the Library Director of the Ellington Farman Library.

At this time, Councilman Rhinehart asked to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Town Board returned to open session at 9:10p.m. No vote or motion was taken.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 9:11p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recording Secretary