

JUNE 13, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on June 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
Roxanne Aucoin, Town Assessor
William Duncanson, Attorney
Amanda Brainard, Historian
Diane Reynolds, Resident
Sandy Colvenback, Resident

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

The Town Assessor, Roxanne Aucoin explained that an assessment reevaluation should be done in the Town of Ellington to bring the assessed value of property from 94% to 100%. This will need to be done by March 1, 2019. We can do a full reevaluation or a "reval" project. A State Assessor will help with the picture and inventory process for a total cost of \$6,000. There is a pay back from the State for doing a total reevaluation, possibly close to two dollars a parcel. A reevaluation project will not be paid back by the State.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Cronk to ask Assessor to do a reevaluation project to be completed by March 1, 2019.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-nay, Colburn-nay, Reynolds-nay, Cronk-aye Denied.

Public Participation

No one was in attendance for public participation so this part of the meeting was closed.

Unfinished Business

The Code of Ethics has been updated by the Attorney and ready for Town Board decision.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Reynolds to accept the updated corrections and accept the Code of Ethics as presented.

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

Area around the playground pieces have become worn out. Need to be built up with new "chips" for protection. Councilman Reynolds asked about "chips" for Conewango Valley Park but it was noted that we do not own the Park, we lease the land for the playground.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to look for sources for suitable fill for playground.

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

Sidewalk around the Veterans monument was to be started this week. When it is placed, there will be a drop off of approx. 3" to the sidewalk running parallel with Main Street. This sidewalk is too low and is below the road level and drainage (catch basin). Councilman Rhinehart is questioning if we have the County permission to put in a new sidewalk. Quote was \$5,100. to put new concrete over the old existing sidewalk.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to have the concrete company continue with concrete over top of existing sidewalk.

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

New Business

Volunteers, Wes Johnson and his family have done some repainting on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and Kate Conti edged and mulched the Memorial area so it would look respectful for Memorial Day.

Application for use of the Ellington Town Park on July 9th-11th by the Baptist Church of Ellington was received.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Colburn to approve the use of the Park for Bible school.

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

Application for use of the Conewango Valley Park on July 22nd by the C.V.Methodist Church was received.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Reynolds to approve the use of the C.V.Park on July 22nd.

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

Application for use of the Ellington Town Park on July 7th, July 14th, July 21st and July 28th by the Town Recreation Committee for Band Concerts and Movie Night was received.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to approve the use of the Town Park on Saturday nights in July.

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

Town Clerk received a call from Schaumann family about their concern of trees and tree roots damaging the family monument. Cemetery Committee will look at and get back to Clerk.

At this time the Supervisor introduced Amanda Brainard, who has started the Northern Coalition of Cemetery Records. She has scheduled a program on Cemetery Preservation to be held at the Ellington Farman Library on Saturday, June 30th from 12 to 2pm. There will be a lecture the first hour and then hands on with headstones at Pioneer Cemetery. Wes Johnson will be contacted about this program as he has shown interest in cemetery restoration. Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to authorize the Cemetery program to be held at Pioneer Cemetery on June 30th.

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

In the newsletter from the Library, the Summer Reading Program was discussed. The Town donated money last year to this program. Linda Millspaw has tried to get a recreation program for the Conewango Valley Park, but has found that there are not enough children to get a group together.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to donate \$100.00 to the Summer Reading Program held at the Ellington Farman Library.

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

Options were discussed about the caretaking job for the Town of Ellington. Councilwoman Beightol has researched the cost of purchasing a new mower w/bagger and other equipment needed and hiring a part time (seasonal) person to work under the Highway Superintendent's supervision. Supervisor Cronk discussed breaking the contract for caretaking into two parts. Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to table discussion to a later meeting.

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

Supervisor Cronk has been contacted by Gerry's Town Supervisor, John Crossley concerning a shared service agreement for both of our Dog Control Officers. One will fill in for the other in an emergency.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to share the two Town's Dog Control Officer's for emergencies.

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

Highway Superintendent Report

Ellington has been working shared services for Town of Charlotte doing oil & stone and black topping. Our highway dept. assisted Town of Poland during their flood damage on June 1st. Repairs have been done to the tube on Young Street. Have been trying to get Wade Hill Road ready for hard surface, have graded, brined & rolled Wade Hill Road again.

Had shared services with Cherry Creek. Clean-Up Day went very well on Saturday. Two dumpsters were filled. Repairs to the conveyer had to be made and have been completed. First round of mowing has been completed and now the tractor will be used for sweeping oil & stone. The 1994 single axel has failed inspection and is out of service as the frame is cracked. Hwy Dept swept the sidewalk along the park parallel to Main Street and took a truckload of sand out of it. The skateboard equipment has been set out at the blacktop by Town Hall. Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the Highway 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 submitted:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#135 - #155	\$9,152.77
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#75 - #88	12,914.87
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#19 - #22	<u>1,708.14</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 6	TOTAL	\$23,775.78

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

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

Supervisor reported the following checks for deposit:

06/11/18	\$848.00	Town Justice-May 2018 fees
06/11/18	\$544.89	Town Clerk-May 2018 fees
06/13/18	\$75.00	driveway tube - Gennamores/Little Road

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the minutes from May 9, 2018 as submitted.

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

Committees

Press Releases for the Bands and Movie night will be put in the Jamestown Gazette & Chautauqua Star.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Colburn to accept the Dog Control Officer's 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 report as submitted.
VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Town Justice's 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 Building Code Officer's report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Financial Budget Modifications as prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

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

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

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy