

JULY 11, 2018

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

ABSENT: Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman  
William Duncanson, Attorney

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

No one was present for Public Participation.

Information sheet from Councilman Rhinehart on Storm water affecting our cemeteries was given to the Town Board along with the Librarian report for July.

### **Unfinished Business**

Supervisor had called each Board member for their opinion on wood carpeting for the Park. Wood carpet has been delivered and placed around the playground equipment by caretakers. The highway dept. cleaned up the overage and placed it in storage. It was asked if a small amount could be donated to the Post Office for an area that has been cleaned out. Councilman Reynolds suggested we figure out how much a portion would cost and sell it to them.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Colburn to not give wood carpet to Post Office but to sell wood carpet to the Post Office at cost.

VOTE: Beightol-nay, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-nay Tabled.

Sidewalks are all in and around the Park and looks very nice. *Supervisor wanted to publicly thank Dennis and Sandy Colvenback for all their volunteered hard work building the concrete structure around the monument and flagpole in the Park.*

The Supervisor signed the contract with Chautauqua Works and a youth was scheduled to come work at the Town of Ellington. A call was received later that the youth has to attend summer school this summer and will not be available to work for us through this program.

Supervisor also signed the mutual agreement between us and the Town of Gerry for the shared service of their Dog Control Officer and ours.

The Cemetery Committee went to view a complaint by a family of trees growing into the foundation of a monument at Valley View Cemetery. Committee feels nothing can be done about removing the trees unless the family decides to do something. Owner may call Councilman Reynolds of their concern. Wes Johnson has made offers to volunteer with restoration of the monuments in the cemetery. Cemetery Committee cannot do this until late September. No one from the Town Board attended the Amanda Brainard seminar.

Many complaints have been received by phone and in person about the condition of our cemetery and ballfield. Job description notes that Caretaker is to keep the ballfield in "playable" condition and the grass is very high. We have had many complaints about the cemetery grounds not being mowed and graves not covered with topsoil and seeded. When confronted, Caretaker stated that there were 400 golf balls on the ballfield and ruined his mowers. Contract with Caretaker was discussed amongst Board. Board discussed the possibility of hiring a part time, seasonal employee and purchasing our own mower and equipment. Hwy Supt. has been to three different dealers about the Town's needs. Approx. costs for equipment were: \$8,300 for a zero turn, 60 in. cut mower, \$2,300 for a bagger (did not recommend bagger on 60 in. mower), \$350. for push mower, \$200. For weed eater, \$1,100 for a trailer.

Town Assessor, Roxanne Aucoin, was present for any questions on reevaluation. There were approx. 328 properties sold in the Town of Ellington since 2011 which was when the last reevaluation has been done. Example was given of person purchasing property at a much lower cost than assessment and wanting the assessment lowered because of it. Assessor feels properties are not equally assessed at this time. Councilwoman Beightol commented that this is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of our total properties that have not been assessed equally.

The stage, jointly owned by the Town and the Ellington Town Picnic Assoc., was discussed. The stage was torn apart and repaired by the ETPA. Asked Town to donate for these repairs. Total bill came to \$305.28, they are asking for \$152.64. This includes the making of a twister game and a Putt-Putt golf game.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to donate \$100. to the E.T.P.A. as was originally discussed with the Supervisor.

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

\$100.00 donation to Ellington Farman Library for the Summer Reading Program will be send.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Hwy Dept has been working on oil & stoning in Ellington, Cherry Creek, Gerry, Ellery and Charlotte. Have been ditching on Waterman and Wade Hill Roads. Prep work on Wade Hill Rd for the third time hoping to get it oil & stoned.

Highway Supt. has been pricing pickup trucks for the usual two year exchange. Three estimates were received with the lowest price from Valone Ford for a trade of our truck and \$6,896. Two years ago we traded for \$6,600.

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Reynolds to table.

VOTE: Beightol-nay, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-nay. Tie vote, no action taken.

A copy of a letter from a resident on Wade Hill Road was received by Councilman Reynolds and given to the Town Board concerning the drop off from the road to his driveway. Hwy. Supt. will take care of this.

All loose stone from oil & stoning has been swept off roads. Have done shared service with Town of Carroll doing blacktop. The Memorial Circle and concrete sidewalks have been finished in the Town Park.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Highway Supt. report as submitted.

VOTE: Beightol-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:	#156 - #184	\$32,006.68
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#89 - #102	119,863.39
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#23 - #26	<u>1,708.14</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 7	TOTAL	\$153,578.21

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

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

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

05/23	\$5,096.00	Chaut. County Mortgage Tax (10/1 - 03/31)
05/24	200.00	Scholarship money for Town Clerk & Deputy attending Conference
05/31	1,101.18	Charter Cable franchise fees
06/01	300.00	Falc. Comm.Fund Grant for Ellington Town Picnic Assoc.
06/28	161.55	payment for sluice pipe(Richard Hall)
06/28	323.10	payment for sluice pipe(Jennifer Weber)
07/10	637.30	payment for sluice pipe(At the Top Campground)
07/11	148.00	June fees- Town Justice
07/11	1,432.32	June fees- Town Clerk

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to approve the minutes of June 13, 2018 as submitted.

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

### **Committee Reports**

The first Band Concert in the Park went well on Saturday with a good crowd. Two more Saturdays left to have concerts.

### **Monthly Reports**

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Colburn to accept the Ellington Farman Library Profit & Loss statement as submitted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Beightol to accept the Budget Modifications as reported by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPA's.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Budget Transfers as reported by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPS's.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk, Recd Secy