

AUGUST 8, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on August 8, 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 (7:15pm)
Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary
William Duncanson, Attorney
Diane Reynolds, Resident
Sandy Colvenback, Resident
Robert Carpenter, resident, Falconer School Board
Mat Pickup, resident, Ellington Town Picnic Assoc. President

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

Robert Carpenter was present to discuss the equalization tax rates in the towns that are in Falconer School district. The chart he presented to the Town Board showed the Town, Taxable value, Equalization rates, amount of tax to be raised and the tax rates. This was discussed and concluded that the towns should try to keep equalization rate at 100%. Town of Ellington equalization rate is down to 94%.

Unfinished Business

The Caretaker position/contract was discussed amongst the Town Board. Discussion was to either contract the job out again or purchase equipment and hire a seasonal worker who will be under the supervision of the Hwy Supt.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to purchase mowing equipment and hire a part-time seasonal employee to do mowing and trimming work.

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

Hwy. Supt. commented that the prices we have received are this year's pricing and due to change with next year pricing.

New Business

A Town Park Use Application was received from John Arnold for use of the Park on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 12-5pm for a corn-hole tournament as part of a benefit for a relative that is undergoing cancer treatment.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Reynolds to approve the Town Park Use Application.

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

Highway Superintendent Report

Hwy Supt. would like to readdress the purchase of a new pickup truck as this is done on a 2 year schedule. Best pricing out of three quotes was from Valone Ford for \$6,896.00 and our 2016 truck as trade-in. Two years ago we traded pickup trucks for \$6,600.

Motion made by Cronk, seconded by Beightol to trade the pickup truck for the new 2018 pickup truck from Valone Ford.

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

Wade Hill Road is no longer a dirt road, oil and stone has been completed. Councilman Reynolds reported that there were car parts left on Mutton Hill Road. But have now been removed. Dept. finally got Wolcott Road (end towards Kennedy) oil & stoned. The salt barn construction is underway, forms are up and concrete to be poured soon. Progress is being made on storm damage at Dean School Road. The second round of mowing has been completed, hope to get mowing again next week. Repair work from storm damage continues on Abbey Hill Road and repaired a tube on Young Street. Blacktopped the 1,600 ft. of Bemus Road, which was in need of help. Due to the fact that the single axle, 1994 Ford, has a cracked frame and will not pass inspection, the Hwy Supt. met with Paul Abrams, from the County, to ask about any trucks they had for sale. County has 4 trucks, 2 tri-axle and 2 not in very good shape. Last truck the County purchased cost \$218,000, the price given to us for a new single axle was \$183,000. County has asked for our specs. Hwy Supt. recommends we purchase a new truck with warranty so as not to have problems with a used truck, plow equipment would have to be additionally purchased, not sure who will take on the responsibility of making the purchase of a used truck in case of problems and we have the money set aside for this purchase in our budget.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to order a new single axle truck for highway use.

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

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

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

Mat Pickup discussed the expenses for the stage that the Town Recreation and the Town Picnic Assoc. use. Paint rollers and 5 sheets of plywood were purchased and E.T.P.A. is asking the Town for \$30.00 more to defray the expenses. The electrical work in the Park was discussed.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Reynolds to give E.T.P.A. another \$30.00.

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

Councilman Reynolds commented about an electrical box that was destroyed in the ballfield area.

Audit & Payment of Claims

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

General Fund Claim Nos:	#186 - #209	\$8,502.90
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#103 - 118	95,869.86
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#27 - #30	<u>1,708.14</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 8	TOTAL	\$106,080.90

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.

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

08/02/18	\$67,896.63	Chaut. Co. Sales Tax
08/08/18	619.74	Town Clerk fees-July 2018
08/08/18	602.00	Town Justice fees-July 2018

The Judge could not get her bench built within the JCAP Grant deadline so will have to send JCAP Grant money back to State.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Reynolds to accept the minutes of July 11, 2018 as submitted.

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Reynolds checked on the Tractor Pull on Sunday of Town Picnic weekend. He asked them to "float" the track when finished.

Monthly Reports

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

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

There is enough in the D.C.O.'s contractual to purchase a snare pole as recommended by Dept. of Ag & Markets.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol 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 Town Justice's monthly 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 Budget Modifications as reported by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol 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.

Councilwoman Beightol proposed that the Town Board go back to meeting twice a month as to attend to things in a timely manner. Also need to revisit the reevaluation/assessment issue as Mr. Carpenter spoke to the Town Board about this evening.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Cronk to have Town Board meetings twice a month for the rest of the year. Next meeting will be August 22nd.

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

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.