

AUGUST 22, 2018

The second monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on August 22, 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
Robert Carpenter, Resident

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

Mr. Carpenter had asked to address the Town Board about the use of concrete blocks on drainage areas on Wolcott Road. He feels a ditch needs to be dug to place blocks into or a footer needs to be poured under the concrete blocks. Pictures taken by Mr. Carpenter's wife were passed around for viewing. He feels a protocol should be set for the placement of concrete blocks so they won't tip over. Had also asked Hwy Dept to address soft spot on road but all the gravel filled up the sluice pipes.

No one else was present for the Public Participation, so that part of the meeting was closed.

Unfinished Business

Landscaping equipment for mowing was discussed between a Cub Cadet, John Deere and Bad Boy. Discussed specs of each lawn tractor and widths of cemetery monuments.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to purchase the Cub Cadet Pro Z 560L based on comparable of deck size, etc.

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

Self-propelled walk mower, weed trimmer and leaf blower will be purchased later.

Reassessment/Evaluation of property was discussed again. At last Board meeting, Robert Carpenter brought in paperwork to discuss the tax rate for Ellington pertaining to the Falconer School District taxes. Ellington's tax rate is now 94%. Councilman Beightol's concern is that if tax rate keeps dropping we will eventually be directed by the State to raise to 100% which will raise taxes drastically.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to table for a year while Councilwoman Beightol educates Board on re-evaluation.

VOTE: Beightol-nay, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-nay, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-nay Defeated.
Councilman Rhinehart will discuss this with Assessor to help understand.

New Business

Received an unemployment claim from State for former Town Board member, Tamara Miles. Accountant will send letter to Unemployment stating that she was an elected official and therefore ineligible.

Highway Superintendent Report

Abbey Hill Road has been repaired of the storm damage. Hwy Dept. has had shared service blacktopping for Cherry Creek and Gerry. The 3rd round of mowing roadsides has begun. Have gone back to do driveway entrance work on previously blacktopped Bemis Road and Wolcott Road. Also placed some blacktop on road edge of sidewalk along Town Park. Rain delayed. Hwy Supt has contacted surveyor to do Mill Street next week. Concrete has been poured and forms will need to be taken off before anymore can be done.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as given.
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:	#208 - #221	\$1,802.58
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#119 - #126	83,675.60
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#31	<u>392.58</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 9	TOTAL	\$85,870.76

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.

Councilman Reynolds questioned the extra mulch being placed around playground equipment at ballfield and also the payment for lease of Conewango Valley Park.

It was questioned if the broken electrical wire in tube in the ballfield had been looked at by an electrician. Supervisor has called Fal-Ken and Moonlight Electric and neither have returned calls.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of August 8, 2018 as submitted.

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

No Committee Reports or Correspondence.

At this time the Town Board went into Executive Session at 8:30p.m..

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Colburn to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to return to open session.

No motions or decisions were made in executive session.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn meeting at 9:31p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy