

**Present: Charles E. Davis, Councilman, Deputy Supervisor**

**Beverly R. Hess, Councilwoman**

**William J. Heim, Councilman**

**Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk**

**Tim Engels, Highway Superintendent**

**Gary Perkins, Code Enforcement Officer**

**Absent: Christopher C. Gerwitz, Supervisor**

**John A. Pfeffer, Councilman**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the pledge to the American Flag.

**RESOLUTION 82-2015**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councilwoman Hess seconded by Councilman Heim, the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes    3            Davis, Hess, Heim  
                     Nays    0

Resolved the minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup> be approved as submitted and further

Resolved the minutes of September 22<sup>nd</sup> be approved as submitted.

The property owners of the water source for the Water District have requested payment for the water. The Town has offered \$450 per month, which is an amount less than what the owners had requested.

Public Information Meeting was held at the Ashford Community Center regarding the rehabilitation of Cattaraugus County Route 12 (Edies Road) and Erie County Route 82 (Mill Street) Bridge over Cattaraugus Creek Ashford Bridge 37.

Town of Ashford took responsibility for the Water District on August 18. Town of Ashford has sent bills reflecting the time frame of August 18<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Some residents had questions on the billing and the Towns role in researching the issue of possible over payment to Crystal Water Company for water service. Deputy Supervisor Davis will look into this issue.

**Correspondence:**

1. **Precision Industrial Maintenance, Inc.**-email offering services for water pipeline.
2. **NYS Office of the State Comptroller**-State Aid payment per capita for Town of Ashford is \$9,641.00.

Steve Tanner, Clark Patterson, Lee, will be in at the next meeting to guide the Town Board in moving forward with the capital project for the Water District.

Town Justice Stiles is preparing the application for the JCAP grant. A quote has been received by Latak Blacktopping for the parking lot, which will be included in the application. Should the grant not cover the entire cost, the Town of Ashford could assume the remainder.

**RESOLUTION 83-2015**

**AUTHORIZE REINSTATEMENT OF FUNDS TRANSFERRED FROM THE TOWNS PRESERVATION FUND**

On motion of Councilman Heim seconded by Councilwoman Hess the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes    3            Davis, Hess, Heim  
                     Nays    0

WHEREAS      August 12, 2015 regular Town Board Meeting Resolution 60-2015 authorized the transfer, as a loan, from the preserved fund \$100,000 dollars to pay closing costs for the newly created West Valley Water District, and

WHEREAS      These funds have been returned to the town and due to the small amount, the Town Board waives the interest charge, and therefore be it

RESOLVED      The total amount authorized by resolution 60-2015 to transfer shall be acknowledged as repaid to the towns preserve funds restoring the preserve fund to its original amount of \$159,406.84. This action complies with the rules set forth in the Town of Ashford Home Rule Act of November 10, 1999, creating a preserved fund.

**RESOLUTION 84-2015**

**INCREASE BUDGET TO REFLECT TOWN/COUNTY ROAD TRANSFER IN RESOLUTION 70-2015**

On motion of Councilman Heim seconded by Councilwoman Hess the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes    3            Davis, Hess, Heim  
                     Nays    0

WHEREAS,      the Town of Ashford did receive revenue (August 17, 2015) of \$85,745.00

WHEREAS,      the highway portion of expenditure will increase \$85,745.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;    The highway portion of the year 2015 Town Budget will increase from \$1,253,649 to \$1,339,394 reflecting the \$85,745 funds received and appropriated.

**RESOLUTION 85-2015**  
**SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

On motion of Councilman Heim, seconded by Councilwoman Hess, the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes    3            Davis, Hess, Heim  
                     Nays    0

Resolved the Supervisors Monthly financial report for August and September, 2015 is accepted as submitted.

**RESOLUTION 86-2015**  
**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilman Heim seconded by Councilwoman Hess, the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes    3            Davis, Hess, Heim  
                     Nays    0

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #9 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 196 through 228	\$42,743.67
Highway Fund	No. 131 through 141	\$166,478.02
Water District	No. 202, 225 through 227	\$4,001.48
Water District Capital	No. 1 through 7	\$32,800.97
Light District	No. 10	\$956.93
Trust & Agency	No. 93 through 102	\$10,434.60

The board reviewed the September reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Building Permits (and August)

Code Enforcement Officer Perkins noted the Welcome to West Valley signs are in need of repair and would like to send a letter to the West Valley Chamber of Commerce requesting attention to the signs. The Town Board agrees a letter should be sent.

Code Enforcement Officer Perkins also reported at Code School it was discussed for laws requiring carbon monoxide detector systems to be installed in new homes in the near future.

Deputy Supervisor Davis opened the public hearing at 8:00pm for the Preliminary Budget and instructed the Town Clerk to read the notice of public hearing as it appeared in the Springville Journal.

Deputy Supervisor Davis asked for comments and questions.

Discussion took place and questions were answered by the Budget Officer William King.

**RESOLUTION 87-2015**  
**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

On motion of Councilman Heim seconded by Councilwoman Hess the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes    3            Davis, Hess, Heim  
                     Nays    0

Resolved the Town Board close the public hearing and resume regular meeting at 8:07pm

**RESOLUTION 88-2015**  
**ADOPT 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE 2016 ANNUAL BUDGET**

On motion of Councilman Heim seconded by Councilwoman Hess the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes    3            Davis, Hess, Heim  
                     Nays    0

Resolved the Town Board does hereby adopt such Preliminary Budget for this town for the fiscal year beginning the first day of January, 2016, and

Whereas such budget is so adopted shall be entered into the minutes of these proceedings of the Town Board, and  
Be it Further Resolved the Budget Officer of this Board shall deliver copies to the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, and the Cattaraugus County Administrator for their records.

Highway Superintendent Engels reported to the Town Board the truck sold for \$30,000.00. He inquired to purchases of a trailer, backhoe, and pickup truck.

A motion was made by Councilman Heim, seconded by Councilwoman Hess to research the specs of a trailer and backhoe. (All Aye)

Councilwoman Hess has concerns with the Town Boards role as a water committee. She suggests having an actual water committee that reports to the Town Board recommendations for the Water District.

A motion was made by Hess seconded by Heim and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:21pm. (All Aye)