

**Present: Christopher C. Gerwitz, Supervisor**  
**Charles E. Davis, Councilman, Deputy Supervisor**  
**John A. Pfeffer, Councilman**  
**Beverly R. Hess, Councilwoman**  
**William J. Heim, Councilman**  
**Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk**  
**Tim Engels, Highway Superintendent**  
**Gary Perkins, Code Enforcement Officer**

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

**RESOLUTION 91-2015**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Davis seconded by Councilman Pfeffer, the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes     5             Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim  
                      Nays     0

Resolved the minutes of October 14<sup>th</sup> be approved as submitted and further

Resolved the minutes of October 27<sup>th</sup> be approved as submitted.

Springville Griffith Institute representatives Sylvia Root, Interim Superintendent and Ted Welch, Business Administrator gave a presentation regarding the proposed \$40 million Capital Project for the SGI School. There are several public information meetings prior to the public referendum on December 15, 2015. These repairs are necessary to the buildings for safety reasons and for the preparedness for the students for college and careers.

Steve Tanner, Clark Patterson Lee, was in attendance to give an update on the water district capital project and answered many questions. Property owners for water supply have been secured and paperwork is being completed for the agreements. Testing on the water continues as one of the sites has slightly elevated iron levels. Process and treatments are determined using results from the testing. Soil boring will be conducted soon. Steve stated some residents on Depot Street needed to have lines replaced to the house when the new water lines were put in with the Cattaraugus County Hazard Mitigation Project. More than likely this will occur numerous times throughout the water district as new lines are installed. It is the responsibility of the property owner to pay for lines to the house.

**RESOLUTION 92-2015**

**ADOPT POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES**

On motion of Councilman Pfeffer seconded by Councilman Davis, the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes     5             Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim  
                      Nays     0

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has issued regulations requiring issuers of tax-exempt obligations to certify on various forms that they actively monitor compliance with federal tax rules following the issuance of such obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Town is an occasional issuer of tax-exempt obligations and thus is subject to the aforementioned compliance requirements which are critical for the preservation of the preferential tax status of those obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore in the best interest of the Town to adopt formal written procedures to ensure such compliance and to designate an official responsible for ensuring that such procedures are followed; and

WHEREAS, Hodgson Russ LLP, as bond counsel to the Town, has prepared and has recommended that the Town adopt certain post-issuance compliance procedures;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town hereby adopts the post-issuance compliance procedures that are attached hereto as "Schedule A" and resolves to be governed thereby; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such Schedule A will be placed in its entirety in the official records, files and minutes of the Town and adhered to going forward; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Hodgson Russ recommends the Town of Ashford send a representative each year for training on this process.

**RESOLUTION 93-2015**

**AUTHORIZE PLOWING OF WATER TESTING ACCESS ROAD**

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

ADOPTED      Ayes     5             Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim  
                      Nays     0

Resolved Cliff Feldman is authorized to plow the access road to test water at a rate of \$10 per plow service.

**RESOLUTION 94-2015**

**ADOPT SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL POOLS**

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

ADOPTED      Ayes     5             Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim  
                      Nays     0

Resolved, pursuant to the authority of the Town of Ashford West Valley Water District Rules and Regulations Local Law Article 16, 16.02 Schedule of Rates waive the charge for Residential Pools for the remainder of the flat rate billing period.

Supervisor Gerwitz stated the need for a two person Water District Committee within the Town Board.

Supervisor Gerwitz stated the Quarterly Violation letter was mailed to Water District Customers.

**Correspondence:**

1. **NYS Office of the State Comptroller**-Justice Court Fund Ashford share September fines is \$16,042.50.
2. **Cattaraugus County Treasurer**-3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sales Tax Distribution to the Town of Ashford is \$99,216.92.
3. **NYS DOT**-notice regarding reduced speed limit on Town Line Road and reinforcing the request also be given by the Town of Ellicottville.
4. **NYS DOT**-Designation of Restricted Highway regarding Northbound and Southbound Route 219, Cascade Drive, and Miller Road under Contract No. D900024.

Fox Valley Road had to be closed for a short period of time due to downed trees in the street.

There has been no check received yet for the Fox Valley FEMA project.

Councilman Pfeffer is working on the cyber security issue for the Town of Ashford.

Supervisor Gerwitz and Deputy Supervisor Davis attending a meeting regarding the Ellicottville Fire Department and the policy of separating Ambulance Service from the Volunteer Fire Department. The West Valley Volunteer Hose Co. has different situation and would not appear to benefit from the practice.

The board reviewed the October reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Building Permits
- Constabulary
- Highway Fuel & Expense (Inc. Aug & Sept)

**RESOLUTION 95-2015**

**APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR 40,000 lb TILT BED TRAILER**

On motion of Councilman Pfeffer seconded by Councilman Heim the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim  
Nays 0

Resolved the Town of Ashford Board approve the specifications for the 40,000 lb Tilt Bed Trailer and further Resolved the Town of Ashford Board authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids to be opened at 7:45pm at the regular scheduled town board meeting on December 9, 2015.

Tim Engels will be making an equipment purchase for mower under the \$10,000 in the procurement policy therefore no bid process needs to be completed.

Gary Perkins is trying to address the issue of vacant homes. Many road blocks are evident as many of the vacant homes have taxes paid by banks unwilling to provide information.

**RESOLUTION 96-2015**

**AUTHORIZE TRAINING FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

On motion of Councilman Pfeffer seconded by Councilman Heim the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim  
Nays 0

Resolved the Town of Ashford newly elected officials attend training in Rochester sponsored by the Association of Towns.

**RESOLUTION 97-2015**

**SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim  
Nays 0

Resolved the Supervisors Monthly financial report for October, 2015 is accepted as submitted.

**RESOLUTION 98-2015**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim  
Nays 0

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #11 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 229 through 255	\$62,218.48
Highway Fund	No. 142 through 160	\$95,659.23
Water District	No. 249 through 253	\$5,769.56
Water District Capital	No. 8 through 13	\$76,818.22
Light District	No. 11	\$975.98
Trust & Agency	No. 103 through 112	\$11,156.98

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Heim and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15pm. (All Aye)