

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 99-2015

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Resolved the minutes of November 11th be approved as submitted.

Jeff Smith, Municipal Solutions was in attendance at the request of the town board for an update of future financial aspects for the water district. The Town of Ashford Water District has secured a zero percent loan. The Clean Water Program has grants potentially covering up to 25% of the total cost of such projects. These have been submitted to the NYS Governors Office. The results of these requests are expected out by Spring and there are no guarantees with the competitiveness of these grants. If the Town of Ashford is not granted funding at that time, there is another opportunity to apply shortly after. These are one time only grants. Jeff Smith stated any time during the process if there is additional funding available, Municipal Solutions will do what they can for application of the grants.

Jeff Smith also addressed the issue of the surcharge amounts collected by West Valley Crystal Water Company. These funds are being held by the Public Service Commission and will be used when the capital project is underway. Supervisor Gerwitz reminded those present any monies not collected by the West Valley Crystal Water Company are not the responsibility of the Town of Ashford.

At 7:45pm Supervisor Gerwitz instructed the Town Clerk to read the notice to bidder for the 40,000lb tilt bed trailer. Clerk Dashnaw read the notice as it appeared in the Springville Journal. Bids were submitted by the following:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1. George and Swede 7155 Big Tree Road Pavilion, NY 14525	\$22,632.00
2. Monroe Tractor 5035 Genesee Street Buffalo, NY 14225	\$27,451.00

RESOLUTION 100-2015

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 40,000LB TILT BED TRAILER

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

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

Resolved George and Swede be awarded the bid as lowest bidder (or on the basis of best value) in the amount of \$22,632.00 for the 40,000lb tilt bed trailer pending approval after further review by Tim Engels the Highway Superintendent to determine the bid meets all specifications put forth.

The FEMA reimbursement for the Fox Valley Project from 2009 Flood damage has been deposited into the Town of Ashford in the amount of \$121,219.16

The Town Board members reviewed and discussed at length changes to water district billing.

RESOLUTION 101-2015

AUTHORIZE CHANGES TO WATER DISTRICT BILLING

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 Board authorize changes to the water billing as follows:

- Capital project charges will be charged to all properties listed as developable at .1
- Capital project charges will be charged to all properties listed as undevelopable at .01
- All houses (occupied or vacant) will be charged the full usage and capital project charges
- All residential rates are to be applied and added if there is residence in addition to other charges (salon, livestock, church, hardware store, bar)
- WVCS will be contacted for updated information for each billing quarter for number of students and faculty
- 9270 Route 240 is a 3 unit building therefore needs to be charged accordingly.

Correspondence:

1. **SCENIC BYWAY**-letter of support from Senator Catharine M. Young
2. **Justice Court Fund**-Ashford share of October, 2015 fines is \$14,468.75.
3. **NYSDOT**-Transportation infrastructure seminar to promote growth in communities
4. **Catt Co Legislature**-comments encouraged regarding County-wide Comprehensive Plan
5. **ISO**-NYS delay in adopting codes prevents municipalities for less favorable classification
6. **Resident letter**-dissatisfaction in Route 219 expansion

The board reviewed the November reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Building Permits
- Highway Fuel & Expense
- Animal Control (June through November)

Councilman Pfeffer is researching IT Management for the Town of Ashford. Councilman Heim suggested reaching out to Cattaraugus County Municipalities and find out what they are doing.

Councilman Pfeffer attended the Energy Communities Alliance Conference and reported it was a very informational venue regarding the West Valley Demonstration Project. At numerous times during the presentation, WVDP was recognized for accomplishments of removing waste. There are obvious differences for Federal facilities in relation to State facilities.

Town of Ashford Comprehensive Plan is being worked on by the Planning Board and the Town Board members are interested in seeing the progress of the Plan.

**RESOLUTION 102-2015
APPROVAL OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

On motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Hess, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the previous Deputy Town Clerk left the position vacant as of October 1, 2015 and
WHEREAS, the Town Clerk may appoint any person for Deputy Town Clerk, now therefore be it
RESOLVED, the Town Board accept the appointment of Mary Kay Williams as Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar to finish the remainder of the term through 2015.

**RESOLUTION 103-2015
SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

On motion of Councilman Pfeffer, seconded by Councilman Davis, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim
Nays 0

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

**RESOLUTION 104-2015
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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 following budget amendment be approved for the General Account:
From **A1990.4** Contingent to **A1110.4** in the amount of **\$967.93**

**RESOLUTION 105-2015
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilman Pfeffer seconded by Councilwoman Hess, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim
Nays 0

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #12 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 256 through 282	\$36,620.76
Highway Fund	No. 161 through 177	\$29,696.11
Water District	No. 260 and 283	\$2,478.62
Water District Capital	No. 14 through 16	\$577.76
Light District	No. 12	\$1,038.59
Trust & Agency	No. 113 through 123	\$12,268.72

**RESOLUTION 106-2015
SET-UP MEETINGS**

On motion of Councilman Heim seconded by Councilman Davis, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gerwitz, Davis, Pfeffer, Hess, Heim
Nays 0

Resolved the meetings be scheduled for 7:30pm at the Ashford Community Center, 9377 Route 240, West Valley, and advertised as follows:

Year End Meeting/Close the Books	Tuesday, December 29, 2015
Organizational Meeting	Wednesday, January 13, 2016
Regular Meeting	Wednesday, January 13, 2016
Audit the Books	Wednesday, February 10, 2016

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Hess and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30pm. (All Aye)