

**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.

Supervisor Gerwitz called for a moment of silence on the passing of Eleanor Spittler, wife of Elwood Spittler who was Ashford Town Justice some time ago.

**RESOLUTION 8-2015**

**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 January 14<sup>th</sup> be approved as amended to note hourly rates for Deputy Town Clerk is \$10.65, Dog Control Officers is \$10.70, and Constables is \$10.70 and further  
Resolved the minutes of January 21<sup>st</sup> be approved as submitted

Town Justice Stiles and Town Justice Neumann presented the 2014 books.

Supervisor Gerwitz presented the 2014 Supervisors report. Sue Feldman, Supervisors Bookkeeper reported to the Town Board some of the changes from previous years.

Town Clerk Dashnaw presented the Town Clerk books for 2014.

**RESOLUTION 9-2015**

**AUDIT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

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

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

Resolved that the criminal and civil dockets of the Town Justice for 2014 having been duly examined and the fines and fees have been turned over to the proper officials, with the cash summary being viewed; that the records of the Town Clerk for 2014 having been duly examined and found all fees have been turned over to the proper officials; and the records of the Supervisor for 2014 having been duly examined with all monies disbursed properly. All said records and disbursements have been properly executed to the best of the boards' knowledge.

Roy Pedersen, PE E&M Engineers and Surveyors, was present to update the Board members on the Fox Valley Project. At the present moment SEMO and FEMA need to approve before the Town of Ashford can proceed. Board members are frustrated with communication as there fails to be resolution on this ongoing project. Emails do not appear effective communication to the Government Agencies and board members suggest phone calls be used as well. Councilman Pfeffer suggests frequent updates to all board members as communications takes place with FEMA and SEMO. Councilman Davis suggests perhaps reaching out to higher ranking officials of FEMA and SEMO to expedite the completion of the project.

Paul Bembia, NYSERDA, updated the board members stating the 2016 Presidents Budget requests for \$61.1 million. This is only a budget request and it is uncertain if the amount will stay the same during the budget process as the House and Senate review the budget. Councilman Pfeffer inquired on the effectiveness of Town of Ashford representation in Washington DC and Paul believes the representation is a benefit.

**Correspondence:**

1. **Justice Court Fund**-Ashford share of December fines is \$10,060.70.
2. **West Valley Volunteer Hose Company, Inc.**-received check for \$1,792.32 as additional license fee from the Super Raffle held in September, 2014. These funds submitted will be used to install missing or incorrect 911 signs.

Town of Ashford Planning Board is in the process of researching a Comprehensive Plan and would like to see a website for the Town of Ashford. Clerk Dashnaw will research various websites to determine the best for the Town of Ashford.

Supervisor Gerwitz has scheduled a special meeting with Dan Spitzer, Charles Harrigan, Jeff Smith, and Ashford Town Board on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 7:30pm. No public information will be discussed.

The Town of Ashford will offer trash pickup in the Spring. Bids will be due for review at the Regular Town Board Meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:45pm. Councilman Davis made a motion to advertise for the Trash and Refuse Removal Specifications for the Town of Ashford in the Springville Journal. Councilman Pfeffer seconded the motion.  
(All Aye)

**RESOLUTION 10-2015**

**CHANGE TOWN BOARD MEETING IN APRIL**

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 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cattaraugus County Farmer Neighbor Dinner sponsored by several Cattaraugus County Organizations along with Southern Tier West will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the West Valley Fire Hall on Rte 240 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Board meeting scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:30pm be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the regular time and location

The board reviewed the January reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Building Permits
- Animal Control (Sept-Jan)
- Constabulary
- Highway Fuel & Expense Reports(Dec/Jan)

Tim Engels presented an extended warranty quote to the Ashford Town Board. Councilman Heim would like warranty verification of various components prior to acceptance.

Councilman Davis made a motion to advertise in the Springville Journal for the purchase of a new or used broom on the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Engels. Councilman Pfeffer seconded the motion. Bids will be opened March 11, 2015 8:00pm. (All aye)

Highway Superintendent Engels will collect information will regarding the specifications of a possible new loader.

**RESOLUTION 11-2015**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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 following resolution budget amendments are approved for the General Account:  
From **A9050.8** Unemployment Insurance to **A1989.0** Other General Government Support **\$63.90**  
From **A1010.4** Town Board Contractual to **A1989.0** Other General Government Support **\$45.81**

**RESOLUTION 12-2015**

**SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION 13-2015**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

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

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #2 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 17 through 39	\$32,129.43
Highway Fund	No. 11 through 26	\$137,958.28
Light District	No. 2	\$1,157.49
Trust & Agency	No. 1 through 11	\$11,735.27

Highway Superintendent Engels asked Board members to revisit the Labor rate regarding the per diem highway employee. Board members stated labor rate has already been set by Organization.

Councilman Pfeffer asked if there were any water district issues at the present moment. Clerk Dashnaw confirmed that no petitions have been picked up in opposition of the creation of a water district.

A motion was made by Davis seconded by Pfeffer and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50pm. (All aye)