

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

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

RESOLUTION 60-2015

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Resolved the minutes of July 8th be approved as submitted

RESOLUTION 61-2015

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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

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

WHEREAS, November 10, 1999 the Town of Ashford created a preserved fund based on the receipt of PILOT money from the West Valley Nuclear Site and,

WHEREAS, the Resolution creating a home rule act to preserve \$159,406.84 contains language that authorizes future town boards to use a portion of these funds in what they consider a severe condition. However, the funds must be replaced and continue to be preserved and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board, rather than borrowing funds for the closing costs needed to transfer the assets of the existing water company to the newly created water district, prefers to use a portion of the preserved fund for this reason and,

THEREFORE, the town board resolves to transfer from the existing town's preserved fund \$100,000.00 to the General Fund and,

THEREFORE, the \$100,000.00 is to be treated as a loan to be repaid by December 31, 2016 along with an interest of 1.35% or \$1,350.00 and if, for some unforeseen reason this cannot be paid, a loan must be made to replace the funds as per the November 10, 1999 resolution and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the town board agrees to increase the 2015 General budget by \$100,000 for an appropriation created to pay closing costs for the West Valley Water District.

RESOLUTION 62-2015

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXPEND GENERAL FUND MONEYS FOR CLOSING AND RELATED COSTS REGARDING THE WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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

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

Resolved pursuant to the authority in the Town of Ashford West Valley Water District Bond Resolution, payments be made from the General Fund to the West Valley Water District in the amount of \$100,000.00 at an interest rate of 1.35%.

RESOLUTION 63-2015

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ATTEND THE CLOSING OF THE LEASE OF THE WEST VALLEY CRYSTAL WATER CO., INC.

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

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

Resolved the Supervisor is authorized and directed to attend the closing of the Lease of the West Valley Crystal Water Company, Inc. water system operating assets to the Town of Ashford Water District and deliver the consideration of \$50,000.00, plus or minus any adjustments, to the Water Company upon the execution and delivery of the documents and upon the approval of same by the attorney for the Town.

RESOLUTION 64-2015

AUTHORIZE SPECIAL MEETING

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 Ashford Town Board schedule a special meeting on August 26, 2015 at 7:30pm at the Ashford Community Center for the purpose of discussing Rules and Regulations which will apply to the West Valley Water District.

Supervisor Gerwitz has submitted signed applications generated by Municipal Solutions to EFC for the loan. Meetings will take place with property owners and at the September meeting officials will be present from Clark Patterson Lee and Municipal Solutions to provide Board members with an update and a time line for the EFC loan.

RESOLUTION 65-2015

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF COUNTY/TOWN ROADS

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

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

Resolved to transfer the Town of Ashford Miller Road (old Route 219) & Peters Road from the on ramp to County Road 12 (Edies Road) to Cattaraugus County. The Town of Ashford takes County Road 85 (Rocksprings Road) from the intersection on County Road 86I (Thornwood) to Hebdon Road (by Gulf Road) from Cattaraugus County. Cattaraugus County will also compensate the Town of Ashford in the amount of \$87,345.00 for the difference in mileage (.7795 miles) of road.

RESOLUTION 66-2015

AUTHORIZE TOWN JUSTICE APPLICATION FOR A JUSTICE COURT SYSTEM GRANT

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 Town Board authorize the Town Justice to submit an application to the Unified Court System for a grant under the Justice Courts Assistance Program.

Budget Officer William King has submitted a budget schedule for 2016 Budget.

Correspondence:

1. **West Valley Citizen Task Force**-letter received with concerns of possible hazards in the event that clean up at the West Valley Demonstration Project is delayed
2. **West Valley Citizen Task Force**-letter received concerning the effects of Climate Change in the Project Decision-making of the West Valley Demonstration Project
3. **Justice Court Fund**-Ashford share of June, 2015 fines is \$10,269.00.
4. **Cattaraugus County Treasurer**-2nd Quarter Sales Tax Distribution for Town of Ashford is \$101,477.80.
5. **NYSDOT**-new speed limit for Heinz Road is 30mph
6. **NYSDOT**-new speed limit for Ahrens Road is 45mph
7. **Western New York Regional Economic Development Council**-letter sent from Town of Ashford to support Consolidated Funding Application submission to Empire State Development for Strategic Planning and Feasibility Study funds for the property located at 7020 Henrietta Road.
8. **Catt Co DPW**-notices of closing Ashford Hollow Road for the replacement of Bridge No 3

NYSDOT has been in correspondence with Supervisor Gerwitz regarding the Old 219 Bridge inspection resulting in closures during the day during the week. Traffic will flow as normal during the weekends.

The board reviewed the July reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Building Permits
- Highway Fuel & Expense Reports (inc June)
- Animal Control

Permission has been granted by property owner for the Town of Ashford to use said property to access damaged areas as a result of the storm.

Highway Superintendent Engels reported there are some pieces of equipment that need to be replaced. He also reported he has been contacted regarding a windshield that a motorist claims was cracked by a Town of Ashford vehicle. As no proof can be provided, Town of Ashford is not held liable.

Mark Schichtel has contacted the Town Board regarding purchasing property that goes through his property on Peters Road. The Board feels this would be a beneficial transfer to all parties and encourage the necessary steps to move forward.

Roger Lander, SEMO has been in the Town of Ashford to collect documents necessary to wrap up the Fox Valley Project.

RESOLUTION 67-2015

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 July, 2015 is accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 63-2015

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 #8 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 152 through 178	\$33,457.20
Highway Fund	No. 108 through 118	\$69,907.69
Light District	No. 8	\$823.94
Trust & Agency	No. 70 through 82	\$14,078.01

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Davis and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40pm. (All Aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk