

**Present:** Charles E. Davis, III, Supervisor  
 John A. Pfeffer, Deputy Supervisor, Councilman  
 Jean M. Bond, Councilwoman  
 Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk  
 Tim Engels, Highway Superintendent  
 Gary Perkins, Code Enforcement Officer  
**Absent:** William J. Heim, Councilman  
 Richard A. Bernstein, Councilman

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

#### **RESOLUTION 130-2016**

##### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Davis, Pfeffer, Bond  
 Nays 0

Resolved the minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup> be approved as submitted

The Town Board held a moment of silence for passing of Kate Boberg.

Paul Bembia, NYSERDA representative, was in attendance and provided information for the following updates:

- The final high level waste canister from the main plant has been transferred to the storage pad ahead of schedule by almost a year. The WVDP can now move forward with the demolition of the Vitrification facility then the Main Plant Process Building.
- WVDP completed transport of vitrification equipment to Texas.
- National Grid has begun tree removal for the relocation of the lines.
- Cattaraugus County will be replacing 3 culverts near the WVDP. NYSERDA and DOE will be working with DPW to proceed in a timely matter.

Councilman William Heim arrived at 7:37pm.

#### **Correspondence:**

1. **Catt Co Treasurers Office**-Town of Ashford mortgage tax revenues 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are \$13,900.28.
2. **Resident Letter**-a resident sent a letter regarding the election workers at the Community Center. These concerns have been forwarded to the Board of Elections.
3. **WVCS**-letter stating fence is not necessary around the water treatment building. Councilman Pfeffer has concerns the Town of Ashford could be held liable if measures are not taken to make the area safe. Supervisor Davis has corresponded with Engineers that concur cameras are sufficient. Councilman Pfeffer would prefer to see letter approving this policy from the Engineer and the Catt Co Department of Health.
4. **RA Mercer**-Draft letter has been reviewed by the Town Board members regarding audit of past Justice Neumann's books.
5. **Resident letter**-a resident letter was received regarding opinions on water billing issues.

#### **RESOLUTION 131-2016**

##### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bond  
 Nays 0

Resolved the town board enter executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:42pm.

#### **RESOLUTION 132-2016**

##### **RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bond  
 Nays 0

Resolved the town board resume regular session to discuss at 8:14pm.

At 8:00 Supervisor Davis read the notice to bidders for the window and siding replacement at highway town barn. One bids submitted as follows:

|                                   |                 |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Ray Hour Construction, LLC</b> | <b>Option 1</b> | <b>\$6,700.00</b> |
|                                   | <b>Option 2</b> | <b>\$9,975.00</b> |

#### **RESOLUTION 133-2016**

##### **APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY TOWN BARN REPAIRS AS BID**

On a motion from Councilman Pfeffer seconded by Councilwoman Bond, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bond  
 Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford approve the bid for Highway Town Barn repairs by Ray Hour Construction, LLC for Option 1 \$6,700 and Option 2 \$9,975.

#### **RESOLUTION 134-2016**

##### **RESIDENT WATER BILLING**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bond  
 Nays 0

Resolved the water billing continue at flat billing rate for all residents within the Town of Ashford Water District.

Knight Agency Insurance quote has been submitted and will be reviewed comparative to current insurance policy.

Highway Supervisor Tim Engels reported the sidewalk machine needs to be replaced with a larger piece of equipment. Engels also stated the Highway Department is in need of an additional employee to prepare for the opening in the future due to retirement.

**RESOLUTION 135-2016  
APPROVE ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bond  
Nays 0

Resolved the Ashford Town Board approve hiring an additional highway employee.

Councilman Pfeffer and Supervisor Davis have been in contact with Frontier Communication regarding Broadband Service to the Town of Ashford community. Councilman Pfeffer supplied board members with a map of the current (942) service. Some of the Town of Ashford is serviced by Verizon which does not offer internet access. Grants are available for Telecommunications Companies approved from application process. Frontier appears willing to pursue this issue. Verizon does not appear to be interested in this area updates. Councilman Pfeffer suggests that if neighboring towns want to get involved, the need would appear greater. Spectrum has also showed interest in the area as well which would help the areas with not internet service at all.

Water District customers are almost all hooked up to new lines. When National Grid completes work at the tank, the tank will be ready to use as well. Highway Superintendent Engels request markers for hydrants. Councilman Pfeffer stated the markers were included in the bid.

Councilman Pfeffer reported on the Energy Community Alliance Conference he attended with Supervisor Davis. He stressed the importance of this networking to insure there is continuity with all affected communities. He also stated it is important for all communities to diligently rally for what is best for their area.

Supervisor Davis commended Councilwoman Bond for all the hard work and planning for the First Annual Christmas Tree lighting which was very well attended and received.

**RESOLUTION 136-2016  
SET-UP MEETINGS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bond  
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 27, 2016  |
| Organizational/Regular Meeting   | Wednesday, January 11, 2016 |
| Audit the Books/Regular Meeting  | Wednesday, February 8, 2016 |

**RESOLUTION 137-2016  
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bond  
Nays 0

Resolved the following Budget Amendment is approved for the General Account:

From **A1990.4** Contingent to **A1010.4** Town Board Contractual in the amount of **\$12.16**

From **A3510.1** Dog Control Personnel to **A3510.4** Dog Control Contractual in the amount of **\$500.00**

The board reviewed the November reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Building Permits
- Highway Equip & Fuel (Sept-Nov)
- Constabulary
- Animal Control

**RESOLUTION 138-2016  
SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bond  
Nays 0

Resolved the Supervisors Monthly financial report for November, 2016 is accepted as submitted.

**RESOLUTION 139-2016  
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bond  
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. 267, 292-323             | \$51,555.85  |
| Highway Fund           | No. 157A,169 through 195     | \$126,646.64 |
| Light District         | No. 12                       | \$1,057.56   |
| Trust & Agency         | No. 106 through 116          | \$12,693.47  |
| Water District         | No. 106, 108 through 114,120 | \$6,958.42   |
| Water District Capital | No. 107,115 through 119      | \$296,328.42 |

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Heim and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:06pm. (All aye)  
Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk