

**Present:** Charles E. Davis, III, Supervisor  
John A. Pfeffer, Deputy Supervisor, Councilman  
William J. Heim, Councilman  
Jean M. Bond, Councilwoman  
Richard A. Bernstein, 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.

Ram Shrivastava, PE, Larson Engineers gave a presentation regarding a Community Distributed Generation (CDG) project for solar energy. Some of the key points of the presentation were:

- ❖ Overview of the solar technology
- ❖ NYSERDA grant options for going solar
- ❖ Power Purchase Agreement with Third Party Developer
- ❖ Community economic development benefits and process for enrolling potential members of the CDG.
- ❖ Typical Financial terms with no capital investment by the Town and other members.
- ❖ Ram suggests touring similar sites

#### **RESOLUTION 8-2016**

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

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

ADOPTED      Ayes      5              Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond  
                     Nays      0

Resolved the minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup> be approved as submitted

Bryan Bower, DOE, was in attendance to update the Town Board. Relocation of canisters will take place once better weather arrives. The budget request has been submitted for 2017 in the amount of \$63 million.

Paul Bembia reported aerial radiation survey conducted by NYSERDA has revealed 5 areas offsite with slightly elevated radiation levels. There is no indication of public health and safety issues; however, soil sampling is being completed in those areas. Results of the sampling will be offered to the property owners and the public.

Mr. Bembia also reported on erosion control structures repaired as a result of damage in the July storm.

Legislators, Joe Boberg and Rick Helmich, Jr. were in attendance. The Town Board thanked them for attending and considering projects in the Town of Ashford needing to be addressed.

#### **Correspondence:**

1. **Catt Co Treasurer**-listing of payment made to Ashford in 2015.
2. **Catt Co Treasurer**-Sales Tax Distribution for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015 is \$94,118.52.
3. **National Fuel**-Contact information
4. **NYS Unified Court System**-grant request has been denied for this year
5. **United State Census**-2016 Government Units Survey will be requested from all municipalities
6. **NYSEFC**-Congratulations on the recent grant award from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
7. **West Valley Volunteer Hose Company, Inc.**-received check for \$1,685.63 as additional license fee from the Super Raffle held in September, 2015. These funds submitted will be used to install missing or incorrect 911 signs.
8. **Catt Co DPW**-Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds to be signed and sent back to DPW
9. **Water District Residents**-3 residents have written letters regarding what they think to be erroneous billing as a result of the flat rate billing policy by the Town of Ashford to bill every household regardless of use as there are no shut offs to individual homes. Letter will be compiled to send to residents with these concerns.

Jeff Smith, Municipal Solutions, encourages the Town of Ashford to move forward aggressively with open items as staff changes at EFC may delay in some areas. Funding opportunities may be available for residents for the cost of water lines from the meter to the house. An application process would be necessary.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Insurance**-Councilman Bernstein has been researching the procedure of getting quotes from NYMIR. 2017 Budget needs to be approved before quotes can be submitted.
- **Planning**-Comprehensive Plan Survey results have been provided and public meeting will need to be held prior to the Comprehensive Plan being completed. Councilwoman Bond would like to initiate a tree lighting in the hamlet of West Valley. Planning Board is looking into signage in the Town of Ashford and grants that are issued to assist with these types of projects.
- **Highway**-monies received from WVHC gun raffle are to be used to replace and install 911 numbers
- **Sidewalk**-nothing can be done until water lines are updated
- **Animal Control and Constables**-Constables are not always able to attend court so options need to be explored. Dog enumeration needs to be conducted as the last full enumeration was the year 2000.
- **Youth & Senior Citizens**-Councilman Bernstein has been in contact with the Town of Concord to research funding transportation for seniors.
- **Telecommunications**-meeting with Advance 2000 to fix problems with existing phones
- **Water District**-meeting will be held on February 23 for water district residents

Supervisor Davis extends congratulation to NYSERDA, DOE, and CH2MHILL B&W West Valley, LLC for relocation of canisters.

**RESOLUTION 9-2016**

**AUTHORIZE TRASH REMOVAL ADVERTISEMENT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond  
Nays 0

Resolved Town Clerk advertise for Spring trash pickup to be completed in the same manner as last year with the addition of removal of all tires at the Town of Ashford Highway Barn bids to be due for review at the Regular Town Board Meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:00pm.

Town Justice Stiles and Town Justice Neumann presented the 2015 books.

Supervisor Davis presented the 2015 Supervisors report.

Town Clerk Dashnaw presented the Town Clerk books for 2015.

**RESOLUTION 10-2016**

**AUDIT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond  
Nays 0

Resolved that the criminal and civil dockets of the Town Justice for 2015 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 2015 having been duly examined and found all fees have been turned over to the proper officials; and the records of the Supervisor for 2015 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.

The board reviewed the January reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Building Permits
- Constabulary
- Highway Fuel & Expense Reports

Code Enforcement Officer Perkins stated there is a test wind turbin to be installed temporarily that meets the requirements of the Town of Ashford Wind Local Law.

**RESOLUTION 11-2016**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond  
Nays 0

Resolved the following Budget Amendment be approved for the Highway account:

From **DA9050.8** Unemployment Insurance to **DA9040.8** Workman's Compensation in the amount of **\$0.82**.

**RESOLUTION 12-2016**

**APPROVE SPECIFICATION FOR WESTERN STAR 4700SF CAB & CHASSIS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond  
Nays 0

Resolved the specifications submitted by Highway Superintendent Engels for the 4700SF Cab & Chassis be approved and information be provided in the near future for purchase on the Governmental Purchasing Alliance.

**RESOLUTION 13-2016**

**SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond  
Nays 0

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

**RESOLUTION 14-2016**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond  
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. 31 through 47	\$203,316.33
Highway Fund	No. 11 through 23	\$95,636.92
Light District	No. 2	\$1,187.51
Trust & Agency	No. 1 through 10	\$12,828.75
Water District	No. 9 through 13	\$2,978.74
Water District Capital	No. 4 through 8	\$3,733.49

Councilman Heim inquired about researching possibility of selling trees on the land occupied by WVDP.

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Bernstein and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:57pm. (All aye)