

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

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

**RESOLUTION 29-2016**  
**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 March 9<sup>th</sup> be approved as submitted

Ashley Regan, Director of Business Development Solar by CIR made a presentation for reuse of a portion of land owned by West Valley Demonstration Project for a Solar Farm.

Supervisor Davis called for a moment of silence for Nathaniel Howe who was killed in an accident earlier this month.

On Friday April, 15, 2016 at 2pm in the Town Clerks office bids were submitted for the West Valley Water District Distribution. Bids were as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Pylon Construction Company	\$2,452,493.00
2. Blue Heron Construction	\$1,933,290.35
3. Fairway Contracting	\$2,149,642.00
4. Saint George Enterprises	\$2,923,404.50
5. H&K Services	\$2,254,455.00
6. D&H Excavating	\$2,107,540.00
7. Morsch Pipeline, Inc.	\$1,716,890.00
8. JD Northrup Construction, Inc.	\$2,257,185.00

**RESOLUTION 30-2016**  
**AWARD OF BID—West Valley Water District Distribution**

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

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

Resolved Morsch Pipeline, Inc. be awarded the contract for West Valley Water District Distribution for \$1,732,010.00 which reflects a correction in addition of the bid form.

Easements still need to be secured. There are approximately 25 easements and the Water Committee will be addressing the property owners regarding the easements.

**RESOLUTION 31-2016**  
**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR LAND PURCHASE FOR WATER DISTRICT**

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

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

Resolved Supervisor Davis enter into contract on behalf of the Water District to purchase property on Felton Hill Road.

**RESOLUTION 32-2016**  
**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR WATER DISTRICT**

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

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

Resolved Supervisor Davis enter into contract on behalf of the Water District with Charles M. Harrigan, Jr. Attorney at Law for legal services.

Phil Moyer, Weast Insurance Agency along with Dan Wilson and Debbie Ferante discussed insurance updates with the Ashford Town Board. Weast Insurance agents are willing to research the current asset log and determine current rates based on accurate information to keep coverages up to date. The water district insurance costs need to be considered as well.

Paul Bembia, NYSERDA, reported updates of decommissioning. He also reported the soil sampling evaluation is continuing and the draft report is being completed. Results will be made public later in the summer. Mr. Bembia stresses that the data reviewed to date does not show any health or safety issues.

**Correspondence:**

1. **Madison Czapla**-sent letter requesting action from the Ashford Town Board regarding improvements to Route 240. Cattaraugus County is responsible for Route 240; therefore a letter will be sent to Catt Co DPW.
2. **Justice Court Fund**-February revenues are \$11,552.75.
3. **Catt Co Dept of Aging**-Thanking Board Member Bernstein in participating in the Meals on Wheels Program on Community Champions Day.
4. **NYS Dept of Tax & Finance**-Notice of Tentative Railroad Ceiling and Telecommunications Ceiling

**Committee Reports:**

- **Insurance**-Weast Agency gave presentation earlier
- **Planning**-Master Plan is being reviewed and public hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting allowing residents the opportunity to voice concerns. The Town Board supports the Planning Board on the completion of the Master Plan for the Town of Ashford
- **Animal Control and Constables**-Animal Control Officer John Syms reported to Supervisor Davis dog control seems to run smoothly using the Town of Ashford Dog Control Facebook page.
- **Youth & Senior Citizens**-Councilwoman Bond reported ideas from the Livable Communities Seminar she attended. Youth Recreation Director, Lisa Proctor will be asked to come to the May meeting to report

Town Justice Richard L. Neumann, Jr. submitted a resignation March 31, 2016. Justice Carl W. Stiles has been serving in the capacity of both Justice positions to fill the vacancy. Justice Stiles submitted a request to the Town Board seek a replacement for Richard Neumann until a permanent replacement can be elected.

**RESOLUTION 33-2016**

**AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL JUSTICE TO FILL VACANCY**

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board authorize Justice Carl Stiles to petition Office of Court Administration to appoint and compensate as budgeted a Town Justice specifically Francis L. Lounsbury to fill the vacancy until a replacement can be elected.

**RESOLUTION 34-2016**

**AUTHORIZE ADJUSTMENT TO JUSTICE PAY FOR APRIL**

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

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

Resolved Justice Stiles be compensated for April the amount budgeted for Justice Salary for two judges to reflect the increased responsibilities as a result of the vacancy.

There has been a need to have additional constables and Supervisor Davis has received letters from interested residents willing to serve in the capacity. These individuals are qualified and would not need training. Justice Stiles communicated the importance of security for the Court.

The Town of Ashford has been received FOIL requests for vendor lists for 2014. The FOIL request is for electronic documents that do not exist.

**RESOLUTION 35-2016**

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR DAVIS TO SEND FOIL LETER**

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

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

Resolved Supervisor Davis send letter in response to the FOIL request for vendor lists for 2014.

**RESOLUTION 36-2016**

**AUTHORIZE LETTER TO ASSEMBLYMAN GIGLIO SUPPORTING PRESUMPTIVE CANCER COVERAGE**

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

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

Resolved Ashford Town Board request Assemblyman Giglio for support regarding Presumptive Cancer Coverage which has been passed by NYS Senate for the volunteer firefighters of New York State.

The board reviewed the March reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Building Permits
- Constabulary

The Town of Ashford has received notification of CHIPS Aid and PAVE-NY Aid are \$134,776.25 and \$30,764.02 respectfully.

**RESOLUTION 37-2016**

**AUTHORIZE BID PROCESS FOR EQUIPMENT**

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 of Ashford Board authorize Highway Superintendent Engels to begin bid process for new plow equipment.

**RESOLUTION 38-2016**

**AUTHORIZE SEARCH OF VACANT, ABANDONED, HOMES ORDINANCES AND LAWS**

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

ADOPTED      Ayes    4            Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein  
                     Nays    1            Bond

Resolved the Ashford Town Board have Attorney Charles M. Harrigan, Jr., research Laws and Ordinances regarding dangerous, abandoned, and foreclosed structures.

Conversation took place regarding this issue as it faces all areas with what a Town can do to enforce laws and ordinances already in place.

**RESOLUTION 39-2016**

**AUTHORIZE MONTHLY FUEL REPORT**

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 Monthly fuel report for February and March, 2016 is accepted as submitted.

**RESOLUTION 40-2016**

**SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

On motion of Councilman Heim, 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 March, 2016 is accepted as submitted.

**RESOLUTION 41-2016**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

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

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #3 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 70 through 102 (excluding 74)	\$39,837.84
Highway Fund	No. 38 through 60	\$33,213.36
Light District	No. 4	\$1,013.69
Trust & Agency	No. 22 through 33	\$12,168.49
Water District	No. 21,23-25,30.31	\$3,863.91
Water District Capital	No. 22, 26 through 29	\$35,398.62

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

Mary Kay Williams—Deputy Town Clerk

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk