

**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**  
**Larry Feldman, Code Enforcement Officer**

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

**RESOLUTION 98-2017**

**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 September 19<sup>th</sup> be approved as submitted

John Rayeski and Kirk Beaver of Armstrong gave a presentation regarding the New NY Broadband Program. This company specializes in rural community's communications. Many areas in Cattaraugus County including a large portion of Ashford are part of the program. The expected completion time frame is the next 18 months and results in fiber optic lines to the homes. Service areas, speeds, and costs are on the website.

Leigh Fuller and Pam Russell of Supporting Rescue Alliance presented a microchip scanner to the Town of Ashford. John Syms, dog control officer was in attendance to receive the chip reader. The Town Board offers sincere gratitude to Leigh for all of her work in assisting with Town of Ashford dog control and to her organization for the donation.

Bryan Bower, DOE updated the Board with progress of the demolition of the vitrification facility. Debris is currently being removed by truck.

Supervisor read the notice of public hearing as it appeared in the Springville Journal.

**RESOLUTION 99-2017**

**OPEN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

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 budget public hearing open at 8:00pm.

Supervisor Davis asked for comments and questions.

Discussion took place and questions were answered by Budget Officer William King. Town tax levy is remaining the same as last year.

**RESOLUTION 100-2017**

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

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 Town Board close the public hearing and resume regular meeting at 8:05pm.

**RESOLUTION 101-2017**

**ADOPT 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET**

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 Town Board does hereby adopt such Preliminary Budget for this town for the fiscal year beginning the first day of January, 2018, and

Whereas such budget is so adopted shall be entered into the minutes of these proceedings of the Town Board, and  
 Be it Further Resolved the Budget Officer of this Board shall deliver copies to the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, and the Cattaraugus County Administrator for their records.

A resident requested the town board to research the possibility of providing senior transportation for residents in the Town of Ashford. This had been brought up previously and the need didn't appear to be substantial. NYS did offer a grant but the grant period is closed. Councilman Pfeffer stated should the grant period be extended or reopen the Town of Ashford could try to apply for the grant. The resident also questions information regarding communication of actions and issues addressed by the Town Board. Clerk Dashnaw responded with the availability of requested data and the transparency of the Town Board.

Joseph Crimi of NYS Power Authority was present to answer any question regarding the umbrella contract in relation to the Energy Services Program

**RESOLUTION 102-2017**

**ACCEPT UMBRELLA CONTRACT WITH NYS POWER AUTHORITY**

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

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

Resolved Ashford Town Board accept umbrella contract as it is written between the Town of Ashford and the NYS Power Authority regarding the Master Cost Recovery Agreement with Energy Services Program.

Paul Bembia NYSEDA West Valley Program Director updated the Town Board regarding the proposed solar facility at the WNY Nuclear Service Center.

- NYSEDA is obtaining a real estate appraisal on the 52-acre parcel being considered for solar development to meet some legal requirements. Review is taking place for the appraisal.
- NYSEDA's Board of Directors have been briefed on the Town's concept for using a portion of the State property for the solar electric generation facility and the process taken place to date to move forward. NYSEDA Board will need to approve of the project
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission will need to evaluate the proposed project as well.

Ashford share of Justice Court fund for August 2017 is \$6,263.50.

Village of Springville is seeking an operating certificate to provide ambulance and EMS services in the community.

**RESOLUTION 103-2017**

**SUPPORT OF THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR VILLAGE OF SPRINGVILLE**

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

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

Resolved Ashford Town Board support the application of the Village of Springville for a Permanent Certificate of Need in Springville for EMS.

Charles and Phyllis Couture have submitted a letter to the Town Board members requesting consideration of full valuation in the Town of Ashford. Supervisor Davis is addressing this issue to insure there is little or no chargeback to the town. Cattaraugus County is encouraging county wide assessing.

**RESOLUTION 104-2017**

**ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT**

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

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

Resolved Corey Klahn be appointed to a 5 year term of the Assessment Board of Review

Supervisor Davis provided information to the Town Board members regarding the GObike Buffalo program and the Complete Streets Workshop. The purpose of this program is to promote safe bicycling resulting in improved health.

Fox Valley Road Project is projected to take place in the next few weeks.

Cattaraugus County Department of Public works has been contacted to assist the Town of Ashford with bridge for new section of sidewalk.

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets conducted an inspection of the Dog Control Officer and the Municipal Shelter. The determinations of both were "Satisfactory" in all areas.

Town Justice audit will be taking place shortly.

The water operators are conducting periodic meter reads to determine water leaks.

Code Enforcement Officer Larry Feldman informed the Town Board there are certain fees needing to be set as no fee exists in these areas.

Councilwoman Bond stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held December 1.

**RESOLUTION 105-2017**

**AUTHORIZE TRAINING FOR COURT OFFICERS**

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 Ashford Town Board authorize peace officer training not to exceed the position of court officer.

**RESOLUTION 106-2017**

**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, rural communities in New York State throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work—they are places where people know each other, listen to/respect each other and work together to benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS**, rural America is the economic engine that helped the United States become the world leader it is today; and

**WHEREAS**, rural citizens possess a selfless, creative, community-minded spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, meeting the unique healthcare needs of those citizens is constantly evolving, as rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un-and underinsured citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, ambulatory and emergency medical services are especially critical in rural America, where 20 percent of the national population lives but nearly 60 percent of all trauma deaths occur; and

**WHEREAS**, rural hospitals—in addition to being sources of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond geographical boundaries to deliver quality care—are also typically the economic foundation of their communities, with every dollar spent generating about \$2.20 for the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, being a rural healthcare provider provides tremendous opportunities to offer more comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered and holistic care to patients; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Office of Rural Health, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health and Bertrand Chaffee Hospital play a distinct and critical role in leading efforts to address the unique healthcare needs of our rural citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Supervisor Charles Davis of the Town of Ashford, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2017 to be the National Rural Health Day in Ashford, and encourage citizens to honor our rural communities as wonderful places to live and work; and

**FURTHER**, I encourage citizens to recognize the unique healthcare needs and opportunities that exist in those communities, and recognize the New York State Office of Rural Health, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health and Bertrand Chaffee Hospital for the valuable services they provide to address those needs and opportunities.

The board reviewed the September reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Constabulary
- Highway Fuel & Expense

**RESOLUTION 107-2017**

**AUTHORIZE HALLOWEEN CURFEW**

On a motion from Councilman Pfeffer seconded by Councilman Heim the following resolution was

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

Resolved a 10pm curfew by enforced for Halloween, October 31, 2017 and further  
Resolved be advertised in the Springville Journal and Springville Pennysaver.

**RESOLUTION 108-2016**

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE RIGHT OF WAY PROVISIONS IN VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAW**

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board approve to advertise on the direction of Highway Superintendent Engels in the Springville Journal and Springville Pennysaver a notice regarding snow and mailboxes in the right of way before the winter season arrives.

Back hoe and sidewalk tractor are both in.

**RESOLUTION 109-2017**

**AUTHORIZE SALE OF OLD BACK HOE**

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 Highway Superintendent sell the old back hoe as is by auction to highest bidder reserve bid \$8,000.00.

**RESOLUTION 110-2017**

**ADVERTISE FOR HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE**

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 Highway Superintendent advertise for the position of highway employee to replace employee retiring 2018.

**RESOLUTION 111-2017**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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 following Budget Amendment is approved for the Highway Account:

From **DA5142.4 Snow Removal** to **DA5110.4 Repair and Maintenance** in the amount of **\$50,000.00**

**RESOLUTION 112-2017**

**SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL 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 Supervisors Monthly financial report for September 2017 is accepted as submitted.

**RESOLUTION 113-2017**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

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

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #10 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 255 through 284	\$31,610.22
Highway Fund	No. 142 through 159	\$135,260.97
Light District	No. 10	\$923.04
Trust & Agency	No. 84 through 93	\$11,795.04
Water District	No. 88 through 91	\$3,894.79
Water Capital	No. 92	\$41,001.28

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Bond and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:06pm. (All aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk