

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 25-2017

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 February 8th be approved as submitted

Karl Kahlbacher presented the Town Board with information regarding the West Valley Demonstration Project and the support his firm, The Ferguson Group (TFG), can provide to the Town with respect to documenting socio-economic impacts and working with the Town to secure its fair share of DOE funding.

At 8:00pm Charles Davis read the notice to bidders for the Back Hoe as it appeared in the Springville Journal. Bids are as follows:

	<u>Company</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1.	Monroe Tractor 5035 Genesee St. Buffalo, NY 14225	2017 Case 580N	\$78,578.00
2.	Monroe Tractor 5035 Genesee St Buffalo, NY 14225	2011 Case 580SN <1,100 hours	\$65,149.00
3.	Milton Cat 100 Quarry Drive Milford, MA 01757	2016 Caterpillar 416F2	\$78,171.00
4.	Milton Cat 100 Quarry Drive Milford, MA 01757	2012 Caterpillar 416F ST	\$66,549.00
5.	Lamb & Webster 601 W Main Street Springville, NY 14141	2015 New Holland B-95C	\$84,103.00 (\$10,000 taken off price for 416 Cat Trade)

Highway Superintendent Engels will review bids and make a decision before the April Regular Town Board Meeting.

Paul Bembia, NYSERDA WVDP Director, gave updates:

- ❖ NYSERDA is continuing work with Catt Co DPW on planning and preparation work for the replacement of several culverts near WVDP. A schedule for construction has not yet been provided or the length of time for the road closure.
- ❖ NYSERDA is continuing to proceed with identifying the requirements for locating a Community Distributed Generation Solar facility on the WNY Nuclear Service Center Property. Information will need to be collected by NYSERDA for NRC.
- ❖ A meeting can be set up with neighboring communities regarding the Shared Solar for Local Governments/Solar 101 if requested.

At 8:15pm Supervisor Davis read the notice to bidders for the Town wide Trash pickup as it appeared in the Springville Journal. One bid submitted as follows:

	<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1.	MRC Disposal, Inc. 71 Nason Blvd. Springville, NY 14141	\$10,794.00

RESOLUTION 26-2017

AWARD OF BID—TOWN TRASH PICK UP

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

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

Resolved MRC Disposal, Inc. be awarded the contract for 2017 Town Trash Pickup for \$10,794.00.

RESOLUTION 27-2017

SET DATE FOR TOWN TRASH PICK UP

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

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

Resolved MRC Disposal, Inc. conduct 2017 Town Trash Pickup starting May 1 with tire pickup at Highway Barn on May 6.

Correspondence:

1. **Justice Court Fund**-Town of Ashford January revenues are \$4,908.50.
2. **Catt Co Treasurer**-Town of Ashford revenue for 4th quarter Sales Tax Distribution is \$94,391.01.
3. **NYSDTax & Finance**-Tentative Railroad Ceiling is \$91,665.
4. **e-scrap**-WVCS is hosting an electronics recycling until March 12th.
5. **Charles Harrigan, Attorney**-responded to request to compare insurance quotes. After communication with companies familiar with this issue, it is suggested to hire a firm to do the proper comparisons.
6. **Catt Co Dept of Aging**-invitation to participate in the March for Meals campaign.
7. **Governor Cuomo**-notice of broadband grants now available.

RESOLUTION 28-2017

AUTHORIZE RISK MANAGEMENT FOR INSURANCE

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

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

Resolved the Town of Ashford secure a risk manager to compare insurance quotes.

Jonathon Mayr, Southern Tier West was in attendance to present to the board information on the NYSEDA Clean Energy Communities Program. This program results in grants for municipalities wishing to take advantage of the grant to foster clean energy projects.

RESOLUTION 29-2017

ESTABLISHING ENERGY BENCHMARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

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

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

WHEREAS, buildings are the single largest user of energy in the State of New York. The poorest performing buildings typically use several times the energy of the highest performing buildings—for the exact same building use; and

WHEREAS, collecting, reporting, and sharing building energy data on a regular basis allows municipal officials and the public to understand the energy performance of municipal buildings relative to similar buildings nationwide, and equipped with this information the Town of Ashford is able to make smarter, more cost-effective operational and capital investment decisions, reward efficiency, and drive widespread, continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashford Town Board desires to use Building Energy Benchmarking—a process of measuring a building’s energy use, tracking that use over time and comparing performance to similar buildings—to promote the public health, safety, and welfare by making available good, actionable information on municipal building energy use to help identify opportunities to cut costs and reduce pollution in the Town of Ashford; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashford Town Board desires to establish procedure or guideline for Town of Ashford staff to conduct such Building Energy Benchmarking; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the Ashford Town Board adopt the Town of Ashford Building Energy Benchmarking Policy/Procedures.

RESOLUTION 30-2017

AUTHORIZE SOLAR PERMIT APPLICATION

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashford Board duly adopted Local Law #2-2006 *Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code* to provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety; and

WHEREAS, The Ashford Code Enforcement Officer, who administers and enforces all provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, the New York State Energy Code and the Town Code; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ashford requires the issuance of a building permit for the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any building or other structure; and

WHEREAS, the NYS uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code regulates the design, construction, installation, alteration and repair of equipment and systems using solar systems; and

WHEREAS, NYSEDA has developed a NYS Unified Solar Permit that reduces the cost for solar projects by streamlining municipal permitting processes; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board desires to promote the streamlining of the application process for small-scale photovoltaic system installations by adopting the NYS Unified Solar Permit application form and implementing the new procedures, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby adopts the NYS Unified Solar Permit application forms and procedures for the installation of small scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, the Town of Ashford Code Enforcement Officer is hereby directed to use said NYS Unified Solar Permit application for and procedures in the issuance of building permits for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems, and further

RESOLVED, any further actions required of the Town to effect the foregoing are hereby authorized and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any instruments, documents or the like as required to effect the same.

RESOLUTION 31-2017

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EV CHARGING STATION

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board authorize purchase of 2 EV Charging Stations not to exceed a total of \$2,500 and be installed at the Ashford Community Center and a location to be determined in Ashford Hollow.

Committees:

- Planning-First draft of Comprehensive Plan is being reviewed
- Youth-looking at extending summer program and including swimming.
- Highway-sidewalks will be done this year and considerations will be made with 4ft vs 5ft
- Telecommunications-phone system in Ashford Community Center will be installed soon. Broadband grants for the Town of Ashford have been approved and Frontier Communications will be completing the project.

RESOLUTION 32-2017

ADOPT UNIT PRICING OF NEW SYSTEM CAPITAL CHARGE FOR WATER DISTRICT

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board adopt unit pricing for the new water system Capital Charge for water district customers to total \$30,000 annually for entire district.

Supervisor Davis and Deputy Supervisor Pfeffer attending the Energy Communities Alliance Conference and reported some highlights:

Highlights of ECA conference:

- ❖ It looks like Yucca mountain or something like it could be back in the table.
- ❖ Trump team needs to hear from energy communities that infrastructure investments can also happen at cleanup sites.
- ❖ Future contract procurements at DOE sites should include input and expectations from host communities.
- ❖ Reclassification of non-defense waste looks like a good possibility under this administration.

Supervisor Davis met with Congressman Reed to present request for additional funding for WVDP cleanup.

Town Barn siding and window project is almost complete and looks great.

The Town Board has been notified the group that has put up Christmas decoration in the Town no longer wishes to provide this community service and has not offered to remove them. Councilman Pfeffer will pursue this issue.

RESOLUTION 33-2017

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION-CANCER PRESUMPTIVE BILL

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

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

WHEREAS, it is firmly established in the occupational medicine literature that firefighters are exposed to many known and suspected carcinogens every time they respond to a fire scene. Numerous studies have measured levels of chemical carcinogens at structural and vehicle fires-and from the personal protective clothing of firefighters-at concentrations that are considered hazardous and well in excess of permissible workplace levels. These carcinogens include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in soot and tars; benzene; formaldehyde; 1,4-butadiene; arsenic; polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); dioxins; asbestos; and diesel engine exhaust.

WHEREAS, the uncontrolled environment conditions that occur during the knockdown and overhaul phases at fire scenes guarantee that firefighters are routinely exposed to these toxic chemicals. So it's not surprising that studies of cancer in career firefighters find significant associations between firefighting and certain forms of cancer. The evidence is strongest for increased risk of brain, digestive tract (colorectal, stomach), genitourinary tract (bladder, kidney, testicles, prostate), lympho-hematopoietic (leukemia, Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, multiple myeloma), skin (melanoma) and lung cancers among volunteer firefighters. The current presumptive cancer bills covering career firefighters were built on the results of these studies. Why don't we have the same coverage for our volunteers?

WHEREAS, there are 110,000 reasons, why our volunteer firefighters should have presumptive cancer coverage. Presumptive cancer legislation is the top legislative agenda for New York's volunteer firefighters, and the volunteer fire service of Ashford Town urges our county legislators to support this bill. Volunteer firefighters did not volunteer to get cancer! Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Ashford calls upon Governor Andrew Cuomo, and the NYS Assembly, to pass the Cancer Presumptive Bill for volunteer firefighters so that volunteers can be protected from the dangers they face with cancer each and every day.

RESOLUTION 34-2017

BUDGET AMENDMENT

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 following Budget Amendment is approved for the General Account:

From **A5132.4** Garage Contractual to **A5132.2** Garage Equipment in the amount of **\$127.00**

The board reviewed the February reports for:

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

RESOLUTION 35-2017

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 November, 2016 is accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 36-2017

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, 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. 51-58, 60-77	\$28,832.27
General Fund (WVFD)	No. 59	\$184,500.00
Highway Fund	No. 27 through 47	\$32,294.48
Light District	No. 3	\$1,032.29
Trust & Agency	No. 11 through 20	\$12,028.37
Water District	No. 24, 30 through 35	\$3,383.93
Water District Capital	No. 25 through 29, 36	\$104,093.64

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Bond and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40pm. (All aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk