

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION 58-2017**

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

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

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

Resolved the minutes of May 10<sup>th</sup> be approved as submitted

NYSERDA WVDP Director, Paul Bembia, provided updates:

- The Community Shared Solar Workshop was held on May 18<sup>th</sup> with two very knowledgeable individuals from the NY Sun Program who presented information on the current state of Shared Solar in New York State. Attendees asked many questions throughout the entire presentation.
- NYSERDA is continuing to work on several items related to the Town's proposal for the development of a Community Shared Solar Project at the property of the Western New York Nuclear Service Center. Evaluations of the electric bills suggest electric power rates in the area are already low. Other important factors impacting the project from the perspective of attracting developers to fund and run the project, and from the perspective of being able to provide savings in electricity costs to subscribers.
- Federal budget for 2017 has been finalized with funding for WVDP \$69.6 million. The level of funding will allow the Project to accelerate the start of demolition of the Vitrification Facility. It will also allow completion of some of the infrastructure work such as the new electric tie to the site. President's proposed appropriation for West Valley for 2018 is \$63 million which is lower. It is important to reach out to Congressional representatives and thank them for support and ask to advocate in the future.

Mortgage tax for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Ashford apportionment is \$12,482.12.

Town of Ashford May revenues from Justice Court Fund are \$5,860.00.

#### **RESOLUTION 59-2017**

##### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

Resolved the board enter into executive session to discuss employee issue at 7:36pm

#### **RESOLUTION 60-2017**

##### **RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Resolved the board resume regular meeting at 7:42pm with no action taken during the executive session

Knight Agency will requote insurance this fall for 2018.

Planning Board is continuing work on the Master Plan for the Town of Ashford. The goal of the Master Plan is to encourage growth and development while preserving identity of Ashford. The Routes 240 and 219 corridor are specifically being researched. Development Grants are available to assist in growth possibilities.

New York State is mandating research by each County for Shared Services. Jack Searles, County Administrator has been meeting regularly with Supervisors and is making progress with ideas.

Supervisor Davis received email from Aaron Saykin, Hodgson Russ, LLP on the status of the Fox Valley Bridge Repair and confirmation of additional funds from Cattaraugus County Soil & Water Conservation District.

#### **RESOLUTION 61-2017**

##### **ADVERTISE FOR SIDEWALK BRIDGE**

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

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

Resolved the town clerk advertise for bids for sidewalk bridge once specifications are provided.

New constables are receiving training.

Town of Ashford will host a Free Rabies Clinic on July 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-3 at the highway barn.

#### **RESOLUTION 62-2017**

##### **APPOINT NEW SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTOR**

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

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

Resolved the board appoint Angela Ghani as summer recreation director as a result of resignation of Lisa Proctor.

Town of Ashford is applying for a Youth Recreation Grant from the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau.

Town of Ashford is applying for a \$500 grant for the Christmas Tree Lighting.

George Neudeck wrote a letter to the town board addressing suggestions for water billing.

Two quotes have been received for fencing at the West Valley Fire Department pump station.

**RESOLUTION 63-2017**

**AWARD OF BID-FENCING**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Heim, Bernstein, Bond

Nays 0

Resolved the board award the bid for fencing at the West Valley Fire Department pump station to Active Fence for \$5,200.00.

Cattaraugus County Health Department has sent notification: quarterly well sampling can stop and commence a 9 year schedule due to low radiological levels.

Energy Communities Alliance has sent information regarding clarifying the nuclear waste definition of defense high level waste. Councilman Pfeffer is currently at meetings discussing this issue with Congressional Leaders to correct the classification.

Highway Superintendent Engels reported Watson, Cole and Folts Roads will be focused on this summer. Bond Road is nearing completion. Hillview, School Street, and the municipal parking lots will also be reviewed.

Town board is requesting pedestrian signs in the hamlet of West Valley from Cattaraugus County.

The board reviewed the May reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Constabulary
- Highway Fuel & Expense (inc Mar & Apr)

**RESOLUTION 64-2017**

**SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Heim, Bernstein, Bond

Nays 0

Resolved the Supervisors Monthly financial report for May 2017 is accepted as submitted.

**RESOLUTION 65-2017**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Heim, Bernstein, Bond

Nays 0

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

From **A1990.4** Contingent to **A3120.4** Constables-Contractual in the amount of **\$2,000.00**

**RESOLUTION 66-2017**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Heim, Bernstein, Bond

Nays 0

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #6 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 139 through 179	\$60,573.13
Highway Fund	No. 79 through 94	\$79,759.20
Light District	No. 6	\$875.32
Trust & Agency	No. 41 through 52	\$18,015.80
Water District	No. 56, 57, 59 through 61	\$2,073.11
Water District Capital	No. 58, 62, 63	\$218,100.96

A motion was made by Bernstein seconded by Heim and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:09pm. (All aye)