

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

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

RESOLUTION 67-2017

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 minutes of June 14th be approved as submitted

Paul Bembia, NYSERDA WVDP Director, gave the following updates:

- NYSERDA is continuing to evaluate information related to the Town's proposal for the development of a Community Solar project. A recent change in assigning value to the energy generated by distributed generation facilities may impact the economics of the project.
- WVDP security director has contacted the Town of Ashford regarding training to be held at the gravel pit.
- WVDP is continuing work to start the demolition of the Vitrification Facility. Four hundred truck loads of debris is anticipated. The schedule for demolition is accelerated due to increased funding received by WVDP for 2017. Correspondence with Congressional Representatives and Senators have proven beneficial and should continue.

Supervisor Davis and Paul Bembia will be meeting with Cattaraugus County IDA to look at the site for the proposed solar farm.

Resident Beverly Hess was in attendance to draw attention to travelers unfamiliar with farming who call sheriffs when it appears there is mistreatment of animals when in fact there is no mistreatment.

Supervisor Davis provided updated financial information to board members regarding the water project.

The Cattaraugus County Land Bank Corporation is currently investigating 5426 Gooseneck Road, 20.001-1-14. This property may be eligible for acquisition, rehabilitation or demolition. A request has been made of the Town of Ashford to partner with the Land Bank to complete this project.

Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance has provided information on community based energy savings programs.

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance has issued the Certificate of Final Telecommunications Ceiling with the equalization rate at 57.00. Grand total of ceiling is \$296,186.

RESOLUTION 68-2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 board enter into executive session to discuss a pending legal matter at 7:36pm

RESOLUTION 69-2017

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

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 board resume regular meeting at 8:23pm with no action taken during the executive session

An RFP needs to be prepared for sidewalk equipment for snow removal. Payment can be made by highway and by water district.

Cattaraugus County will provide some materials for the sidewalk bridge. Town of Ashford will need to hire a contractor to build the bridge.

Cattaraugus County has not responded to request for cross walks within the Hamlet of West Valley.

Bernadette Skelton has submitted a resignation for Dog Control Officer. John Syms will provide this service.

Cyber security is an issue. Councilman Pfeffer will make changes considering the new telephone system.

The new Water Law is being drafted. Provisions need to be considered to keep the hydrants clear.

The Water District residents have had the opportunity to apply for grants. Five people have applied and one person has been awarded the grant to date due to the proper documentation being submitted.

Springville Door and Window has submitted a Proposal for a pump house door.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a truck for water district. Board members would like to wait to see if the purchase is necessary.

Supervisor Davis provided updates from Code Enforcement Officer Larry Feldman.

- Jordan Haines the 911 Coordinator for Catt Co has been contacted regarding verifying and assigning 911 numbers.
- The \$50,000 grant requires the Town of Ashford to decide on a project in 3 months, start in 6 months, and complete in 3years.
- Clean energy upgrades are required for the grant. Suggestions are solar panels or LED street light project and must be paid for upfront then grant can be issued.
- Supervisor and Town Board need to contact Jonathan Mayr for timeline and allowable project requirements.
- Letters have been sent to residents who have put up swimming pools without a permit

Councilman Pfeffer reported on the meetings he attended with the Energy Communities Alliance. Reclassification is a priority of the DOE. If WVDP is reclassified there is a pathway for some of the waste to be removed for disposal. These meetings have proved beneficial as it has brought WVDP to be recognized. Environmental Management is undertaking a 45-day, full program review. Jim Owendoff, Acting EM-1, has said the review will "help focus the Department's cleanup efforts by emphasizing more timely decisions on some of our more complex cleanup challenges." This leaves ECA wondering what changes are in store, and what are the main areas of focus of the review, due mid-August.

ECA members are encouraged to send comments to ECA this week to ensure priorities are included in the review. ECA will compile comments on contracting, waste disposition, cleanup activities and funding, local government involvement in decision-making processes, and other issues.

RESOLUTION 70-2017

AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF PRIORITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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

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

Resolved Councilman Pfeffer will prepare priorities for the West Valley Demonstration Project Cleanup to submit to Acting EM-1 James Owendoff.

Senator Young has been unsuccessful in attempts to address PILOT increases.

RESOLUTION 71-2017

APPROVAL OF NYS RETIREMENT STANDARDS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES

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 information be provided to the NYS Retirement System as approved at the Organizational meeting that establishes the standard work day for each office, specifies the expiration of each term, designates the number of days to be reported for each official (based on submitted logs) and certifies receipt of record of activities OR employer maintains a record of ACTUAL time worked.

RESOLUTION 72-2017

CHANGE TOWN BOARD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

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 National Cleanup Conference with DOE and NYSERDA will be held the second week in September with representation of the Town of Ashford Board members

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board meeting scheduled for September 13th, 2017 7:30pm be rescheduled to Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 at the regular time and location

The board reviewed the June reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Constabulary
- Code Enforcement Officer

Highway Superintendent Engels has reported the weather has hindered on some of the road work this summer.

Councilwoman Bond reported the summer youth recreation is going very well.

RESOLUTION 73-2017

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 74-2017

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 is approved for the General Account:

From **A1680.2** Central Data Processing Equipment to **A1010.4** Town Board Contractual in the amount of **\$6,000.00**
From **A1620.2** Community Center Equipment to **A1010.4** Town Board Contractual in the amount of **\$6,000.00**

RESOLUTION 75-2017

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #7 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 180 through 208	\$23,135.70
Highway Fund	No. 95 through 109	\$106,673.46
Light District	No. 7	\$816.06
Trust & Agency	No. 53 through 63	\$14,171.95
Water District	No. 64 through 70	\$8,287.35

RESOLUTION 76-2017

2nd REQUEST CATTARAUGUS COUNTY DPW TO ENGINEER PROJECT

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board request a second time to Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works Engineer a project at Peters Road and Edies Road in front of Ms. Vacinek's home to rectify problems as a result of previous road construction.

A motion was made by Heim seconded by Bond and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm. (All aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk