

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

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

**RESOLUTION 87-2017****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

Resolved the minutes of August 9<sup>th</sup> be approved as submitted

Budget Officer William King was present to review the 2018 Tentative Budget and answered any questions.

**RESOLUTION 88-2017****ADOPT 2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET AS THE 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING**

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

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

Resolved the 2018 Tentative Budget be adopted as the 2018 Preliminary Budget and further

Resolved the Town Clerk advertise in the official paper a public hearing on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm at the regular scheduled meeting at the Ashford Community Center, 9377 Route 240, West Valley, NY

Supervisor Davis and Deputy Supervisor Pfeffer attended the National Clean Up Workshop. Networking has proven beneficial. Letters have also been written to Congressman Reed requesting Direct Impact Aid for Ashford. Ashford qualifies yet has not been awarded the aid in the past. Councilman Pfeffer invites everyone in the Town of Ashford to actively seek this aid as there is better opportunity for more attention to this topic.

Supervisor Davis and Code Enforcement Officer Larry Feldman are attending a meeting regarding vacant and abandoned properties.

NYSERDA will be sponsoring the deer hunting program again this year. Some changes are a decrease in available acreage due to Area 4 no longer available for hunting. There will only be archery allowed this year.

**RESOLUTION 89-2017****EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

Resolved the board enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 7:43pm

**RESOLUTION 90-2017****RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Resolved the board resume regular meeting at 7:56pm with no action taken during the executive session

**RESOLUTION 91-2017****OPEN PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW #2-2017: TOWN OF ASHFORD WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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

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

Resolved the public hearing be held at 8pm for Local Law #2-2017 *Town of Ashford West Valley Water District Rules and Regulations*

Supervisor Davis read the notice as it appeared in the Springville Journal.

No one was present to speak in favor or against.

Discussion took place regarding the specific content of the Local Law. Supervisor Davis stated NYS law requires every resident in the water district is required to hook up to the water system. Councilman Bernstein reminded residents the purpose of municipal water service is to provide potable water at the best possible cost.

**RESOLUTION 92-2017****RESUME REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Resolved the public hearing be closed resuming the regular meeting at 8:10pm.

**RESOLUTION 92-2017**

**APPROVE LOCAL LAW #2-2017 Town of Ashford West Valley Water District Rules and Regulations**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, a proposed local law of the year 2017, *Town of Ashford West Valley Water District Rules and Regulations* was introduced by Supervisor Davis and copies thereof were placed on the desks of the members of the Town Board on August 3, 2017, and

**WHEREAS**, after due discussion, the Town Board set September 19, 2017 8:00pm as a time for a public hearing to be held of the said Local Law; and

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of Public Hearing dated August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was published in the Springville Journal the Town's official newspaper on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017, which was more than five days prior to the date set for the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held before the Town Board on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 8pm.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the proposed Local Law #2, *Town of Ashford West Valley Water District Rules and Regulations* be adopted by this Board and further

**RESOLVED**, the Town Clerk, upon adoption of the Local Law, certify a copy of this Local Law and attach thereto a certification by the Attorney of the Town that the Local Law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for its enactment, and that the Local Law be filed with the Secretary of the State of the State of New York on the form provided by the Department of the State, and that said filing be made within 20 days after the final adoption of this Local Law as required by Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. The Local Law shall be effective upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of the State.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a copy of this Local Law considered by this Board for adoption, be attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

**RESOLUTION 93-2017**

**APPROVE SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES**

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

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

Resolved the Town Board approve of the amortized schedule of water charges and be reviewed annually for the organizational meeting.

Planning Board Chairperson, Andrea Mellon was in attendance to give updates on the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Ashford. The Ferguson Group will review the information prior to public hearing. The public will have an opportunity to review the information and provide input.

A roundabout at Peters Road, Miller Road, Route 219 could be researched for safety of motorists.

Constables and Water Operators will be sharing an office in the Community Center.

Still no word from the County on the Crosswalks in the hamlet of West Valley.

Information was given to board members regarding the sidewalk tractor.

Councilman Pfeffer suggested a Citizen Task Force for the Town of Ashford consisting of various leaders within the town. The purpose of the Task Force would be to meet regularly to address one issue at a time.

**RESOLUTION 94-2017**

**AUTHORIZE FORMATION OF CITIZEN TASK FORCE**

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

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

Resolved the Town Board authorize the formation of the Ashford Advocacy Coalition as the Citizen Task Force for the Town of Ashford consisting of leaders from local businesses, churches, and organizations.

Bertrand Chaffee Hospital has sent a letter regarding a new piece of equipment providing a 3D Mammography and have invited the Town Board to the celebratory introduction of the addition.

Councilman Bernstein made a motion to use some of the grant money to refurbish and update the lighting at the Town Garage to significantly reduce the cost of energy. The motion has been tabled for further review to insure proper procedure has been followed for the grant approval of the project.

Councilman Bernstein made a motion to approve of Constable training here at the Town of Ashford to insure cost reduction to the Town of Ashford for the mandatory education. The motion has been tabled to insure the training is indeed mandatory.

The board reviewed the August reports for:

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

Ashford has received partial payment of the CHIPS and the remainder will be expected soon.

**RESOLUTION 95-2017**  
**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

On motion of Councilman Pfeffer seconded by Councilman Bernstein the following resolution was  
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein  
Nays 0

Resolved the following Budget Amendment is approved for the General Account:  
From **A1990.4** Contingent to **A1220.4** Supervisor-Contractual in the amount of **\$400.00**

**RESOLUTION 96-2017**  
**SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

On motion of Councilman Pfeffer, seconded by Councilman Bernstein, the following resolution was  
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein  
Nays 0

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

**RESOLUTION 97-2017**  
**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilman Pfeffer seconded by Councilman Heim, the following resolution was  
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein  
Nays 0

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #9 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 232 through 254	\$33,658.53
Highway Fund	No. 128 through 141	\$193,667.27
Light District	No. 9	\$871.08
Trust & Agency	No. 74 through 83	\$11,944.92
Water District	No. 79, 80, 82 through 86	\$179.38
Water Capital	No. 81 and 87	\$216,371.02

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Heim and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:03pm. (All aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk