

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.

Supervisor Davis called for a moment of silence for Bud Williams who was the Ashford Supervisor at one time and for Peter Cizdziel who was a current highway employee.

Paul Bembia, NYSERDA Director of WVDP, gave updates regarding the proposed Solar facility on the NYS property. NYSERDA is evaluating the SEQRA requirements for entering into agreement for the proposed facility. The NRC is continuing with their review of the information package submitted in June. NRC requested additional information which has been provided.

Brian Bower, DOE was present and gave updates with the specific decommissioning projects. There are visible changes as buildings are being removed.

RESOLUTION 65-2018

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 July 11th be approved as submitted

James Owendoff, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management for Department of Energy sent a letter in response to requests of Supervisor Davis for Community Commitment Clause to be included in the current contract with CHBWV and future contracts.

RESOLUTION 66-2018

AUTHORIZE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS DUES

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 Ashford Town Board authorize payment of the dues for Association of Towns set for 2019.

NYS Department of Taxation and Finance sent the Certificate of Final Telecommunications Ceiling and the Certificate of Final Equalization rate for Ashford as 53%.

Justice Court Fund fees for May is \$5,131.75 and June is \$5,138.00.

Dan Martonis, Cattaraugus County Real Properties Director has sent confirmation to begin County assessing in Town of Ashford October 1, 2019.

The Town of Ashford board members have the Capital Improvement Plan: Plan of Action and Milestones to review. As the Master Plan is implemented, grants are being researched to achieve goals. Some of the current goals are: Welcome Center in the Town of Ashford on the Route 219 corridor, Sewer System in West Valley Hamlet, and Boat Launches at Cattaraugus Creek.

Town of Ashford officials met with the Director of the Ashford Hollow Foundation for a tour and information promoting Griffis Sculpture Park as a local attraction.

RESOLUTION 67-2018

APPROVAL OF PLOW PACKAGE AND DUMP BODY SPECIFICATIONS

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 Ashford Town Board approve the specifications of the plow package and dump body provided by Highway Superintendent Engels.

Youth Summer Recreation is in the final week. Swimming is going well and the lunch program has been well received.

RESOLUTION 68-2018

AUTHORIZE SUMMER RECREATION EMPLOYEE PAY RATE

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

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

Resolved employees for summer recreation be paid hourly at \$10.40.

Water meter reading issues are being addressed by the water meter company. Contractor still has a few projects to finish with the sidewalks.

Budget requests are out and Budget Officer King would like completed requests in by September 1st.

RESOLUTION 69-2018

BUDGET AMENDMENT

On a motion of Councilman Bernstein, seconded by Councilman Heim, 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 **A1990.4** Contingent to **A1010.4** Town Board Contractual in the amount of **\$3,000.00**

RESOLUTION 70-2018

NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PROPOSED LEASE BETWEEN TOWN OF ASHFORD AND NYSERDA AND AN OPTION TO SUB-LEASE AND SUBLEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ASHFORD AND WEST VALLEY SOLAR, LLC

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ashford (the "Town Board") is considering a lease with NYSERDA and an option to sub-lease with West Valley Solar, LLC, an affiliate of BQ Energy LLC, for a solar energy project at the Western New York Nuclear Service Center, West Valley, NY. (collectively the "Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined that the Action is a "Type I" action under SEQRA and issued a notice of Intent to act as Lead Agency and adopted a Notice of Intent to act as Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is the Lead Agency pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), as it is the only agency that has discretionary approval authority over this Action; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly considered the Action, the full Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining significance set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.7(c), the draft Negative Declaration, and such other information deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ashford that:

1. The Town Board hereby determines to act as Lead Agency.
2. Based upon a thorough review and examination of the known facts relating to the Action and its careful review of all potentially adverse environmental impacts, and the entire record and proceedings relating to the Action, the Board finds that the Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that draft environmental impact statement will not be prepared.
3. The negative declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the negative declaration.
4. The Town Supervisor and/or Town personnel are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of the resolution as necessary and to publish the requisite notice in the ENB.

RESOLUTION 71-2018

APPROVING A PROPOSED OPTION TO SUB-LEASE AND SUB-LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ASHFORD AND WEST VALLEY SOLAR, LLC

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 Board of the Town of Ashford (the "Town Board") is considering leases with the West Valley Solar LLC, an affiliate of BQ Energy LLC (including an options for a Sub-Lease), and NYSERDA to enable a solar energy project at the Western New York Nuclear Service Center, West Valley, NY (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination, and issued a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ashford that:

1. The Town Board hereby approved the Option for a Sub-lease and Sub-Lease with West Valley Solar, LLC.
2. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to New York Town Law §64(2), and shall not take effect until thirty days after its adoption; nor until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the Town voting on such proposition, if within thirty days after its adoption there be filed with the Town Clerk a petition signed, and acknowledged or proved, or authenticated by electors of the Town qualified to vote upon a proposition to raise and expend money, in number equal to at least five per centum of the total vote cast for governor in the Town at the last general election held for the election of state officers.
3. Within ten days after the adoption this resolution, the Town Clerk, in the same manner as provided for notice of special election, shall post and publish notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of the resolution containing an abstract of this resolution and that such resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

RESOLUTION 72-2018

AUTHORIZE RESEARCH FOR COMMUNITY CENTER GENERATOR

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 research for a new generator for the Community Center.

The board reviewed the July reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Highway Expense/Fuel Reports
- Constabulary
- Dog Control

Councilman Heim would like to see an update to the building fees for Ashford.

Councilwoman Bond has applied for a \$5,000 grant for recreation.

RESOLUTION 73-2018
AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT LIGHTING

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 Ashford town board authorize current lighting to be replaced with more efficient lighting in Town buildings.

RESOLUTION 74-2018
AUTHORIZE SEPTEMBER VOUCHERS PAYMENTS

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 September bills Abstract #9 to be paid upon review of the Supervisor and approve at the October meeting.

RESOLUTION 75-2018
SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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 Supervisors Monthly financial report for June 2018 is accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 76-2018
AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #8 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 203 through 236	\$34,280.99
Highway Fund	No. 114 through 126	\$158,666.16
Light District	No. 8	\$835.90
Trust & Agency	No. 68 through 77	\$11,988.35
Water District	No. 51 through 58	\$4,874.77

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Heim and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm. (All aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Ashford Town Clerk