

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.

The Town Board held a moment of silence to honor Richard Bishop.

RESOLUTION 83-2019

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 September 4th be approved as submitted

Supervisor Davis and Councilman Pfeffer distributed a report on current meetings and correspondence with Congressional representatives and US Department of Energy representatives. Financing for West Valley Demonstration project has been secured. Reclassifying the definition of the high level waste is an ongoing concern. An article was prepared by Supervisor Davis and Councilman Pfeffer and printed in the Springville Journal regarding some of these issues.

Bryan Bower, DOE, gave updates on current demolition and deactivation projects. By studying past successful projects and failed projects, a plan can be put in place to continue safely.

Justice Court Fund revenues in August are \$4,322.75.

Cattaraugus County Treasurer provided a comparison of the past 3 years sales tax receipts for the Town of Ashford.

Ashford scrap revenues are \$95.25

The Assessor duties being filled by Cattaraugus County is now in place. An assessor report has been received and reviewed by the Town Board. The goal is to have the Town of Ashford at 100% valuation. Legislator Joseph Boberg was in attendance and confirmed 13 towns are taking advantage of this service and do qualify for the Shared Services. The local grievance board is still active and will address assessment grievances as in the past.

RESOLUTION 84-2019

OPEN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

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 budget public hearing open at 8:00pm.

Supervisor read the notice of public hearing as it appeared in the Springville Journal.

Supervisor Davis asked for comments and questions.

Discussion took place and questions were answered by Budget Officer William King. Town tax levy is remaining the same as last year.

There were no comments or questions from those present regarding the budget.

RESOLUTION 85-2019

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

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 Town Board close the public hearing and resume regular meeting at 8:05pm.

RESOLUTION 86-2019

ADOPT 2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET

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 Town Board does hereby adopt such Preliminary Budget for this town for the fiscal year beginning the first day of January, 2020, and

Whereas such budget is so adopted shall be entered into the minutes of these proceedings of the Town Board, and Be it Further Resolved the Budget Officer of this Board shall deliver copies to the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, and the Cattaraugus County Administrator for their records.

Town board members thank Budget Officer Bill King for all of his hard work compiling the annual budget.

Pillars are in for the sidewalk and the sidewalk will be completed next year.

RESOLUTION 87-2019

AUTHORIZE CONSTABLE AGREEMENT AND SHELTERING AGREEMENT WITH WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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 Ashford Town Board enter into agreement as it is written with the West Valley Central School for Town Constables whose presence is authorized in the school and scope of service is made clear in the agreement, and

Further Resolved the Town of Ashford enter into agreement with the West Valley Central School for emergency evacuation sheltering.

Councilwoman Jean Bond reported summer youth recreation has improved greatly and is well received and attended. The Bike Rodeo was held and was a great addition to the program. A new summer recreation director will have to be appointed before next year.

RESOLUTION 88-2019

AUTHORIZE THANK YOU LETTERS FOR SUMMER RECREATION

On a motion from 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 thank you letters to be sent to Angela Ghani and Town of Machias recreation for a successful program.

At 8:15pm Supervisor Davis read the notice to bidders for the 2020 new and unused ¾ Ton Pickup style diesel truck. One bids as follows:

Emerling Ford, Inc. \$10,623.90
150 South Cascade Drive
Springville, NY 14141

RESOLUTION 89-2019

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 2020 NEW AND UNUSED ¾ TON PICKUP STYLE DIESEL TRUCK

On a motion from 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 purchase of a 2020 new and unused ¾ Ton pickup style diesel truck including current plow switch over from Emerling Ford, Inc. for \$10,623.90 on recommendation of Highway Superintendent pending further investigation to determine proper specifications contained in the individual bid.

Kathy Saville, Regional Marketing Director for NYCLASS provided information on investment opportunities for the Town of Ashford. Discussion took place.

RESOLUTION 90-2019

AUTHORIZE INVESTMENT WITH NYCLASS

On a motion from 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 wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 14, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashford wishes to assure the safety and liquidity of its funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: that Charles E. Davis III is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Ashford.

RESOLUTION 91-2019

AUTHORIZE HALLOWEEN CURFEW

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

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

Resolved a 9pm curfew by enforced for Halloween, October 31, 2019 and further Resolved be advertised in the Springville Journal and Springville Pennysaver.

RESOLUTION 92-2019

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE RIGHT OF WAY PROVISIONS IN VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAW

On a motion from 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 approve to advertise on the direction of Highway Superintendent Engels in the Springville Journal and Springville Pennysaver a notice regarding snow and mailboxes in the right of way before the winter season arrives.

The Town of Ashford is named in a legal proceeding regarding an accident on Prill Road. Highway Superintendent Engels and Supervisor Davis have reviewed the area and taken photos in preparation in the event documentation is required.

Notice has been received from the NYS Liquor Authority confirming a liquor license application has been submitted by Ashford Station Bistro LLC.

The board reviewed the September reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Highway Fuel & Expense (& Aug)
- Code Enforcement Officer (Aug only)
- Assessor

The end of the year meeting will be held December 30th.

Supervisor Davis attended a solar conference in Syracuse to give detailed information with the progress of the Solar Farm in Ashford. Presently, wetlands are being studied to determine the best possible location for the Solar Farm.

RESOLUTION 93-2019
BUDGET AMENDMENT

On a 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 **A1990.4** Contingent to **A1620.2** Community Office Building & Equipment in the amount of **\$700.00**

RESOLUTION 94-2019
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 September 2019 is accepted as submitted.

Detailed water reports have been provided for the Town Board as requested.

RESOLUTION 95-2019
AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond
 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. 213 through 235 (minus 216)	\$28,564.01
Highway Fund	No. 125 through 140 (minus 126,127)	\$44,554.37
Light District	No. 9	\$955.14
Trust & Agency	No. 62 through 69	\$12,040.05
Water District	No. 68 through 80	\$5,376.90

And Further Resolved the bills contained Abstract #10 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 216 and 236 through 263	\$35,516.86
Highway Fund	No. 126,127, 141 through 154	\$67,442.03
Light District	No. 10	\$1,000.34
Trust & Agency	No. 70 through 77	\$10,351.98
Water District	No. 81	\$109.99

Supervisor Davis mentioned the many accomplishments of the Town Board in the last four years.

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Bernstein and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10pm. (All aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Ashford Town Clerk