

A regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United State Flag at the Ashford Community Center at 7:30pm with John A. Pfeffer Town Supervisor presiding.

**Present:** John A. Pfeffer, Supervisor  
 Angela M. Ghani, Council Deputy Supervisor  
 Jean M. Bond, Council  
 James P. Boberg, Council  
 Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk  
 Keith Butcher, Highway Superintendent  
 Larry Feldman, Code Enforcement Officer

**Absent:** William J. Heim, Council

Others present: Joseph Pillittere, Max Borsuk, Susan Feldman, Charles Davis, Bryan Bower, and Robert Osborne

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#### **RESOLUTION 89-2021**

##### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg, Ghani  
 Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as presented with the addition to pause the agenda at 8:00pm for the Budget Hearing

Joe Pillettere provided updates on current deactivation projects.

#### **RESOLUTION 90-2021**

##### **APPROVAL OF CONENSUS ITEMS**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg, Ghani  
 Nays 0

Resolved hearing no objections, Agenda Item F1 through F6 be and are approved by the Town Board of the Town of Ashford, and shall be listed individually as follows in the minutes of this meeting:

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| 1. September Assessors Report  | 4. August/September Code Enforcement Report      |
| 2. September Town Clerk Report | 5. August/September Supervisors Financial Report |
| 3. September 15, 2021 minutes  | 6. August/September Highway Expense/Fuel Report  |

#### **RESOLUTION 91-2021**

##### **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg, Ghani  
 Nays 0

Resolved the following Budget Amendment are approved for the **General** Account:  
 From **A1990.4 Contingent** to **A8160.4 Refuse and Garbage** in the amount of **\$115.00**  
 From **A1990.4 Contingent** to **A8810.4 Cemeteries** in the amount of **\$1,500.00**

#### **SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

- As options are researched for the sidewalk bridge, the section of sidewalk on owner property will need to be removed.
- Supervisor Pfeffer provided information to the board members regarding public hearings regarding the proposed redistricting. Board members are encouraged to participate.
- ECA strategic vision is including local municipalities to give input on clean up efforts.
- DEC has been contacted regarding the new mulch business on Route 219 to ensure proper permits are secured.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Highway Superintendent Butcher gave updates on current projects, and new equipment needed. He also informed the board with information regarding the decreased highway crew and the need to hire as soon as possible. Cattaraugus County has been notified to assist with hiring an Ashford highway employee, however, no applications have been received.
- Insurance paperwork has been submitted by the Supervisors Bookkeeper.
- Tree lighting plans continue.
- Water lines have been flushed.

#### **RESOLUTION 92-2021**

##### **AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF TRACTOR AND MOWER**

On motion of Council Ghani seconded by Council Bond the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg, Ghani  
 Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board authorize the purchase of a tractor/mower on state bid using ARPA funds; purchase to include a \$15,500 trade in of the current tractor.

#### **RESOLUTION 93-2021**

##### **DECEMBER MEETING CHANGE**

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg, Ghani  
 Nays 0

Resolved the Regular Town Board December Meeting be changed to December 15 same time and location.

**RESOLUTION 94-2021**

**GRANTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY TO PERFORM THE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE OWNER AND AGREEING TO MAINTAIN FACILITIES ADJUSTED VIA STATE-LET CONTRACT**

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Ghani, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg Ghani  
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes the construction, reconstruction or improvement of US 219 Miller Road and Peters Road Street Lighting Installation Town of Ashford, Cattaraugus County, *State Project: Replacement of Overhead Sign Structure and Ground Mounted Sign Panels, Various State/US Routes, Various Townships Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara Counties* PIN 5812.77 and

WHEREAS, the State will include as part of the construction, reconstruction or improvement of the above mentioned project the street light installation pursuant to Section 10, Subdivision 24, of the State Highway Law, as shown on the contract plans relating to the project and meeting the requirements of the owner, and

WHEREAS, the service life of the relocated and or replaced utilities has not been extended and

WHEREAS, the state will provide for the reconstruction of the above mentioned work, as shown on the contract plans relating to the above mentioned project.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED; the Town of Ashford approves of the street light installation and the above mentioned work performed on the project and shown on the contract plans relating to the project and that the Town of Ashford will maintain or cause to be maintained the adjusted facilities performed as above stated and as shown on the contract plans.

BUT IT FURTHER RESOLVED; John A. Pfeffer, Town Supervisor, has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Town of Ashford board, any and all documents that may become necessary as a result of this project as it relates to the Town of Ashford, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Town Clerk of the Town of Ashford is hereby directed to transmit five (5) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the New York Department of Transportation.

**RESOLUTION 95-2021**

**ADOPT THE AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND ENERGIZING OF LIGHTING SYSTEM FOR STATE HIGHWAY US219 MILLER ROAD**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Ghani, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg Ghani  
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation/Town of Ashford proposes improvement of SH 54-13 US 219 Miller Road and Peters Road Street Lighting Installation *State Project: Replacement of Overhead Sign Structure and Ground Mounted Sign Panels, Various State/US Routes, Various Townships Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara Counties*, a locally administered federal aid project, in the Town of Ashford located in Cattaraugus County, PIN 5812.77, Contract No. D264529 State Highway US219 Miller Road and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED; the Town of Ashford approves of the Agreement for Installation, Maintenance, Repair and Energizing of Lighting Systems for State Highway US219 Miller Road

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: John A. Pfeffer, Town Supervisor has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Ashford Town Board, this agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the clerk of the Town of Ashford is hereby directed to transmit (5) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the New York State Department of Transportation.

**RESOLUTION 96-2021**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Bond the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the bills be paid on Abstract #10 in the following amounts reflecting payment of mileage only not an additional charge for gasoline for voucher #222:

General Fund	No. 216 through 247	\$45,562.22		
Highway Fund	No. 157 through 166	\$49,378.14	Water District	No. 64 through 68 \$2,794.02
Light District	No. 10	\$973.26	Trust & Agency	No. 82 through 92 \$14,652.02

**RESOLUTION 97-2021**

**OPEN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Ghani, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg Ghani  
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 and asked for comments and questions.

Discussion took place and questions were answered by Budget Officer William King.

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

**RESOLUTION 98-2021**

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Boberg, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board close the public hearing and resume regular meeting at 8:02pm.

**RESOLUTION 99-2021**

**ADOPT 2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Ghani, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg Ghani  
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, 2022, 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.

Information has been received regarding the Connoisaurauley Creek study and has been given to Board Members.

**RESOLUTION 100-2021**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Bond the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the board move into executive session at 8:06 per Public Officers Law Article 7 § 105 for three items: discussions regarding proposed, pending and current litigation, personnel issue to discuss personal sick time, and negotiations.

**RESOLUTION 101-2021**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the Board return to regular session at 8:23pm with no action taken in Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION 102-2021**

**AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT OF PAID SICK/PERSONAL TIME**

On motion of Council Ghani seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the Ashford Town Board authorize compensation to Keith Butcher for remaining unused sick and personal time at a rate of \$18.04 at the end of 2021.

A motion was made by Boberg seconded by Bond and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:24pm.

(All aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk