

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
Charles E. Davis, III Councilman, Deputy Supervisor
Jean M. Bond, Councilwoman
Richard A. Bernstein, Councilman
Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk
Tim Engels, Highway Superintendent
Larry Feldman, Code Enforcement Officer

Absent: William J. Heim, Councilman

Others present: Joseph Pillittere, Max Borsuk, Paul Bembia, Bryan Bower, Susan Feldman

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RESOLUTION 85-2020
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda including Audit of Claims removed from Consensus items.

Bryan Bower, DOE, gave updates regarding continuing decommissioning work at the WVDP. Covid compliant procedures are in place. Future decommissioning may include removal by rail. Funding will continue at the 2020 level instead of the additional funds requested.

Paul Bembia, NYSEDA, informed Board members of the executed documents regarding the Solar Facility. The easement with National Grid to move the poles will be executed soon.

RESOLUTION 86-2020
APPROVAL OF CONENSUS ITEMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bernstein, Bond, Davis
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. September Town Clerk Report |
| 2. September Code Enforcement Report | 5. September Supervisors Financial Report |
| 3. September 9, 2020 minutes | 6. September Highway Expense and Fuel Report |

RESOLUTION 87-2020
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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

Resolved the following Budget Amendments are approved for the Highway Account:

From **DA5130.2** Machinery-Equipment to **DA5110.4** Repairs and Maintenance in the amount of **\$40,000.00**

RESOLUTION 88-2020
AUDIT OF CLAMS

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

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

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #10 in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 224 through 250	\$23,021.89	Trust & Agency	No. 81 through 89	\$11,212.65
Highway Fund	No. 124 through 139	\$105,797.50	Water District	No. 70 through 79	\$3,031.20
Light District	No. 10	\$1,028.99			

SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- The insurance company has sent correspondence with updates regarding the damage at the Water Pump Station at the WVCS site.
- Sidewalk bridge cannot be installed as an agreement cannot be made with the property owner
- Solar Farm-a surety bond has to be drafted by the company regarding decommissioning when the solar farm has run its course
- Armstrong is in the area putting up fiber optic wires
- Miller Road Lighting-easements from property owners need to be obtained
- DOE COOP Agreement has been submitted. When it is completed a press release will be released.

Cattaraugus County Health Department informed the Ashford Town Board of additional monitoring required by NYS for Water Systems. This additional monitoring will result in more costs to the Water District.

RESOLUTION 89-2020

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board appoint Brett Proctor to the vacancy of the Planning Board through 2020.

RESOLUTION 90-2020

APPROVAL OF NYS RETIREMENT STANDARDS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES

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

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

Resolved the information be provided to the NYS Retirement Systems 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 91-2020

AUTHORIZE DIRECT DEPOSIT

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board authorize deposit of the periodic payroll of the town for disbursal in accordance with the provisions of section 96-B of the Banking Law.

RESOLUTION 92-2020

AUTHORIZE HALLOWEEN CURFEW

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

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

Resolved a 9pm curfew by enforced for Halloween, October 31, 2020 and further

Resolved be advertised in the Springville Journal and Springville Pennysaver.

RESOLUTION 93-2020

OPEN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Davis, 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 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 94-2020

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

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

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

Resolved the Town Board close the public hearing and resume regular meeting at 8:06pm.

RESOLUTION 95-2020

ADOPT 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Davis, 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, 2021, 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.

Discussion took place regarding commercial solar farms. A policy should be in place prior to construction. Board members will research the issue to gather information.

A motion was made by Davis seconded by Bernstein and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm.

(All aye)