

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

Others present: Joseph Pillittere, Max Borsuk, Paul Bembia, Bryan Bower, Jean Kwasnik

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. A moment of silence was held in Honor of all Veterans

RESOLUTION 103-2021
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as presented

Paul Bembia reported the hunting program is going well so far and has about 9 days left in the bow hunting season. The tree to be used for the Christmas Tree lighting will be provided.

Joe Pillittere gave updates on current decommissioning and sampling at the WVDP.

RESOLUTION 104-2021
APPROVAL OF CONENSUS ITEMS

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
Nays 0

Resolved hearing no objections, Agenda Item F1 through F7 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. October Assessors Report | 7. October Audit of Claims: | | |
| 2. October Code Enforcement Report | General Fund | No. 248 through 279 | \$26,553.92 |
| 3. October 13, 2021 minutes | Highway Fund | No. 167 through 182 | \$71,367.27 |
| 4. October Supervisors Financial Report | Light District | No. 11 | \$1,003.41 |
| 5. October Highway Expense/Fuel Report | Water District | No. 69 through 76 | \$1,244.65 |
| 6. October Town Clerk Report | Trust & Agency | No. 93 through 101 | \$8,858.96 |

SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- Governor Hochul signed A.1228 into law, which requires government agencies to publicly disclose records to be discussed at a meeting at least 24 hours in advance. Ashford doesn't have prepared resolutions prior to the meeting nor a completed agenda 24 hours in advance. Information can be provided as tentative and when the capabilities exist for information to be uploaded directly to the website, compliance will be met.
- Cattaraugus County released tax rates for municipalities and Supervisor Pfeffer is in correspondence with County Legislature and County Administrator for explanations for why Ashford is high.
- Construction of the Miller Road Street Light is set to be started in December.
- A report of ASAP payments was provided to Town Board members.
- The new mulch business on Route 219 will provide an information tour of the business being conducted. The business appears to be a community advocate and willing to be involved to make a positive impact to the area.
- Cattaraugus County has yet to make resolution regarding the sidewalk and Spittler Road issues.
- Solar Farm will offer tours for interested board members.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT BUTCHER REPORT:

- ✓ The current \$10,000 Road Bond needs to be increased to \$25,000 to meet current costs for road repairs
- ✓ The brush tractor has been ordered for delivery in Spring
- ✓ Blacktopping is done for the season
- ✓ Donna Vacinek has had several conversations regarding road drainage causing problems on her property. This issue had resolution years ago and was not able to be completed due to owner failure to agree to the resolution. The Town Board has no futher obligation.
- ✓ Dan Cobo has been hired as a highway employee
- ✓ A current water leak will need to be repaired soon. Contractor has been contacted.
- ✓ As of December 31, 2021, Highway Superintendent Butcher will be stepping down as Water Operator with a recommendation to keep highway workers as water operators.
- ✓ Board members held discussion regarding dead end roads to have better signage to keep out of town travelers from being on them when following various GPS instructions.

Code Enforcement Officer Feldman reported the building season is slowing down and letters are being sent to alert builders to renew permits.

Insurance has sent information regarding the termination of Cyber coverage. Rates for cyber coverage will be collected.

Council Bond informed board members of a vacancy in the Youth Recreation Commission and will appoint someone at the Organization meeting. She also gave updates on plans for the Tree Lighting to take place December 3.

RESOLUTION 105-2021

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
Nays 0

Resolved the Ashford Town Board appoint Kasey Cummings, James (Bo) Davis, and Todd Miller to conduct a total town dog enumeration in the Town of Ashford to be compensated \$2 per dog and mileage and completed by March 31, 2022: job duties to be outlined by the Supervisor and Town Clerk.

Council Bond initiated discussion regarding the West Valley Food Pantry and stated there is a need for a larger facility and would like to explore options. Supervisor Pfeffer is willing to take steps to assist where necessary however, points out the Food Pantry is not a municipal financial responsibility. Grants and locations will be researched to assist with the issue.

Joe Pillettere announced food donations will be made to nine local food pantries for the Holiday.

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

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk