

**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.

#### **RESOLUTION 105-2018**

##### **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 November 7<sup>th</sup> be approved as submitted

Mortgage Tax Apportionment to Ashford for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter is \$10,432.08.

Justice Court Fund Ashford revenue for October is \$3,363.25

The Board reviewed a letter from a resident in the water district regarding a capital charge on a vacant apartment without its own meter. Councilman Bernstein responded apartments and duplexes are to be assessed separately as a unit for capital charge purposes.

Code Enforcement is currently addressing concerns by NYSDOT for signs on Route 219. There were a few signs NYSDOT requested to have removed but not all. A letter has been sent asking for more information on why some are acceptable and others not.

Highway Superintendent Engels reported the 550 is being equipped currently and will be ready for pickup soon.

Councilwoman Bond reported the Christmas Tree Lighting was well attended and she has many thanks to offer to speakers, participants, and all who helped including groups from West Valley Central School.

#### **RESOLUTION 106-2018**

##### **RECOGNITION FOR TREE LIGHTING PARTICIPANTS**

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

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

Resolved a formal thank you be given to Senator Catharine M. Young and David Stockin for contributing to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

#### **RESOLUTION 107-2018**

##### **AUTHORIZE COMMENTS ON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PROPOSAL TO REINTERPRET "HIGH LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AS PROPOSED IN 83 FR 50909-11 (OCTOBER 10, 2018)**

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 of Ashford applauds the Department of Energy on a possible reinterpretation of some definitions of nuclear waste. We agree that reinterpreting waste types can possibly lead to better management and off-site disposal, specifically as it may apply to West Valley wastes.

WHEREAS; With that in mind, the Town of Ashford does not believe the site characteristics of any of the 3000 acres at the Western New York Nuclear Service Center (WNYNSC) are appropriate for long-term storage of any waste, either in current or reinterpreted forms. We continue to support an end-state that exhumes all waste, tanks, underground pipes, above and underground leaks and any other wastes on site as a result of operations of the reprocessing plant, state and federal burial grounds, and activities of the West Valley Demonstration Project. The Town of Ashford does not agree that there can be any disposal of wastes at or near surface at the WNYNSC.

WHEREAS; The Town of Ashford believes there needs to be a resolution of the differences in the definition of high-level nuclear waste as defined in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act and the West Valley Demonstration Project Act. There are slight differences that should be identified and resolved in this reinterpretation.

WHEREAS; The Town of Ashford points out that DOE EA-2082 concludes that West Valley Demonstration Project Act TRU waste can be considered "GTCC-like" waste, and further concludes that waste can now be disposed of safely at Waste Control Specialists Federal Waste Facility in Andrews County Texas.

WHEREAS; The Town of Ashford concurs with the West Valley Citizens Task Force (WVCTF) comments that there should be no dependencies on dilution of HLW, by either physical mixing of HLW with material less radioactive, or by averaging radioactivity over larger mass or volume, both which may allow meeting concentrations limits for Class C LLW.

WHEREAS; The Town of Ashford further concurs with the WVCTF on the issue of verifiable, traceable, and protective performance assessments, and that the provisions of 10 CFR 61.55 be met as a whole and any HLW reinterpretation should provide such assurance.

WHEREAS; The Town of Ashford cannot accept any near surface or buried wastes to remain at the WNYNSC. We ask that this reinterpretation be used only as a means to exhume all waste and ship to an approved facility that meets the performance assessment criteria for the waste types. We do not believe that this reinterpretation would allow wastes from other facilities to be sent to the WNYNSC for disposal, therefore, the WNYNSC cannot be a suitable disposal site for its own wastes.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED; The Town of Ashford submits the above comments to The United States Department of Energy regarding reinterpretation of nuclear waste as proposed in 83 FR 50909-11 (October 10, 2018)

The board reviewed the November reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Constabulary Reports
- Fuel & Expense Reports
- Animal Control

**RESOLUTION 108-2018  
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 **A1680.2** Data Processing to **A1220.4** Supervisor Contractual in the amount of **\$500.00**

Water Account:

From **SW18330.4** Purification to **SW18340.4** Transmission & Distribution in the amount of **\$4,000.00**

Councilman Bernstein provided Board members with information regarding New York Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System (NYCLASS). Board members will review to see if Town of Ashford will benefit from participating.

Councilman Bernstein reported National Grid is applying for a grant to replace street lights with LED. If bulbs are replaced, the light districts would see savings.

Councilwoman Bond reported there has been no bill submitted by the Town of Machias for the summer recreation program.

**RESOLUTION 109-2018  
SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**RESOLUTION 110-2018  
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilwoman Bond seconded by Councilman Pfeffer the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond  
Nays 0

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #12 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 337 through 360	\$327,680.73
Highway Fund	No. 176 through 198	\$126,695.30
Light District	No. 12	\$1,155.27
Trust & Agency	No. 101 through 109	\$13,184.15
Water District	No. 97 through 107	\$7,954.52

**RESOLUTION 111-2018  
SET-UP MEETINGS**

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 meetings be at the Ashford Community Center, 9377 Route 240, West Valley, and advertised as follows:

Year End Meeting/Close the Books	Thursday, December 27, 2018	7:00PM
Organizational/Regular Meeting	Wednesday, January 9, 2019	7:30PM
Audit the Books/Regular Meeting	Wednesday, March 13, 2019	7:30PM

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Bernstein and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 pm. (All aye)