

Present: 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
Lawrence Feldman, Code Enforcement Officer

Absent: Charles E. Davis, III, Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the pledge to the American Flag.

RESOLUTION 13-2019

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Resolved the minutes of January 9th be approved as submitted

Joseph Pillitere, CHBWV, was in attendance and reported a huge milestone with over a million safety hours at the WVDP. All of the waste from the demolition of the vitrification facility has been removed and demolition continues in other areas. Excavators have been moved to the facility for use at a huge savings to tax payers.

Heather Lafferty, EMS Captain of West Valley Volunteer Hose Co., Inc. requested approval from the Town Board regarding hosting the 162nd Southwestern Association of Volunteer Fireman Convention. The West Valley Fire District will cover insurance costs and the Cattaraugus County Sheriff will be aware of the extra traffic in Ashford.

RESOLUTION 14-2019

SUPPORT OF 162ND SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIREMAN CONVENTION

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board supports the West Valley Volunteer Hose Co., Inc. to host the 162nd Southwestern Association of Volunteer Fireman Convention August 5-9, 2020 and welcome the convention and the local firefighters.

The Planning Board committee has reported works in progress as grant for banners and farmers market.

RESOLUTION 15-2019

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT TO SPEND TOWN HIGHWAY FUNDS

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board authorize agreement to spend highway funds.

Town Board members will attend the County Committee meeting to discuss repair to Route 240.

Constable radios are in.

RESOLUTION 16-2019

YOUTH RECREATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board appoint Krista Frank (to year 2024) to youth recreation commission and further Resolved the Ashford Town Board appoint youth members to one year term: Michael Boberg and Maggie Parish.

Armstrong Communications is in Phase 1 of supplying fiber optic service to residents. More information can be found on the website at armstrongny.com. Subscribers can sign up online and representatives will be in the area as early as June.

Water District needs to have procedures for Fire and the generator maintenance agreement has to be prepared.

RESOLUTION 17-2019

URGING GOVERNOR CUOMO TO RESTORE AIM FUNDING FOR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN CASES WHERE FUNDING ACCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN (2%) OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

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

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has eliminated funding from the Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) program for towns and villages in cases where the funding accounts for less than two percent (2%) of the municipal budget in his \$176 billion budget proposal which was released January 15, 2019, and

WHEREAS, this budget proposal eliminates AIM funding for 1,328 of New York State's towns and villages, and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the AIM funding will have a significant impact on municipalities that already have their budget in place for 2019, and

WHEREAS, in the event Governor Cuomo's budget proposal is adopted, the Town of Ashford will lose \$9.641.00, and

WHEREAS, this amount of money puts the Town of Ashford even closer to the 2% tax cap that thanks to the AIM funding has continued to stay under, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED the Town of Ashford opposes Governor Cuomo's budget proposal to eliminate AIM program funding for towns and villages where the funding accounts for less than 2% of the municipal budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, the clerk for the Town of Ashford is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Cuomo, Senator Young, and Assembly Member Giglio.

Town Board members discussed the specifications for the trash pickup bids. Couches, mattresses and boxsprings need to be added so allow bidders to bid properly.

RESOLUTION 18-2019

SUPPORT OF EXPANSION OF OPERATING TERRITORY OF GOWANDA AMBULANCE SERVICE

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board support the expansion of the operating territory of the Gowanda Ambulance Service to include the portion of the Town of Hanover, New York which lies within the boundaries of Seneca Road, Southerland Road, Main Road and Beebe Road.

RESOLUTION 19-2019

BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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

Resolved the following Budget Amendment is approved for the General Account:

From **A3120.4** Constable-Contractual to **A3120.2** Constable Equipment in the amount of **\$700.00**

The board reviewed the January reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Highway Expense & Fuel Reports

Code Enforcement Officer Feldman reported he has been asked to send letters to residents needing to clean up their properties.

RESOLUTION 20-2019

AUTHORIZE MECHANISM FOR PENALTY IN FAILURE TO CLEANUP PROPERTY

On a motion of Councilman Bernstein, No second, No Roll call on following resolution

Resolved a 30-day warning be given to residents not compliant in cleaning up property in addition to a 30 day clean up period resulting in a court summons and a fine for each day of non compliance

Highway Superintendent Engels reported lights are installed at the Highway Barn and have improved the lighting quality a great deal.

RESOLUTION 21-2019

APPROVAL OF SECURITY AND FIRE SYSTEM FOR HIGHWAY BARN

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

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

Resolved the Town Board approve preparation of the RFP for a security and fire system for the highway barn and cold storage facility.

RESOLUTION 22-2019

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF CHASSIS USING THE UNITED STATES COMMUNITIES GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ALLIANCE

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board approve of the purchase of a chassis on the basis of the United States Communities Governmental Purchasing Alliance pending research verifying proper procedures are followed.

Highway Superintendent Engels also reported a land slide on Fox Valley Road being monitored to determine if action will need to be taken by the Town of Ashford. He also reported a salt shed will be in place in the Town of Ashford within the year thanks to a grant.

RESOLUTION 23-2019

AUTHORIZE SALE OF USED 550 ONLINE VENUE

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board approve the sale of the used 550 through online auctions.

RESOLUTION 24-2019

AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN DOCUMENTS AND APPROPRIATION OF LOCAL MATCH OF ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT #82303

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town has proposed to complete a Wastewater Collection System Study; and

WHEREAS, the cost of completing the Wastewater Collection System Study is estimated at \$36,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashford has received an Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) Award commitment in the amount of \$30,000 to pay for a portion of the cost of completing the Wastewater Collection System Study

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project and to fulfill the Town of Ashford obligations under the Grant Agreement.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ashford authorizes and appropriates a minimum 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Town of Ashford Wastewater Collection System Study under the EPG program, this local match must be at least 20% of the EPG grant award of \$30,000. The source of the local match, and any amount in excess of the required match, shall be through the use of in-kind services. The maximum local match shall not exceed \$6,000 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$36,000. The Town Supervisor may increase this local match through the use of in-kind services without further approval from the Town of Ashford.

RESOLUTION 25-2019

SEQR DETERMINATION (Type II) FOR ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT #82303

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town has proposed to complete a Wastewater Collection System Study, and;

WHEREAS, Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) Section 617.5 under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ashford hereby determines that the proposed Town of Ashford Wastewater Collection System Study is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c) (18 & 21) which constitute(s) the “information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action;” and “conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action;” and is therefore not subject to further review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

RESOLUTION 26-2019

SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

Resolved the Supervisors Monthly financial report for January 2019 is accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 27-2019

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #2 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 16 through 47 (includes WV Fire District)	\$249,943.87
Highway Fund	No. 12 through 32	\$113,564.08
Light District	No. 2	\$1,274.69
Trust & Agency	No. 1 through 8	\$12,245.43
Water District	No. 4 through 15	\$3,959.05

A motion was made by Bernstein seconded by Bond and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:52 pm. (All aye)