

**Present: John A. Pfeffer, Supervisor**  
**Angela M. Ghani, Council Deputy Supervisor**  
**James P. Boberg, Council**  
**Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk**  
**Keith Butcher, Highway Superintendent**

**Absent: William J. Heim, Council**  
**Jean M. Bond, Council**

Others present: Joseph Pillittere(CHBWV), Max Borsuk(Springville Journal), Paul Bembia(NYSERDA), Bryan Bower(DOE), Susan Feldman, Richard Lundberg

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.

**RESOLUTION 17-2021**  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was  
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

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

Bryan Bower reported the appointment of a new Energy Secretary, Jennifer M. Granholm. Mr. Bower also stated current projects are continuing based on current CDC guidelines allowing for outside work and split schedules. As CDC updates guidelines, staff can be increased.

Paul Bembia stated the Rock Springs Culvert repair will be taking place this year through the NYSERDA property this year by Cattaraugus County DPW. Mr. Bembia also reported NYSERDA has completed the process for the Solar Farm and all aspects moving forward will need to be addressed by TOA, attorneys, or the solar company. Construction is anticipated to start this Spring.

Joseph Pillittere reported meetings continue and are held compliant to CDC guidelines for social distancing. CDC guideline updates are considered as meetings are being planned.

**RESOLUTION 18-2021**  
**APPROVAL OF CONENSUS ITEMS**

On motion of Council Ghani seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was  
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved hearing no objections, Agenda Item F1 through F5 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:

1. February Assessors Report
2. February Highway Expense/Fuel Report (+January)
3. February 13, 2021 minutes
4. February Town Clerk Report
5. February Supervisors Financial Report

**RESOLUTION 19-2021**  
**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

On motion of Council Ghani seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was  
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the following Budget Amendment are approved for the **General and Highway Accounts:**  
**From General A5010.1 Highway Superintendent to Highway DA5110.1 Snow-Personnel in the amount of \$5,711.52**

**RESOLUTION 20-2021**  
**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was  
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the bills be paid on Abstract #3 in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 40 through 61	\$19,347.99	Trust & Agency	No. 11 through 20	\$11,800.28
Highway Fund	No. 29 through 49	\$41,137.09	Water District	No. 11 through 19	\$2,900.51
Light District	No. 3	\$1,180.87			

**Supervisors Report:**

- Neighboring residents of Spittler Road are exploring access options with the consult of attorney. Cattaraugus County has also been contacted as these options are considered.
- DFT Communications has provided information regarding a possible mandatory 10-digit dialing for our area code due to a 3-digit nationwide number for Prevention/Crisis Lifeline. This could be implemented as early as Fall, 2021.
- Federal Aid may have a positive effect on TOA chips
- Code Red updates to data are ongoing. Communication to residents is key.

Highway Superintendent Butcher reported some wind and ice damage to the Highway building. Insurance will need to be contacted. He also reported some work needing to be done to cold storage building. Cattaraugus County DPW requests use of outdoor space for upcoming project and will provide grading in exchange. Butcher also informed board of a minor accident of the plow truck in the ditch resulted in a tow truck charge however no damage to the truck occurred. Folts Road culvert is to be replaced with Soil and Water Grant resources assisting.

Sgt. Jason Dry, Cattaraugus County Sheriff, will be in attendance at a future meeting to explain municipal contracts for patrol.

Justice Francis Lounsbury has been assigned to Justice Hebdon as mentor. Previous Justice Stiles has been mentoring and has sent resignation for this service as he will no longer be needed.

Youth Programs are being planned. Swimming is not likely however, the lunch program should be taking place this year.

The water committee has concerns for meters not communicating with the computer resulting in a necessary manual read. This issue will be closely monitored so the problem can be resolved.

**RESOLUTION 21-2021**

**APPROVAL OF NEW AND UNUSED TRUCK CHASSIS PURCHASE**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

WHEREAS, The Town of Ashford has resolved to participate in the United States Communities Government Purchasing Alliance as stated in the Procurement Policy and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Engels has researched and recommended the purchase of a new and unused Chassis from Fleet Maintenance, Inc., 67 Ransier Drive, West Seneca, NY 14224 and

WHEREAS, Cattaraugus County has awarded said bid, and

WHEREAS, Cattaraugus County participates in the United States Communities Governmental Purchasing Alliance, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Ashford buy said new and unused truck chassis for \$136,994.00 as allowed by the United States Communities Governmental Purchasing Alliance.

At 8:00pm Supervisor Pfeffer read the notice to bidders for the Town wide Trash pickup as it appeared in the Springville Journal. One bid was submitted as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1. MRC Disposal, Inc. 71 Nason Boulevard Springville, NY 14141	\$13,990.00

**RESOLUTION 22-2021**

**AWARD OF BID—TOWN TRASH PICK UP**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved MRC Disposal, Inc. be awarded the contract for 2020 Town Trash Pickup for \$13,990.00.

**RESOLUTION 23-2021**

**AUDIT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the records of the Town Clerk for 2020 having been duly examined and found all fees have been turned over to the proper officials; and the records of the Supervisor for 2020 having been duly examined with all monies disbursed properly having been duly examined and found all fees have been turned over to the proper officials. All said records and disbursements have been properly executed to the best of the boards' knowledge.

**RESOLUTION 24-2021**

**AUTHORIZE GRIEVANCE DAY GUIDELINES**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved Grievance Day, May 26, 2021, be held as scheduled in person while maintaining social distancing guidelines and limiting the number of people in the room.

Grant writer bids are being reviewed and will be resolved at the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION 25-2021**

**APPROVE PUBLIC EMPLOYER HEALTH EMERGENCY PLAN FOR TOWN OF ASHFORD**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Town of Ashford developed in accordance with NYS legislation S8617B/A10832 be approved and held in abeyance pending Teamster review.

**RESOLUTION 26-2021**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the board move into executive session at 8:15pm for legal resolution, potential negotiations.

**RESOLUTION 27-2021**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 0

Resolved the Board return to regular session at 8:20pm with no action taken in Executive Session.

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

(All aye)