

Present: John A Pfeffer, Supervisor
Charles E. Davis, III Councilman, Deputy Supervisor (remote)
William J. Heim, Councilman
Jean M. Bond, Councilwoman (remote)
Richard A. Bernstein, Councilman
Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk
Tim Engels, Highway Superintendent

Others present remotely: Max Borsuk, Paul Bembia, Bryan Bower, Jim Boberg, Mary Kay Williams

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 45-2020
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford approve the agenda with a removal of Audit of Claims in Consensus items

Bryan Bower, DOE, WVDP reported currently no COVID-19 cases at the WVDP and decreased staff on site are following guidelines set by CDC. The contract has been extended to July 2023.

Paul Bembia reported compliance to CDC guidelines require most employees to work from home. All required site monitoring is being done as scheduled using the social distancing requirements.

RESOLUTION 46-2020
APPROVAL OF CONENSUS ITEMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, 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:

1. March Code Enforcement Report
2. March Constabulary Report
3. March Dog Control Report-NYS Agriculture and Markets have submitted Satisfactory reports on Municipal Shelter and Dog Control Officer Inspections
4. March 11, 2020 Minutes
5. March Town Clerk Report
6. March Supervisors Financial Report

RESOLUTION 47-2020
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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

Resolved the following Budget Amendment is approved for the General Account:
 From **A1990.4** Contingent to **A1010.4** Town Board Contractual in the amount of **\$4,500.00**

RESOLUTION 48-2020
AUDIT OF CLAMS

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

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

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #4 in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 72 through 98	\$23,147.50
Highway Fund	No. 38 through 56	\$74,263.70
Light District	No. 4	\$1,096.39
Trust & Agency	No. 22 through 33	\$9,548.57
Water District	No. 23 through 31	\$378.58

SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- A Proclamation of Declaration of State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic has been issued for the Town of Ashford by Supervisor Pfeffer. Currently until May 15 unless rescinded. There has been extensive communication between Local, County and State Officials regarding the stop-work order and the definition of essential employees relative to respective officials and workers. There has been publications from NYS Division of Small Business and Technology Development to assist businesses during this time. Supervisor Pfeffer sought out interested residents to assist those in our community needing any kind of help. The names of the individuals have been provided to the Food Pantry and Local Churches.
- A ZOOM account has been created for the Town of Ashford in order to hold a Town Board meeting in compliance with Social Distancing and Open Meetings Law. The West Valley Fire District is also able use the account resulting in a shared service agreement.
- Armstrong Communications is seeking construction of a HUB in Ashford Hollow. Nothing can be done until a return to work order is given.
- Rails to Trails is still researching options for the trail through Ashford using existing roads, areas next to railroad, etc.
- Property Maintenance complaints are given to Code Enforcement Officer Larry Feldman and letters are being sent to violators.

- Hazard Mitigation in the Ashford Triangle continues. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has given public notice of the Acquisition and Demolition of the properties affected. Discussion took place and Supervisor Pfeffer confirmed the property owners have to agree before the project can commence.
- Many items are on hold due to the Stop Work order. Supervisor Pfeffer will address them when Return to Work order is issued.
- The invoice for the salt shed has been received from Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works. Highway Superintendent Engels stated the Town would see thousands of dollars in savings just this year. CHIPS funds and truck funds can be used to make payment.

RESOLUTION 49-2020
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR SALT SHED

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board authorize payment for the Cattaraugus County shared services salt shed in the amount of \$162,500.00

Highway Superintendent Engels reported the new truck will be available once the return to work order is given. Assessments are being researched to decide when highway workers are allowed to return to work. Compliance to New York State requirements are imperative.

Supervisor Pfeffer has directed constables to enforce the social distancing guidelines eliminating large gatherings.

RESOLUTION 50-2020
WATER BILLING CHANGE

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

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

Resolved the January, 2020 water bill for 5456 Pinecliff Drive be credited based on the average usage for previous 12 months.

Councilman Davis suggested the water committee revisit the Water District Local Law.

The time line of projected construction of the West Valley Solar LLC has been submitted to the Town Board members along with the proposed construction plans.

Supervisor Pfeffer opened discussion for timing of NYCLASS participation. The Board agreed to move forward.

RESOLUTION 51-2020
AUTHORIZE DRAIN USAGE

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

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

Resolved to allow groundwater drainage connection to Town of Ashford owned DI on Dole Avenue for homeowners Hoppel and Ahrens. Work to be performed at home owners expense, with approval from any property owners, the town supervisor and highway superintendent as required to make connection to DI on Dole Avenue. Connection to DI to be performed by qualified and insured contractor. The Town of Ashford assumes no liability for this connection or subsequent groundwater incursions to the homeowners as a result of this connection, the town further reserves the right to alter, realign or remove connection in order to protect town assets and the public health and property.

RESOLUTION 52-2020
APPROVE ASHFORD CEMETERY MOWING

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

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

Resolved Jack Tharnish was approved to complete the Ashford Cemetery mowing.

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

(All aye)