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**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, Bryan Bower, Robert Osborne, Jason Dry, Talveepon Farrar, Matthew Farrar, Warren Yokom

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**RESOLUTION 28-2021**  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Boberg 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 with removal of Audit of Claims from Consensus items due to the addition of a budget amendment.

Resident on MacLaughlin Road asked the Town Board to expedite a 911 number for his home. Emergency responders were unsuccessful in locating the home in an expeditious manner during the winter due to the inability to see the house number.

Resident on Beech Tree Road has continued issues with garbage dumping by motorists on personal property. Discussion took place regarding options to deter dumping and littering. Some options could be increased signage, lighting, and police presence. Community members are interested in assistance with the issue.

Supervisor Pfeffer introduced the new WVCS Superintendent Dr. Talveepon Farrar.

Sergeant Jason Dry of Cattaraugus County Sheriffs presented the board members information regarding contracting with the County Sheriff Department for additional patrol. Comparisons were provided for similar contracts.

Bryan Bower, DOE updated board members regarding WVDP. Mr. Bower explained guard forces at the site. Budget has yet to be determined for 2022. Site work is being done based on capabilities to continue work according to COVID-19 guidelines. Rail shipments are anticipated for removal and will be researched prior to taking place.

**RESOLUTION 29-2021**  
**APPROVAL OF CONENSUS ITEMS**

On motion of Council Ghani 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 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 Assessors Report
- 2. March Code Enforcement Report
- 3. March 10, 2021 minutes
- 4. March Town Clerk Report
- 5. March Supervisors Financial Report
- 6. March Highway Expense/Fuel Report

**SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

- ❖ Residents are still researching options for resolving Spittler Road access
- ❖ Pandemic Plan is available on the website and at the Community Center
- ❖ Possible redistricting could result in vertical districts
- ❖ CodeRed stats reports was provided for board members. Phone number list continually needs updating
- ❖ Solar decommissioning bond has been provided for the Solar Project. The Solar Project is set to begin construction in May.
- ❖ AOT provided training regarding The Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act. Many aspects of this need to be researched and the board needs to explore options of taking actions prior to December. This cannot be prohibited however, can be regulated as long as the restrictions are no unreasonable. A public hearing may take place. Actions are by permissive referendum. Dispensary and on site consumption will need to be looked at. On site consumption locations cannot be combined with any type of liquor license.
- ❖ Hamlet zoning could be instituted and cannabis may be addressed during the process.
- ❖ NYS budget offers an increase for CHIPS and PAVENY for Town of Ashford. Costs have also increased so the difference may be balanced.
- ❖ Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) report was provided for the grant received by Town of Ashford. CodeRed and electrical upgrade for the highway barn have been paid for using this so far.
- ❖ Continued issues with water meters will be resolved with replacement of problem meters. No cost to the Water District.
- ❖ A letter will be sent to Honorable Jennifer Granholm, the new United States Secretary of Energy with an invitation to travel to Ashford and encourage a visit to the area.
- ❖ Memorial Day celebration is seeking a lead agency. Hindered by COVID-19.
- ❖ Some of Ashford areas of lawn mowing are in need for someone to complete the work. An advertisement will be put in the paper.
- ❖ Miller/Peters road lighting has taken a step forward with easements from property owners done. Now DOT will need to move forward.
- ❖ Two submissions have been received for the Town Seal.

Highway Superintendent Butcher updated the board members with anticipated projects for the upcoming road repair season. A grant has been awarded to the Town of Ashford for some repair resulting in no cost for Ashford.

Code Enforcement Officer Feldman reported advertising for informational purposes due to the fact residents appear unclear when a permit is required and when inspections are necessary.

Justice Hebdon is seeking a per diem court clerk.

The summer youth recreation director will be hired after the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for acceptance of applications. Summer recreation will be held weekdays July 6 through August 14 from 9-12. Swimming will not be offered.

Water shut off capabilities need to be available for the WVVHC in the case of an emergency.

**RESOLUTION 30-2021**  
**APPROVAL OF GRANT WRITER BID**

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

Resolved the Town of Ashford enter into contract with Kalbacher Associates, LLC for grant writing services.

**RESOLUTION 31-2021**  
**AUTHORIZE SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTOR/EMPLOYEES**

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

Resolved the youth committee be authorized to hire a summer youth recreation director and 4 staff not to exceed budget amounts.

**RESOLUTION 32-2021**  
**AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT**

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

Resolved the Town of Ashford enter into agreement with Cattaraugus County for shared highway services through 6/30/2025.

**RESOLUTION 33-2021**  
**SOLAR FARM MORATORIUM**

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

Resolved authorize 6 month moratorium extension on Tier 3 solar Energy panel installations.

**RESOLUTION 34-2021**  
**COUNTY LINE RECOVERY PACKET TO CATTARAUGUS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

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

Resolved the information regarding County Line Recovery be forwarded for review to the Cattaraugus County Planning Board.

**RESOLUTION 35-2021**  
**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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

Resolved the following Budget Amendment are approved for the **General** Account:  
From **General A1990.4** Contingent to **Refuse and Garbage A8160.1** Refuse and Garbage in the amount of **\$750.00**

**RESOLUTION 36-2021**  
**AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT OF REMOVED TREES**

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

Resolved the Town Board authorize replacement of the trees (or equivalent) removed for the Route 240 sidewalk bridge.

**RESOLUTION 37-2021**  
**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

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

General Fund	No. 62 through 85	\$212,005.39 (includes WVFD payment)			
Highway Fund	No. 50 through 73	\$44,871.28	Water District	No. 11 through 19	\$2,900.51
Light District	No. 4	\$1,151.39	Trust & Agency	No. 21 through 33	\$13,406.56

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