

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.

Present: John A. Pfeffer, Supervisor
Angela M. Ghani, Council Deputy Supervisor
William J. Heim, Council
Jean M. Bond, Council
Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk
Keith Butcher, Highway Superintendent
Larry Feldman, Code Enforcement Officer

Absent: James P. Boberg, Council

Others present: Joseph Pillittere (CHBWV), Max Borsuk (Springville Journal), Paul Bembia (NYSERDA), Bryan Bower (DOE, WVDP), Kelly Wooley (CHBWV), John Rendall (CHBWV), Robert Osborne, Pastor Candy Scarem (St. Pauls UMC), Warren Yokum

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RESOLUTION 38-2021
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was

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

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

John Rendall gave a presentation “Main Plant Process Building Demolition”. Safe demolition is the main goal. The safe demolition will begin this year. A public hearing will be held to explain the process and answer any questions.

Paul Bembia reported the solar project is in full swing of the infrastructure phase.

RESOLUTION 39-2021
APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

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

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

Resolved hearing no objections, Agenda Item F1 through F7 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:

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| 1. April Assessors Report | 7. Abstract #4 in the following amounts: | | |
| 2. April Code Enforcement Report | General Fund | No. 86 through 102 | \$17,850.38 |
| 3. April 21, 2021 minutes (see resolution 45-2021) | Highway Fund | No. 74 through 88 | \$32,813.22 |
| 4. April Town Clerk Report | Light District | No. 5 | \$1,038.99 |
| 5. April Supervisors Financial Report | Water District | No. 28 through 33 | \$1,037.25 |
| 6. April Highway Expense/Fuel Report | Trust & Agency | No. 34 through 41 | \$9,825.22 |

SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- Armstrong is expediting construction with the goal for residents to be hooked up by the end of the year.
- The Solar Farm has a new company, New Era Solar. The decommissioning bond with the new company needs to reflect the arrangement agreed to with the previous company. The attorneys have been contacted to resolve the issue.
- A public meeting will be planned regarding the new cannabis regulation by New York State.
- Clark Patterson Lee has agreed to replace the water meters not reading on a regular basis. The most recent read was 100% which is the first time since meter reading began. This is being done at no cost to the water district.
- A fact sheet is being provided to the board members regarding the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA). ARPA provides funding to municipalities to reimburse for COVID-19 related costs.
- There will be a public event honoring Memorial Day in Ashford at the WVCS.
- Discussions are taking place with DOT and National Grid regarding the Miller/Peters Road Street Light.
- Identification cards will be printed by Cattaraugus County

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ❖ Highway Superintendent Butcher reported:
 - ✓ “No Littering” signs have been picked up and will be placed at various locations in Ashford. A ditch will be dug to deter dumping in locations repeatedly being abused. Violators will face fines.
 - ✓ A grant application will be completed for some bridge work
 - ✓ Micropaving is currently being done on some smaller roads
 - ✓ Garbage pickup has been completed and residents will need to dispose of anything not picked up. Some items were set out too late or did not meet the guidelines
 - ✓ Shared Services with Machias for use of equipment will take place
- ❖ Code Enforcement Officer Feldman reported there are more permits being issued as construction season has begun. Residents have responded well to advertising in the Springville Journal confirming permit regulations. The solar and communications companies have been in contact regarding permits.
- ❖ Supervisor Pfeffer will be setting up a meeting in the near future with the constables.
- ❖ Justice Hebdon still in need of an additional Court Clerk
- ❖ Insurance committee will collect quotes from insurance carriers to insure Ashford has the best insurance for the best price.
- ❖ Youth Commission hired Lindsey Drozd as the Director of Youth Recreation. Sign up sheets have already been circulated and curriculum is being planned. Four employees will be hired. The Bike Rodeo will be held again this year.

RESOLUTION 40-2021

AUTHORIZE COUNTY LINE RECOVERY LEAD AGENCY

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was

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

Resolved in agreement with the Cattaraugus County Planning Board, the Ashford Town Board authorize New York State Department of Environmental Conservation act as the SEQR Lead Agency for County Line Recovery, 7023 Henrietta Road, DEC ID #9-0422-00062/00002.

RESOLUTION 41-2021

APPROVAL OF NEW AND UNUSED PLOW EQUIPMENT AND DUMP BODY

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

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

WHEREAS, The Town of Ashford has resolved to participate in the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract, an approved NY State Contract

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Butcher has researched and recommended the purchase of the Everest Equipment package Sourcewell Contract #080818-EEQ, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Town of Ashford in fiscal year 2022 purchase the Everest Plow Equipment and Dump Body from Valley Fab Equipment for \$118,987.15 as allowed by the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract.

RESOLUTION 42-2021

SUPPORT CATTARAUGUS COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES IN UPDATING THE ASHFORD ASSESSMENT ROLL

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

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

WHEREAS, the Ashford Town Board supports the efforts of Cattaraugus County's Real Property Tax Services in updating the Ashford assessment roll to full-market value, and

WHEREAS, the Town feels that it is necessary to conduct a reassessment project of all properties to maintain a uniform standard of assessment for the Town; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ashford., New York, that the Town of Ashford hereby requests State assistance, specifically from the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services, to do a reassessment project to maintain a uniform standard of assessment in accordance with Section 305 of the Real Property Tax Law

RESOLUTION 43-2021

APPROVAL OF LAWN MOWING

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Bond the following resolution was

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

Resolved Ashford Town Board approve the bid submitted by Kevin Foster for lawn mowing of Franktown Cemetery, Thomas Corners Cemetery, and Highway Barn for a total of \$175 per week.

RESOLUTION 44-2021

APPROVAL OF GRANT WRITING CONTRACT

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was

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

Resolved the Grant Writing Contract be accepted with Kalbacher Associates with the right to reject based on non-performance or loss of funding.

RESOLUTION 45-2021

ADDITION TO RESOLUTION 33-2021

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

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

Resolved correction to Resolution 33-2021 add "...as a result of changes to Article 10"

RESOLUTION 46-2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was

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

Resolved the board move into executive session at 8:50pm to discuss negotiations.

RESOLUTION 47-2021

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was

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

Resolved the Board return to regular session at 9:05pm with no action taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Bond seconded by Heim and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05pm.

(All aye)