

Present: Charles E. Davis, III, Supervisor
John A. Pfeffer, Deputy Supervisor Councilman
William J. Heim, Councilman
Jean M. Bond, Councilwoman
Richard A. Bernstein, Councilman
Mary Kay Williams, Deputy Town Clerk
Tim Engels, Highway Superintendent
Larry Feldman, Code Enforcement Officer

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

There was a moment of silence for the passing of George Hess and Ralph Church. A copy of the approved minutes of this meeting will be sent to their spouses.

RESOLUTION 39-2018

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman John Pfeffer seconded by Councilman Jean Bond, the following resolution was

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

Resolved the minutes of April 19th be approved as submitted

Paul Bembia, NYSEDA West Valley Program Director, was unable to attend tonight's Board meeting, but the Board wishes to acknowledge and congratulate him on receiving the State's Public Service Award, and thank him for all that he does on behalf of our Town.

Dan Martonis Director of the Cattaraugus County Office of Real Property office spoke to the Board concerning his desire to offer full time assessor services to the Town of Ashford (and eventually all towns within the County) by having his office provide revaluations on all properties within the Town of Ashford. They would also be providing an onsite assessor to meet face to face with residents, such as we currently offer, and daily phone access for quires through their office in Little Valley. The cost to the Town would be the current assessor salary budget. Either party can opt out of the agreement with a 60 day notice. Two main reasons Mr. Martonis encouraged the Town to consider this offer, is that re-vals are costing Towns in excess of \$100,000 and at the 54% valuation we are currently at, not everyone is paying their fair share of the tax levy. Another advantage to using the same assessors across the County is that it would provide a unified standard and eliminate individual assessor biases when examining properties, and the valuations would be kept at 100% thus eliminating the need to do costly revaluations every 10 years or so. Ashford would still maintain their own Assessment Board of Review. January 2019 is the earliest that the County could take on the re-val for Ashford. The Board will take action at the June meeting.

Mr. Martonis also spoke on Land Banks, the current Zombie Law, and the county's desire to demolish or rehabilitate structures on a set schedule each year going forward. Right now the house near the corner of Rt. 240 and Gooseneck Rd is scheduled for demolition. The remaining lot will then be offered, through sealed bid, to the adjoining land owners. The Board thanked Mr. Martonis for his hard work on making this happen.

Senator Schumer has sent a letter to Secretary Rick Perry of the US Dept of Energy, on the Town of Ashford's behalf, asking for funding to help the town as they continue to address the social and economic impacts as a result of the decommissioning of the West Valley Demonstration Project.

Justice Court Fund revenues for March are \$6,300.50.

The board reviewed the April reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Constabulary

The Planning Committee reported that the County accepted the Comprehensive Plan. They are working on bringing a Farmer's Market to Ashford, setting up a Web page and Facebook page to announce events, looking at applying for a community revitalization grant to help with signage and lighting, installing a boat launch on Rt 240, and looking to arrange for a grant for an engineer's study for the possible installation of sewers within the Hamlet.

RESOLUTION 40-2018

AUTHORIZE TRAVEL AND HOTEL EXPENSES FOR JENNIFER CHANDLER

On a motion of Councilman John Pfeffer, seconded by Councilman Jean Bond, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town of Ashford pay \$379 to Jennifer Chandler of the Ferguson Group for travel expenses and a hotel for her to attend the training seminar on May 30th.

RESOLUTION 41-2018

AUTHORIZATION FOR WATER BILL CORRECTION

On a motion of Councilman John Pfeffer, seconded by Councilman Richard Bernstein, the following resolution was

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

Resolved the 2018 Quarter 1 and 2 water bills for 9561 Route 240 be charged at the rate of \$30 for usage and \$33 for Capital each.

RESOLUTION 42-2018

AUTHORIZATION TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE CODE ENFORCER WITH IDENTIFICATION AND A PLAN OF ACTION TOWARD BUILDINGS IN DISREPAIR AND THOSE FOUND TO HAVE EXCESSIVE JUNK CARS ON THEIR PROPERTY

On a motion of Councilman Jean Bond, seconded by Councilman John Pfeffer, the following resolution was

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

Resolved a committee be put in place to find a pathway to identify and clean up buildings within the Town of Ashford that are in disrepair and/or that have an excess of junk vehicles and work with the Code Enforcer in how to proceed. Councilmen Bond and Heim were assigned to this task by Supervisor Davis.

RESOLUTION 43-2018

AUTHORIZATION TO THANK WVCS FOR COMMUNITY DAY WORK

On a motion of Councilman Jean Bond, seconded by Councilman William Heim, the following resolution was

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board appreciates the West Valley Central School faculty and students for all the work they organized and completed on their Community Day on May 7, 2018 and extends a Thank you!

RESOLUTION 44-2018

APPROVAL OF 550 TRUCK SPECIFICATIONS

On a motion of Councilman John Pfeffer, seconded by Councilman William Heim, the following resolution was

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board approved the specifications of the 550 truck chassis provided by Highway Superintendent Tim Engels.

RESOLUTION 45-2018

TOWN OF ASHFORD'S GOAL IS THE RELEASE OF THE WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION SITE FOR UNRESTRICTED FUTURE USE OF THE LAND, WITH NO LONG-TERM WASTE STORAGE

On a motion of Councilman John Pfeffer, seconded by Councilman Richard Bernstein, the following resolution was

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

Whereas; The Western New York Nuclear Service Center in the Town of Ashford has housed radioactive and hazardous waste for over 50 years on a site that should never have been allowed to hold any waste nor would be allowed today because of Nuclear Regulatory Licensing rules and;

Whereas; The Department of Energy (DOE) and NYS Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) will determine the final disposition of that waste through a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) process, along with the Town of Ashford as a participating agency and;

Whereas; For any alternative that leaves waste onsite, the Draft SEIS should address the adverse impacts on the community character of Ashford, including such impacts on the town's residents and its prospects for economic development, resulting from the stigma of radioactive waste, and

Whereas; The Town of Ashford expects the Site Managers to recommend policies that will affect, ameliorate, or replace the losses to the community from the redirection in economic activity at the Center, and

Whereas; For any alternative that leaves wastes on site, scope of the SEIS should include items such as education, equipment, training, emergency response planning, redundant backup responses, medical preparedness, long-term health follow-up, environmental cleanup, and associated adequate funding for said items, and

Whereas; The Town of Ashford's goal that the cleanup result in unrestricted release of the Site is the assertion that the Site is not suitable for the long-term storage of long-lived radionuclides. In the years since the Site was selected and the facilities constructed, the government and the public have come to more clearly understand the dangers associated with radioactive wastes and the conditions and criteria that will maximize protection of human health and safety and the environment during the handling, management, reprocessing, storage and disposal of radioactive materials. The Western New York Nuclear Service Center Site does not meet existing U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licensing criteria, and

Whereas; onsite storage would be minimal under the site wide removal alternative because only about 1% of the waste (by volume) would be "orphan" waste for which offsite disposal is not currently available. Offsite disposal capacity is currently considered available for about 99% of the exhumed waste. Thus, almost all of the waste "is expected to be shipped off site as it is exhumed and processed, and

Whereas; DOE should seek a disposal path for all orphaned wastes, such that no wastes remain on site,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved; The Town of Ashford maintains as a goal the release of the Site the unrestricted future use of the land, and the Site should not be used for long-term waste storage.

RESOLUTION 46-2018

BUDGET AMENDMENT

On a motion of Councilman Jean Bond, seconded by Councilman John Pfeffer, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Davis, Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond
 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 **\$4,000.00**

RESOLUTION 47-2018

SUBMISSION OF THE TOWN OF ASHFORD COMMUNITY PRIORITIES TO THE ECA

On a motion of Councilman John Pfeffer, seconded by Councilman Jean Bond, the following resolution was

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

Resolved the Town of Ashford Board submit the following community priorities to the ECA:

- The Town of Ashford expects to be named as a participating agency in all decision making processes.
- The Town of Ashford expects there to be no waste left on sites as the final disposition of the WNYNSC.
- The Town of Ashford expects that any action made by DOE, NYSERDA, or its contractors and any decision made affecting the Town, (changes to infrastructure, changes to security) be discussed with the Town Board
- The Town of Ashford insists the WNYNSC is not suitable for any long term storage of any hazardous or radioactive wastes.

RESOLUTION 48-2018

MILEAGE APPROVAL FOR A TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC FOR SUPERVISOR DAVIS TO MEET WITH ECA AND NYSERDA

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

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

Resolved that if the upcoming May or June meeting with NYSERDA and ECA is moved to Washington DC, Supervisor Davis will be reimbursed for travel expenses.

RESOLUTION 49-2018

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

On motion of Councilman John Pfeffer, seconded by Councilman Jean Bond, the following resolution was

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

Resolved the Supervisors Monthly financial report for April 2018 is accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 50-2018

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion of Councilman John Pfeffer seconded by Councilman William Heim the following resolution was

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

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #5 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 112 through 133	\$34,488.38
Highway Fund	No. 72 through 82	\$20,553.98
Light District	No. 5	\$973.90
Trust & Agency	No. 33 through 43	\$12,247.94
Water District	No. 33 through 36	\$7,562.22

A motion was made by Bond seconded by Bernstein and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 pm. (All aye)

Mary Kay Williams—Deputy Town Clerk

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Ashford Town Clerk