

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

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

Austin Morgan introduced himself as a candidate for the NYS Senate position for the 57th District.

Dan Martonis, Cattaraugus County Director of Real Property and Kate Harrington, Cattaraugus County Assessor were in attendance to answer questions regarding the local assessing provided by Cattaraugus County starting October 1. A representative will be at the Ashford Community Center once a week and constituents have the option to contact the County M-F 8-5 by phone and anytime by email with expeditious responses. A revaluation will be completed within the six-year period and maintain at 100% during that time as well. The costs to have this service are the current rate of annual assessor salary payable annually to Cattaraugus County. This qualifies as a shared service.

RESOLUTION 65-2019
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Davis, Pfeffer, Bernstein, Bond
	Nays	0	

Resolved the minutes of July 10th be approved as submitted, further
 Resolved the minutes of July 31st be approved as submitted

Deborah Fenn, Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail (ECRT) Board President and Karen Parysek, ECRT Development Team Leader provided information on the status of the recreational trail in relation to the Town of Ashford. The Railroad wishes to preserve the corridor while maintaining connectivity as a multi use recreational trail as mandated by the US government. The high level bridge at the North side of Ashford does not appear safe. Karen Parysek reported a grant application was submitted to Empire State Development for a \$200K engineering and evaluation of the high level bridge. Some options are repair, stairs, walkways, kayak launches, etc. Costs and benefits would be researched in this study as well. Interested parties are willing to cover the matching grant portion which alleviates the Town of Ashford from having to budget the amount. Ashford would still be the responsible party to make the payment; however, it would be reimbursed. The deadline has passed so the grant application will need to be withdrawn and be submitted at a later date when all parties have had an integral part in the process. The whole trail will have the capability of emergency vehicle access. Councilwoman Jean Bond inquired on the feasibility of an active rail to provide transportation to Ellicottville and Salamanca.

Brad Frank, Ashford Planning Board member reported the Ashford Farmers Market will begin August and run through the end of October. Planning Board is actively seeking vendors with no charge to participate at the present moment.

Bryan Bower, DOE reported US Congressman Tom Reed was on site this week to view progress of demolition. The next phase of demolition will take place when infrastructure is in place.

County Road 32 is a work in progress from Gooseneck Road to Erie County with detour posted.

Justice Court Fund revenue for June, 2019 to Town of Ashford is \$5,560.50.

Sales Tax Distribution for second quarter to Town of Ashford is \$113,142.50

Thank you to Joe Pillittere for sponsoring new bikes for the Ashford Youth Bike Rodeo.

Animal Shelter Report has been submitted by NYSDA&M and is satisfactory.

Supervisor Davis reported to the best of his knowledge all information has been submitted to proceed with the funding for the West Valley Inn.

Insurance quotes are being researched with consideration to include shared services with Cattaraugus County.

RESOLUTION 66-2019
ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Davis, Pfeffer, Bernstein, Bond
	Nays	0	

Resolved the Ashford Town Board adopt the Comprehensive Master Plan as submitted by the Ferguson Group.

Truck repaired at Tenco is back in for same repair. Highway Superintendent Engels will inquire regarding warranty.

Bike Rodeo was well attended and received. Many volunteers and donors are to thank for the success. Education regarding safety is a priority and already appears to have a positive impact.

RESOLUTION 67-2019

AUTHORIZE CHANGE TO HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE PAY AND BENEFIT AGREEMENT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Bernstein, Bond
Nays 0

Resolved the following changes be applied effective immediately:

1. All accumulated vacation or sick days from prior year will be calculated on the set hourly rate the year the employee was eligible to receive the days.
2. Vacation: All vacation time must be used between January 1st and December 31st each year, unless a special request by an employee has been considered and approved by the Highway Superintendent. The request must be limited to roll over all or part of the allowed vacation days to the following year only. Vacation time rolled over shall be used before current year vacation time.
3. Sick Day: Three days are allowed per calendar year. Employees will be allowed to carry over unused sick days but will not be allowed to accumulate more than five unused sick days or (40) hours at any time. All accumulated days will be calculated on the set hourly rate the year the employee was eligible to receive the days and prior year days are to be used first. Highway Superintendent may request a Doctors certification. DBL insurance is available by the Town to cover employees.
4. (Under No 8 FMLA) one sick day is changed to sick days

RESOLUTION 68-2019

AUTHORIZE WATER BILLING CORRECTION

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Bernstein, Bond
Nays 0

Resolved Account #02210 be changed to reflect a 50% usage charge and no additional penalty due to a water leak repaired by property owner as soon as the leak was reflected on billing.

RESOLUTION 69-2019

AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF EDITORIAL

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Bernstein, Bond
Nays 0

Resolved the Ashford Town Board publish editorial regarding WVDP waste classification in the Springville Journal, Olean Times Herald and Buffalo News.

Supervisor Davis requests research on two topics: a town wide weekly trash/garbage pickup and the feasibility of hiring an Emergency Manager. It is suggested Ashford reach out to Cattaraugus County for Emergency Services.

RESOLUTION 70-2019

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Bernstein, Bond
Nays 0

Resolved Ashford Town Board move to Executive session at 8:40PM to discuss employment of an individual.

RESOLUTION 71-2019

RESUME REGULAR MEETING

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Bernstein, Bond
Nays 0

Resolved the Ashford Town Board resume regular meeting at 8:44PM.

The board reviewed the July reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Animal Control (Dec-July)
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Highway Expense/Fuel (June & July)

RESOLUTION 72-2019

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Bernstein, Bond
Nays 0

Resolved the Supervisors Monthly financial report for July 2019 is accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 73-2019

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Davis, Pfeffer, Bernstein, Bond
Nays 0

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #8 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 174 through 212	\$43,916.38
Highway Fund	No. 108 through 124	\$194,682.30
Light District	No. 8	\$916.59
Trust & Agency	No. 53 through 61	\$11,151.26
Water District	No. 56 through 67	\$42,893.10

A motion was made by Pfeffer seconded by Bernstein and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm. (All aye)