

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 (arrived 7:53pm)
William J. Heim, Council
Jean M. Bond, Council
James P. Boberg, Council
Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk
Keith Butcher, Highway Superintendent

Others present: Joseph Pillittere (CHBWV), Max Borsuk(Springville Journal), Paul Bembia(NYSERDA), Bryan Bower(DOE), Robert Osborne, Susan Feldman(Town of Ashford), Richard Lundberg

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RESOLUTION 77-2021
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg
Nays 0

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

Joe Pillittere provided updated information of current decommissioning progress and upcoming public meetings.

Paul Bembia gave updates regarding the improvement of the water infiltration controls at the State Disposal Area. The work will be finished soon and testing will be done to evaluate its effectiveness.

RESOLUTION 78-2021
APPROVAL OF CONENSUS ITEMS

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg
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. August Assessors Report
- 2. August 11 & 18 Minutes
- 3. August Town Clerk Report

SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- Miller/Peters Road lighting project is moving forward as a new project which will result in additional documentation.
- Budget Officer King was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the 2022 Tentative Budget.
- October 24 is the proposed date to begin using the area code 716 for all local calls.
- Armstrong is in Ashford running lines.
- Mansfield has proposed dissolving the volunteer fire department and combining with Ellicottville-Great Valley
- Significant rain fall resulted in drainage issues on Depot Street. Cattaraugus County is working to correct the problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ❖ Highway Superintendent Butcher gave updates with current projects. There are concerns with capabilities to complete work timely with a reduced crew. A new hire is necessary especially considering crew shortage due to scheduled surgery, PTO, and the fact the vacancy has never been filled. Butcher has concerns with trying to find anyone interested in being hired at the current pay scale. The Town Board agreed to work with Butcher as a new hire is considered. Butcher also is going to research the tractor/mower combo he would like to have the board consider purchasing.
- ❖ Water operators will flush the lines the second week of October. Some equipment repairs have had to be made.
- ❖ Insurance Committee will be researching to insure Ashford has comparable coverage and rates.
- ❖ Planning Board will be reviewing policies for wind and solar.
- ❖ Summer Youth Recreation has been completed and went very well. Next year WVCS will be under construction so a new location will be needed. St Johns Bingham Hall has been contacted for 2022 summer recreation. Specific rental terms will be completed before the program begins.
- ❖ Seniors were updated with current events for Ashford including cannabis and 716 area code dialing for local calls.
- ❖ Christmas Tree lighting is being planned for this year.

The sidewalk bridge project needs to be revisited by Cattaraugus County

RESOLUTION 79-2021
BUDGET AMENDMENT

On motion of Council Ghani 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 **A1990.4 Contingent** to:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual | \$4,000.00 | |
| A1110.4 Justice Contractual | \$1,500.00 | |
| A7310.1 Youth-Personnel | \$400.00 | Total of \$5,900.00 |

RESOLUTION 80-2021

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
Nays 0

Resolved the bills be paid on Abstract #9 in the following amounts:

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| General Fund | No. 190 through 215 | \$29,446.56 | | |
| Highway Fund | No. 137 through 156 | \$51,696.42 | Water District | No. 56 through 63 \$44,799.90 |
| Light District | No. 9 | \$853.92 | Trust & Agency | No. 71 through 81 \$10,735.87 |

RESOLUTION 81-2021

APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO CHANGE WATER BILL CHARGES

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
Nays 0

Resolved the Ashford Town Board authorize to change water bill charges to 9340 Route 240 to reflect a single family residence effective immediately.

RESOLUTION 82-2021

ADOPT 2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET AS THE 2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Bond, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
Nays 0

Resolved the 2022 Tentative Budget be adopted as the 2022 Preliminary Budget and further

Resolved the Town Clerk advertise in the official paper a public hearing on Wednesday, October 13th at 8:00pm at the regular scheduled meeting at the Ashford Community Center, 9377 Route 240, West Valley, NY

RESOLUTION 83-2021

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE RIGHT OF WAY PROVISIONS IN VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAW

On a motion from Council Heim seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Davis, Heim, Boberg, Ghani
Nays 0

Resolved the Ashford Town Board approve to advertise immediately and at a later date on the direction of Highway Superintendent Butcher in the Springville Journal and Springville Pennysaver a notice regarding snow and mailboxes in the right of way before the winter season arrives.

RESOLUTION 84-2021

AUTHORIZE HALLOWEEN CURFEW

On a motion from Council Heim seconded by Council Bond the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
Nays 0

Resolved a 9pm curfew by enforced for Halloween, October 31, 2021 and further
Resolved be advertised in the Springville Journal and Springville Pennysaver.

RESOLUTION 85-2021

AUTHORIZE ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

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

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

Resolved Ashford Town Board appoint Michael Gerwitz to a five year term ending 9/2026

RESOLUTION 86-2021

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE

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

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

Resolved Ashford Town Board authorize advertisement as directed by highway superintendent for a highway employee for \$17/hour

A congressional redistricting map has been released for review.

Closeout documents from Clark Patterson Lee regarding the Wastewater Collection Study have been received.

RESOLUTION 66-2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
Nays 0

Resolved the board move into executive session at 8:24pm per Public Officers Law Article 7 § 105 discussions regarding proposed, pending and current litigation.

RESOLUTION 67-2021

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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 Board return to regular session at 8:41pm with no action taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Boberg seconded by Ghani and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:41pm.

(All aye)