

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

Others present: Joseph Pillittere, Max Borsuk, Paul Bembia, Bryan Bower, Jim Boberg, Sue Feldman, John Patti, Bill King

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RESOLUTION 76-2020
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as amended to reflect Audit of Claims removed from Consensus Items and the August 12th minutes have “the water district well at the WVCS sustained storm damage. Issue handled through insurance” removed.

Bryan Bower, DOE, reported some employees are still working remotely during the Phase II opening. Phase III will allow for increased onsite operations.

Paul Bembia, NYSERDA, reported also teleworking employees as well as current onsite operations and the increased onsite operations for Phase III. Mr. Bembia also reported additional documents are being executed at the request of BQ Energy for the Solar Project.

Joseph Pillittere, CHBWV, updated board members with current and future decommissioning projects at WVDP.

RESOLUTION 77-2020
APPROVAL OF CONENSUS ITEMS

On motion of Councilman Davis seconded by Councilman Heim the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bernstein, Bond, Davis
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 Code Enforcement Report
3. August 12, 2020 minutes with amendment previously stated
4. August Town Clerk Report
5. August Supervisors Financial Report
6. August Highway Expense & Fuel Report

SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- Direct Deposit is being researched for a more efficient way of paying employees
- NYSERDA is again having the deer hunting program archery only. Interested individuals must apply for permission to participate.
- A revenue list has been completed comparing last year to this year to reflect the effects COVID is having on the Town of Ashford.
- In July the well at the school suffered damage during a storm. Assessments were made and utility companies have been made aware. The insurance company is taking care of this.
- The Solar Farm project continues to move forward. Discussion took place regarding communications with residents when the time comes to be able to sign up for this service.
- Cattaraugus County Hazard Mitigation will need to be further researched to reflect pertinent issues to the area.

No petitions have been filed with the Town Clerk regarding eliminating the second justice position.

Discussion took place regarding a procedure for billable work of water operators. The water committee will research options for these procedures.

Councilwoman Bond stated although a Tree Lighting Ceremony may not be allowable this year, the tradition of having a lit tree in front of the Ashford Community Center should still continue.

Budget Officer William King was in attendance to highlight some changes and points of interest in the 2021 Tentative Budget. Discussion took place

Discussion took place regarding a letter submitted by the resident affected by the trash dumping on Beech Tree Road and possible solutions. The property owner will be contacted to discuss further.

RESOLUTION 78-2020

ADOPT 2021 TENTATIVE BUDGET AS THE 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

Resolved the 2021 Tentative Budget be adopted as the 2021 Preliminary Budget and further

Resolved the Town Clerk advertise in the official paper a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14th at 8:00pm at the regular scheduled meeting at the Ashford Community Center, 9377 Route 240, West Valley, NY

RESOLUTION 79-2020

ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT

On motion of Councilman Davis seconded by Councilman Heim the following resolution was

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

Resolved Richard D. Perkins, Jr. be appointed to a 5 year term of the Assessment Board of Review

RESOLUTION 80-2020

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE RIGHT OF WAY PROVISIONS IN VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAW

On a motion from Councilman Davis seconded by Councilman Bernstein the following resolution was

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

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

Discussion took place regarding Halloween. The Board will discuss again at the October meeting.

A resident on Route 219 submitted a letter of concern for safety of residents due to increased speed by motorists from the South border of Ashford to the 45mph zone.

RESOLUTION 81-2020

REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC STUDY

On a motion from Councilwoman Bond seconded by Councilman Davis the following resolution was

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board requests a traffic study to be completed on Route 219 from the South border of the Town of Ashford traveling north to the zone of 45mph. to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed and further

Resolved the Town Clerk complete and submit the Form TE 9a to the Cattaraugus County Commissioner of Public Works.

RESOLUTION 82-2020

BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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

Resolved the following Budget Amendments are approved for the General Account:

From **A1680.2** Data Processing to **A1010.4** Town Board Contractual in the amount of **\$3,000.00**

RESOLUTION 83-2020

AUDIT OF CLAMS

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

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

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

General Fund	No. 200 through 223	\$19,581.47	Trust & Agency	No. 71 through 80	\$9,813.18
Highway Fund	No. 106 through 123	\$23,750.46	Water District	No. 63 through 69	\$7,848.98
Light District	No. 9	\$917.32			

RESOLUTION 84-2020

AUTHORIZE PLANNING BOARD REVIEW

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

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

Resolved Ashford Town Board charge the Planning Board to review and revise the current Wind Law to insure up to date policies and update the Comprehensive Master Plan to reflect all school districts within the Town of Ashford.

A motion was made by Bond seconded by Bernstein and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50pm.

(All aye)