

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

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

RESOLUTION 51-2019

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Resolved the minutes of May 8th be approved as submitted

Paul Bembia, NYSERDA WVDP Director reported NYSERDA’s continuing support of the Town of Ashford contract with BQ Energy.

Joe Pillittiere reported updates with continued decommissioning at WVDP.

Cattaraugus County Treasurer sent check to Town of Ashford for 1st Quarter Sales Tax Distribution of \$106,733.59 and 4th Quarter Mortgage Tax Apportionment of \$10,614.27.

Justice Court revenues to Ashford for April is \$6,454.75.

New York State Town Clerks Association reported to Supervisor Davis notification of designation of Registered Municipal Clerk for Ashford Town Clerk Patricia Dashnaw as a result of continuing education and experience. The Town Board congratulated Clerk Dashnaw on the accomplishment.

NYS Dept of Tax and Finance sent notification of Final Equalization Rate of 50.00. Notification of Final Railroad Ceiling of \$104,960 has also been received.

USDOE sent a letter to Supervisor Davis commending him on his diligence in maintaining correspondence with DOE and WVDP. Included in the requests by Supervisor Davis are impacts on the town as a result of WVDP, funding, traffic hazards, and railroad issues.

Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development Planning and Tourism, Rails to Trails, and Complete Streets will complete grant for the 2019 Consolidated Funding Application Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Grant for feasibility of parking lot and boat launch.

Division of Criminal Justice Services sent notification of change in reporting from paper to electronic. Further information was received regarding a Use of Force Model Policy. This information will be given the Constable Supervisor, H. Michael Parish for review.

The utility company has completed work enabling Cattaraugus County and Town of Ashford to complete the sidewalk bridge.

RESOLUTION 52-2019

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR RFP TO COMPLETE SIDEWALK BRIDGE

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board authorize advertising for RFP to add rails on the newly completed sidewalk bridge to be the same as the sidewalk bridge in the South side of the West Valley Hamlet on Route 240.

Summer Youth Recreation is ready for the season to start and schedule is complete. Swimming will be in Machias, field trips are planned, and volunteers and workers are secured. A bike rodeo may be an addition to the schedule to instruct bike checks and safety issues.

RESOLUTION 53-2019

AUTHORIZE PAY RATE FOR SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION

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

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

Resolved employees for summer recreation be paid hourly at the minimum wage rate.

There have been some issues with free range chickens in the hamlet. A Right To Farm in Ashford is an issue the Board needs to address.

Armstrong is a little behind in schedule therefore residents in the Town of Ashford will not be able to have high speed internet for several months.

A rate schedule has been provided to the Town of Ashford on emergency water repair.

RESOLUTION 54-2019

AUTHORIZE TOWN OF ASHFORD WEST VALLEY WATER EMERGENCY REPAIR RATES

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

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

Resolved Town of Ashford board approve the Emergency Water Repair rate schedule provided.

RESOLUTION 55-2019

AUTHORIZE TOWN OF ASHFORD WEST VALLEY WATER BILLING UPDATE

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

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

Resolved Account number 1310 at 9228 Route 240 reflect a capital charge of one

Highway Superintendent Engels gave the following report:

- Lamb & Webster is no longer providing parts or service without payment in full at time of purchase.
- A meeting regarding the Salt Shed for Town of Ashford and Cattaraugus County will be held later this week. This Salt Shed is being installed as a shared services and a grant has been secured for the portion of the construction.
- Chips work is being done on Stady Road. Councilman Bernstein requested signage be provided prior to road work for residents to make arrangements.
- Engels petitioned the Board members to revisit the pay scale and benefits provided to highway workers as there appears to be some frustration among the workers. He asked members to initiate a conversation with the highway workers to learn of some of the concerns.
- Insurance has covered repairs on damaged truck.
- Councilman Pfeffer suggested moving forward immediately with a fire alarm system at the highway barn with a reputable company who has previously bid for the job.

RESOLUTION 56-2019

AUTHORIZE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT HIGHWAY BARN

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

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

Resolved Town of Ashford proceed with installation of Fire Alarm System as bid by Amherst Alarm.

Abandoned Spittler Road has a rope across it and area residents have asked on legalities of the barricade. Attorney, Charles M. Harrigan confirmed an abandoned road can be gated as long as all property owners which have to use the road for ingress/egress are entitled to open the gate to have passage to their properties.

The Ground Lease and Ground Sub-Lease regarding the West Valley Solar, LLC have been executed and provided for Board members.

Councilman Heim suggested to Board members to be diligent in research pertaining to Cattaraugus County providing property assessment and full valuation for the Town of Ashford. Discussion took place and it was made clear the tax levy for the municipalities remains the same and is distributed differently based on the assessments. This service was agreed upon by the Ashford Town Board and Legislator Joseph Boberg was in attendance to confirm the benefits of the Town to participate in the program. This is a shared services program and the Town can opt out at any time if it does not meet the expectations of the board.

The board reviewed the May reports for:

- Town Clerk
- Highway Fuel and Expense Report

RESOLUTION 57-2019

BUDGET AMENDMENT

On a motion of Councilman Pfeffer, seconded by Councilwoman Bond, 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 **A8160.4** Garbage and Refuse in the amount of **\$310.00**

RESOLUTION 58-2019

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 59-2019

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved the bills contained Abstract #6 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 114 through 151	\$49,368.09
Highway Fund	No. 73 through 95	\$47,545.93
Light District	No. 6	\$928.72
Trust & Agency	No. 35 through 44	\$14,746.62
Water District	No. 38 through 51	\$5,560.09

The Honorable Joseph Boberg, Cattaraugus County Legislator District 2 was in attendance and gave the following updates:

- Culvert replacement will take place on Rock Springs Road
- Salt Storage project for Town of Ashford and Cattaraugus County is a great benefit to both municipalities as a Shared Services.
- Legislator Boberg also suggested for the Town of Ashford to research participation in the Cattaraugus County medical benefit package for the Town Highway Department as a shared service.
- Small local grants are available for a variety of projects and if the Town has a project in mind and a budget determined, application for the grant can be made.
- Erie County is addressing road repair and update to 240 North of Cattaraugus County. Cattaraugus County will continue work from the County line to at least Gooseneck Road.

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

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Ashford Town Clerk