

Present:John A. Pfeffer, Supervisor
James P. Boberg, Council Deputy Supervisor
William J. Heim, Council
Jean M. Bond, Council
Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk
Keith R. Butcher, Highway Superintendent
Absent: Angela M. Santiago, Council

Others present: Joseph Pillittere (CHBWV), Bryan Bower (DOE), Paul Bembia (NYSERDA), Max Borsuk (Springville Journal), Jason Casper (CHBWV)

A regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United State Flag at the Ashford Community Center at 6:00pm with John A. Pfeffer Town Supervisor presiding.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Betty Boberg, a long time resident whose family members have been appointed to various positions as well as her son Jim who holds an elective office as Town Council.

RESOLUTION 9-2024
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Boberg, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as presented with additions of the Solar Local Law and rescheduling of meetings in New Business.

Jason Casper presented the board members with an update of current decommissioning and community service projects completed.

RESOLUTION 10-2024
APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Boberg, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0

Resolved hearing no objections, Agenda Item F1 through F8 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:

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| 1. January Assessors Report | 8. January Audit of Claims: | | |
| 2. January Code Enforcement Report | General Fund | No. 1 18-64 | \$143,331.39 |
| 3. January 10, 2024 | Highway Fund | No. 1, 9 through 23 | \$110,443.43 |
| 4. January Supervisors Financial Report | Water District | No. 3 through 16 | \$3,836.48 |
| 5. January Town Clerk Report | Trust & Agency | No. 1 through 12 | \$19,362.15 |
| 6. January Highway Expense & Fuel Report | Light District | No. 28 | \$901.33 |
| 7. January Dog Control Report (& December) | | | |

Supervisors Management Report:

- The COPS grant has provided for a Sheriff in Ashford and this has had a positive impact in the community. DOE has also been able to assist with funds for this purpose as well. An agreement has been reached with the West Valley Central School for fuel for the Sheriff car in Ashford. The quarterly bill from Cattaraugus County has been received and is included in the vouchers this month.
- A DOE grant for Environment Management is being researched by the grant writer. This would encourage infrastructure improvements.
- Resolutions addressing state initiatives will be created and presented to the Town Board. It is the responsibility of officials at the Town level to insure State legislation serves its constituents positively. Home rule resolutions can be a benefit.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- ❖ Security cameras are necessary at the Town Barn. The company who provides the service at the Community Center will be contacted to perhaps just add on to the existing system at a different location.
- ❖ The Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds was received and given to Board members for signatures and will be returned to Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works.
- ❖ With the significant cost increase of all supplies and equipment, review of equipment rotation will determine how to proceed with equipment purchases and road work. For each mile of chip seal it can be up to \$35K and equipment prices have minimally doubled. The broom needs to be upgraded and a 550 need to be purchased for this year.
- ❖ Radios updated a few years ago as required by Cattaraugus County, do not work. Working radios need to be researched. The Highway Committee can address this issue.
- ❖ For safety purposes, the food pantry relocation is necessary. One of the bays at the Town Barn is taken by the food pantry as they have outgrown the room initially provided. Supervisor Pfeffer stated he is trying to find another location within the Town of Ashford.
- ❖ A fuel tank with the County and cold storage building repairs need to be addressed.

Audit committee completed audits of the officials. Council Heim recommends a payroll service be contracted for Town of Ashford. Payroll services are responsible for compliance when changes occur and the service would be a benefit. The audit committee also suggests an outside audit be performed every few years.

The Town of Ashford West Valley Water well at the School has needed some emergency repairs. A process should be in place for emergency repairs. A company has been hired to resolve the current issue.

RESOLUTION 11-2024
AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CEMETERY LAWN MOWING SERVICES.

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg
 Nays 0
Resolved the Ashford Board authorize Town Clerk to advertise for bids for Cemetery lawn mowing services for 2024 same as last year, to be opened at the March meeting after Trach Removal Bid Opening.

RESOLUTION 12-2024
AUTHORIZE HOME RULE REQUEST

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Boberg, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0
Resolved Ashford Town Board authorize the Home Rule Request in support of Senate Bill S431 and Assembly Bill A2128 introduced by Senator George Borello and Assemblyman Joseph Giglio providing for the payment of State Aid to the Town of Ashford.

RESOLUTION 13-2024
AUTHORIZE APRIL AND JULY MEETING CHANGE

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Boberg, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0
Resolved the April meeting of the Town Board be changed to Tuesday April 9th 6pm and further
Resolved the July meeting of the Town Board be changed to Wednesday July 17th 6pm

RESOLUTION 14-2024
APPROVE LOCAL LAW #1-2024 SOLAR ENERGY LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ASHFORD, CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, NY

On motion from Council Boberg seconded by Council Heim, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Boberg, Heim, Bond, Santiago
 Nays 0
WHEREAS, a proposed local law of the year 2024, *Solar Energy Local Law* was introduced by Supervisor Pfeffer and copies thereof were placed on the desks of the members of the Town Board on July 12, 2023, and
WHEREAS, after due discussion, the Town Board set October 18, 2023 6PM as a time for a public hearing to be held of the said Local Law; and
WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing dated September 20, 2023 was published in the Springville Journal the Town’s official newspaper on the 5th of October, 2023, which was more than five days prior to the date set for the public hearing; and
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Town Board on October 18, 2023
WHEREAS, the Town Board approved by resolution on October 18, 2023 for the Supervisor to proceed with SEQR and submit to Cattaraugus County Planning Board the proposed local law, and
WHEREAS, The Cattaraugus County Planning Board reviewed the proposed local law and voted unanimously to approve with the modifications
WHEREAS, The Town Board approved the modifications recommendation by the Cattaraugus County Planning Board by resolution January 10, 2024
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the proposed Local Law #1, *Solar Energy Local Law* of the Town of Ashford, Cattaraugus County NY be adopted by this Board and further
RESOLVED, the Town Clerk, upon adoption of the Local Law, certify a copy of this Local Law and attach thereto this certification the Local Law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for its enactment, and that the Local Law be filed with the Secretary of the State of the State of New York on the form provided by the Department of the State, and that said filing be made within 20 days after the final adoption of this Local Law as required by Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. The Local Law shall be effective upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of the State, and further
RESOLVED, the Supervisor submit the completed Part 3 Municipal Report of Final Action to the Cattaraugus County Planning Department, Now therefore,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Local Law considered by this Board for adoption, be attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

A motion was made by Heim seconded by Bond and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:49pm. (All aye)