

**Present:** John A. Pfeffer, Supervisor  
Angela M. Ghani, Council Deputy Supervisor  
James P Boberg, Council  
Jean M. Bond, Council  
Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk  
Keith Butcher, Highway Superintendent  
Larry Feldman, Code Enforcement Officer  
**Absent:** William J. Heim, Council

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

A regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United State Flag at the Ashford Community Center at 7:00pm with John A. Pfeffer Town Supervisor presiding.

**RESOLUTION 25-2022**  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as presented with additions of 2 items to Supervisors Management Report (solar farm and water grant) and 1 item to new business (audit of claims).

Bryan Bower stated visitors from Washington DC, Pittsburg, and Albany will be given presentations on demolition projects.

Joe Pillittere gave updates on current decommissioning projects.

Paul Bembia reported repairs to the soil slumping on the slope will be made after an efficient solution is determined. In addition, Cattaraugus County is slip lining two culverts under Rock Springs Road and NYSERDA is supporting the effort with whatever the county needs to complete. Paul also informed the board of a community cleanup taking place next week. All participants will be considering safety as a priority

**RESOLUTION 26-2022**  
**APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS**

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

Resolved hearing no objections, Agenda Item F1 through F7 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. April Assessors Report        | 5. April Supervisors Financial Report |
| 2. April Code Enforcement Report | 6. April Town Clerk Report            |
| 3. Jan-April Dog Control Report  | 7. April Highway Fuel Report          |
| 4. April 12, 2022 minutes        |                                       |

**SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

- LED Street Light Conversion paperwork has been submitted.
- Logging on Ashford Hollow Road continues
- ECA recommends representation in Washington DC by Ashford Board as budget is being prepared. Supervisor Pfeffer asked for participation from Board members to attend.
- Trash pickup is completed other than a couple of items from Town Highway Bard
- Memorial Day celebration will take place with collaboration of the School, Town, Fire Department, and Legion members
- NYS Class investments would be beneficial with the rise in interest
- National Clean up workshop will be in September and Supervisor Pfeffer asked for participation from Board members to attend.
- COPS grant: Cattaraugus County Legislators are working this into the budget to move forward with Ashford patrol.
- West Valley Solar will have a ribbon cutting
- Clark Patterson Lee, PE and grant writer are researching grants and better meters.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

- The municipal parking lot fence is in need of repair
- Sidewalk has been removed from private residence property
- Equipment requests, sales, and expected delivery dates were provided.

Code Enforcement Officer informed the board of new buildings being constructed this year.

Summer recreation is being planned and employees have been contacted. Swimming does not appear to be an option for 2022.

Armstrong service needs to be researched for service for Town of Ashford Community Center and the Highway Barn.

**RESOLUTION 27-2022**  
**AUTHORIZE SUMMER RECREATION RATE OF PAY**

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

Resolved the 2022 rate of pay for summer recreation employees be \$14/hour total amount expended not to exceed the budget of \$3,750.00 total for 2022.

RESOLUTION 28-2022  
SUPPORT CATTARAUGUS COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE IN UPDATING 2023 ASSESSMENT ROLL

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Boberg, Ghani  
Nays 1 Bond

WHEREAS, the Ashford Town Board supports the efforts of Cattaraugus County’s Real Property Tax Services in updating the 2023 assessment roll to full-market value, and

WHEREAS, the Town feels that it is necessary to conduct a reassessment project of all properties to maintain a uniform standard of assessment for the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ashford, New York, that the Town of Ashford hereby requests State assistance, specifically from the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services, to do a reassessment project to maintain a uniform standard of assessment in accordance with Section 305 of the Real Property Tax Law.

RESOLUTION 29-2022  
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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

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

From A1990.4 Contingent to A8160.4 Refuse and Garbage in the amount of \$1,800.00

From A5132.4 Town Garage Contractual to A5132.2 Town Garage Equipment in the amount of \$500.00

RESOLUTION 30-2022  
AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved the bills be paid on Abstract #5 in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 102 through 122	\$24,991.17	Trust & Agency	No. 35 through 44	\$12,052.28
Highway Fund	No. 59 through 77	\$69,464.64	Water District	No. 31 through 35	\$1,383.63
Light District	No. 5	\$977.95			

No bids were submitted for cemetery lawn mowing.

RESOLUTION 30-2022  
AUTHORIZE 2022 MOWING

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

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

Resolved Ashford Board authorize Supervisor Pfeffer to work with the 2021 lawn mowing contractor to maintain the properties at a reasonable level as allowed by 2022 budget amount.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a loader and pickup as has been done in the past. Town Clerk Dashnaw will provide information to Highway Superintendent Butcher on previous purchases.

A motion was made by Boberg seconded by Ghani and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:38pm. (All aye)