

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

Others present: Jean Kwasnik, Joseph Pillittere, Bryan Bower, Susan Feldman, Paul Bembia, Ashley Lowrey

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 46-2022**  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda with additions of the letter of intent for Restore NY Grant in New Business and Fence update in Supervisors Report.

Paul Bembia, NYSERDA WVDP Program Director gave updates regarding the soil slumping investigation. The determination concurs the slumping is shallow and is occurring in fill material placed on the slope during operation of the disposal facility. NYSERDA is currently working with an engineering firm on a design to eliminate the soil sloping and anticipates completion of the project yet this year.

Joe Pillittere gave the board updates with current projects.

**RESOLUTION 47-2022**  
**APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS**

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was  
ADOPTED           Ayes     4           Pfeffer, Heim, 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. July Assessors Report                     | 7. Audit of Claims #8:             |             |
| 2. July Code Enforcement Report              | General Fund   No. 192 through 211 | \$22,939.84 |
| 3. July 13, 2022 / July 21, 2022 minutes     | Highway Fund   No. 112 through 121 | \$17,127.84 |
| 4. July Supervisors Financial Report and May | Light District   No. 8             | \$863.42    |
| 5. July Town Clerk Report                    | Trust & Agency   No. 65 through 75 | \$10,814.18 |
| 6. July Highway Fuel Report                  | Water District   No. 52 through 59 | \$42,988.52 |

**SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

- Verizon will be using the tower on Fox Valley Road to boost reception for Verizon customers in the area.
- The senior citizen exemption for real property tax has not been increased since 2007. The Town Board needs to address this issue for updating.
- GoBike bike stand locations have been researched. Stands have not been placed yet.
- A town meeting will be held for Ashford residents regarding the Main Plant Processing Building Demolition at WVDP with opportunity to have questions answered.
- ECA asked Supervisor Pfeffer to be present at an informational forum focusing on modular reactors and provide suggestions to municipalities as the research and planning process occurs. The experiences in Ashford will be helpful to other areas new to the issue.
- A grant application for security cameras will be submitted.
- Catt Co Sheriff has filled all positions with qualified recruits. Ashford has been awarded the COPS Grant and it is anticipated an additional recruit can fill the position.
- The municipal parking fence is in disrepair and the study result for the survey needs to be completed before the fence project can be done.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Highway department is currently at full staff. Paving projects have been completed. Brush tractor has still not arrived. MRC has completed requested pickups.
- Code Enforcement officer reported several projects still being planned this season. Verizon has applied for permit in Ashford.
- Constable committee has researched area municipalities regarding payment for constabulary services.
- Planning board will be submitting the Solar Local Law Draft.
- Summer youth recreation is almost completed with the final event being the Bike Rodeo. Many activities have taken place at no cost to the town and also in conjunction with Machias youth recreation. One participant has been injured and insurance has been contacted.
- Restore NY Letter of intent for the West Valley Inn can be submitted on direction of the Ashford Town Board.

**RESOLUTION 48-2022**  
**AUTHORIZE INTENT TO APPLY FOR RESTORE NY FUNDING**

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was  
ADOPTED            Ayes     4            Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Ghani  
                             Nays     0  
Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby authorize the Intent to Apply for Restore NY funding application process for the West Valley Inn.

**RESOLUTION 49-2022**  
**AUTHORIZE CONSTABULARY PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

On motion of Council Ghani seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was  
ADOPTED            Ayes     4            Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Ghani  
                             Nays     0  
Resolved the Town Board for the Town of Ashford hereby authorize the preliminary 2023 budget for Constabulary rate as \$16 per hour and two hour minimum per occasion.

**RESOLUTION 50-2022**  
**AUTHORIZE OCTOBER MEETING CHANGE**

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was  
ADOPTED            Ayes     4            Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Ghani  
                             Nays     0  
Resolved the October regular town board meeting be held on Monday October 10, 2022 same time and location.

A motion was made by Ghani seconded by Bond and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35pm. (All aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk