

**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  
**Absent:** James P. Boberg, Council

Others present: Joseph Pillittere

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.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Theresa Schmitt, mother of Susan Feldman, Supervisors Bookkeeper.

**RESOLUTION 20-2022**  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Council Ghani seconded by Council Bond 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 as presented

Joseph Pillittere, CHBWV, gave updates on current status of decommissioning projects. Rail shipments are done until later in the summer when continued shipments will resume.

**RESOLUTION 21-2022**  
**APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS**

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Bond 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. March Assessors Report             | 7. March Audit of Claims:          |              |
| 2. March Code Enforcement Report      | General Fund    No. 69 through 101 | \$28,570.74  |
| 3. March 8, 2022 minutes              | Highway Fund   No. 41 through 58   | \$194,641.17 |
| 4. March Supervisors Financial Report | Light District   No. 4             | \$1,090.92   |
| 5. March Town Clerk Report            | Trust & Agency  No. 24 through 34  | \$16,387.23  |
| 6. March Highway Fuel Report          | Water District   No. 20 through 30 | \$4,202.38   |

**SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

- The Town Board has been asked to implement a Noise Ordinance.
- Verizon and CitySwitch have an agreement and forecast to build in the West Valley Hamlet resulting in increased cell service for Verizon customers.
- Armstrong continues to move forward with the Ashford project.
- Many streetlights are not working. Upgrades are being researched.
- Cattaraugus County DPW has provided detailed information on the logging taking place at the top of Ashford Hollow Road. The softwoods are being harvested as a forestry management project. Hardwoods are being left to mature and propagate. The only area being left alone is the immediate area around the Hebdon Road recreation pond. The harvested trees will be used for telephone/electric line poles.
- Supervisors office hours are received well by residents as they appreciate the opportunity to discuss issues. One of the issues presented are the lack of recreational opportunities provided in the Town of Ashford
- FEMA grant has been secured for the Ashford Triangle. Residents are hesitant to sell due to the lack of alternate housing.
- ECA Waste Management Symposium in Phoenix was attended by Pfeffer. Waste may be classified by composition which would be progress for WVDP. Infrastructure projects could be funded with DOE grants available for local municipalities.

Highway Superintendent Butcher reported:

- 10 wheeler almost completed. Truck 19 needs to be sold at auction.
- Sidewalk snowblower needs to be replaced before next season. Snowblower only, tractor is still good
- Loader and Pickup are due to be traded in this year.
- Projects may see quite a hike in costs with the costs of materials increasing. At the current rate of increases these projects will be hard to budget.

Planning Board is currently updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Summer Recreation will take place and Council Bond will provide the senior citizens the opportunity to view the drone footage of the solar farm.

Clark Patterson Lee, PE has been made aware of the ongoing issues with inefficient water meters. This issue will be looked into this year.

Discussion took place regarding the Erie County Rail Trail project concerning the Mill Street Bridge. Board members are concerned that 100% of the project does not become any responsibility of the Town.

**RESOLUTION 22-2022**  
**AUTHORIZE DEVELOPMENT OF NOISE ORDINANCE**

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

ADOPTED            Ayes        3                      Pfeffer, Heim, Bond  
                         Nays        1                      Ghani

Resolved the Town Board authorize the Planning Board to develop a Noise Ordinance.

**RESOLUTION 23-2022**  
**ADVERTISE CEMETERY MOWING**

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

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

Resolved the Town Board authorize advertising for contract to mow cemeteries and other Ashford properties for 2022.

The West Valley Central School is taking the lead on the Memorial Day celebration.

National Grid has an Outdoor Lighting LED Conversion Program which would result in savings to the light districts.

**RESOLUTION 24-2022**  
**AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN OUTDOOR LIGHTING LED CONVERSION PROGRAM**

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 authorize participation in the National Grid Outdoor Lighting LED Conversion Program spending the required funds to be reimbursed at the conclusion of installation.

A motion was made by Heim seconded by Bond and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50pm. (All aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk