

**Present:**John A. Pfeffer, Supervisor  
Angela M. Ghani, Council Deputy Supervisor  
William J. Heim, Council (arrived 7:12)  
Jean M. Bond, Council  
James P. Boberg, Council (arrived 7:02)  
Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk

Others present: Joseph Pillittere(CHBWV), Melinda Mellon, Matthew Wiedemann, JM Jewett (SWAF), Bill Kozak (SWAF Vice President), Thomas Rozler (SWAF President), Erin Parish (SWAF) (Ashford Historian), Max Borsuk (Springville Journal)

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 63-2022**  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was  
ADOPTED       Ayes     3           Pfeffer, Bond, Ghani  
                      Nays     0

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as presented with additions to New Business for Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firefighters (SWAF), Water Billing and additions to Correspondence Items.

Members of SWAF and West Valley Volunteer Hose Co., Inc.(WVVHCo, Inc.) were in attendance to speak to the board regarding the 2024 Convention. The 2020 Convention was approved to be hosted by the WVVHCo., Inc. and was cancelled due to the pandemic. Several activities will be taking place at various locations throughout the town and support from the Town Board is requested. The event would give Ashford the chance to highlight the area and even provide opportunity for local businesses to profit. SWAF members are in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Allegany Counties.

Joseph Pillittere gave the board updates on decommissioning projects.

**RESOLUTION 64-2022**  
**APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS**

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

Resolved hearing no objections, Agenda Item F1 through F6 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:

1. September Assessors Report	6. General Fund	No. 242 through 267	\$45,680.99
2. September Code Enforcement Report	Highway Fund	No. 135 through 144	\$44,815.95
3. September Highway Fuel Report	Light District	No. 10	\$1,000.78
4. September Supervisors Financial Report	Trust & Agency	No. 90 through 98	\$10,369.21
5. September Town Clerk Report	Water District	No. 68 through 73	\$4,500.13

**RESOLUTION 65-2022**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Resolved the minutes of September 14, 2022 be approved as amended to read “Highway Superintendent Butcher” and further Resolved the minutes of October 5, 2022 be approved as presented.

**SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

- Announcement was made at the National Cleanup Workshop the WVDP Main Plant Process Building Demolition started and the information was received well by the audience
- Spittler Road is a county road. Abandonment of the road will proceed.
- The water meter grant announcement will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December
- The New York State Police are researching areas for barracks.
- Senior housing in Ashford is an issue inquired by residents as there is none in the Town.
- Residents have also inquired to garbage pickup within the Town of Ashford.
- One car is plugged in to the charging station for extensive hours during the week. Time limits may have to be researched should the need arise for multiple vehicles to use the service.
- Planning Board requests to have a joint meeting with the Town Board.
- Town of Ellicottville has requested to use the Ashford dog kennel. Discussion will take place on how to proceed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- ❖ Constables are required to have training. No resources are available presently for the necessary training.
- ❖ Court applied for a grant for security cameras. Grants have not been awarded yet.
- ❖ Santa has been secured and candy canes have been purchased. There is a need for some more lights as many were broken when the tree fell last year.

Supervisor read the notice of public hearing as it appeared in the Springville Journal and asked for comments and questions.

**RESOLUTION 66-2022**  
**OPEN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Ghani, the following resolution was  
ADOPTED       Ayes     5           Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg Ghani  
                      Nays     0

Resolved the budget public hearing open at 7:30pm.

Budget Officer William King stated the levy remained the same. Constituents will be able to see any differences regarding the new assessments.

There were no comments or questions from those present regarding the budget.

Town board members thank Budget Officer Bill King for all of his hard work compiling the annual budget.

**RESOLUTION 67-2022**  
**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg Ghani
	Nays	0	

Resolved the Town Board close the public hearing and resume regular meeting at 7:33pm.

Committee Reports (Con’t):

- ❖ NYSDOH has initiated a requirement for water districts to submit a “Lead Service Line Inventory” by October 24. A process will have to be put in place to collect data. In addition, the water committee has a request from owner of Account #00630 to revisit the policy for meter reading quarterly. A leak occurred at the residence and was undetected for several weeks resulting in an extremely elevated bill. The owner requests also, some forgiveness of the elevated bill due to the undetected leak.

Resident on Heinz Road has concerns for a neighboring property with debris. Letter can be sent to the homeowner requesting debris be cleaned up. NYS Property Maintenance Code exists regulating related issues. Compliance can be enforced.

**RESOLUTION 68-2022**  
**ADOPT 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET**

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg Ghani
	Nays	0	

Resolved the Town Board does hereby adopt such Preliminary Budget for this town for the fiscal year beginning the first day of January, 2023, and

Whereas such budget is so adopted shall be entered into the minutes of these proceedings of the Town Board, and

Be it Further Resolved the Budget Officer of this Board shall deliver copies to the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, and the Cattaraugus County Administrator for their records.

**RESOLUTION 69-2022**  
**AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL WATER OPERATOR TRAINING**

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg Ghani
	Nays	0	

Resolved the Ashford Town Board authorize additional training for current water operator, John Patti.

**RESOLUTION 70-2022**  
**SUPPORT 2024 SWAP CONFERENCE**

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg Ghani
	Nays	0	

Resolved Ashford Town Board support the West Valley Volunteer Hose Co., Inc. to host the Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firefighters 2024 Conference.

**RESOLUTION 71-2022**  
**AUTHORIZE WATER ACCOUNT #00630 WATER BILL CHANGE DUE TO UNDETECTED LEAK**

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg Ghani
	Nays	0	

Resolved water account #00630 be changed to reflect an average usage bill for January, 2022 with all other amounts to remain the same.

Correspondence items:

- West Valley Solar Farm had the formal ribbon cutting last week.
- NYCLASS investments continue to benefit the Town of Ashford.
- A check from National Grid was received as part of the LED Conversion program.
- Supervisor Pfeffer commented to the fact the Ashford Comprehensive Plan does address Senior housing.
- Armstrong installations continue within the Town of Ashford.

As a matter of Public Expression, resident Erin Parish informed the board, support is being sought as she pursues the Miss Buffalo program. The board does not have any provisions in the budget however, other local avenues could be considered such as the Chamber of Commerce.

A motion was made by Bond seconded by Boberg and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02pm. (All aye)