

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

Others present: Joseph Pillittere (CHBWV), Bryan Bower (DOE), Paul Bembia (NYSERDA), Max Borsuk (Springville Journal), Susan Feldman (TOA), Cattaraugus County Legislator Joseph Boberg

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.

RESOLUTION 9-2023
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as presented

Joe Pillittere gave the board updates on continued demolition. Some projects are completed and shipments are scheduled. Other additional demolition continues.

Legislator Boberg informed the board of the County support of hiring a sheriff for Ashford patrol through Cattaraugus County Sheriff. Supervisor Pfeffer thanks Mr. Boberg for the County support and specifically the attention he has been able to give this issue.

RESOLUTION 10-2023
APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 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. January Assessors Report

2. January Code Enforcement Report

3. January 11, 2023 Minutes

4. January Town Clerk Report

5. January Supervisors Financial Report

6. January Highway Expense Report

Supervisors Management Report:

- Armstrong is available to most of the Town of Ashford residents.
- Ashford grant application for the Food Bank/Legion was not accepted.
- Ashford CTF grant was accepted as Town of Ashford being the Lead Agency. This grant will allow for erosion evaluation.
- The Cattaraugus County Sheriff’s Department has communicated the possibility of a hired sheriff for Ashford patrol in the near future. A car will need to be purchased once hiring is verified. ARPA funds can be used for public safety making the patrol car eligible for coverage through ARPA.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ Highway Superintendent Butcher reported the purchase of a used sander resulting in great savings for the Town of Ashford. He also reported on roads to be fixed in 2023 and the Hazard Mitigation process continues.
- ❖ Code Enforcement Officer Feldman reported many projects proposed for 2023 and 911 numbers installation for several properties.
- ❖ Constables: only one available constable for court nights. Training has been set so constables can be compliant with required trainings.
- ❖ Water: discussion took place regarding meters and options to address the meters needing to be read manually.

RESOLUTION 11-2023
AUTHORIZE APRIL MEETING CHANGE

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0

Resolved the Ashford Town Board move the regular April meeting to Tuesday, April 11th, same place and time due to a scheduling conflict with the Farmer Neighbor Dinner held in West Valley.

RESOLUTION 12-2023
AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1-2023 DOG LICENSING AND CONTROL LAW

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board authorize Town Clerk to advertise in the Springville Journal to schedule a public hearing on Wednesday March 8, 2023 at 6:10pm at the Ashford Community Center, 9377 Route 240, West Valley for Local Law #1-2023 *Dog Licensing and Control Law*.

RESOLUTION 13-2023
APPOINT BOARD OF APPEALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board Appoint Dorothy Button thru 2026 and Donald Williams thru 2027 to the Board of Appeals (Variance).

RESOLUTION 14-2023
AUTHORIZE HOME RULE REQUEST

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, 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 15-2023
APPROVAL OF LEAD WATER OPERATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0
Resolved the Ashford Board approve of the job description for Lead Water Operator and be reviewed and approved annually at the Organization Meeting.

RESOLUTION 16-2023
APPROVAL OF ARPA FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Bond the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0
Resolved Ashford Town Board approved the use of ARPA funds for public safety to purchase a vehicle once a Sheriff is assigned to Ashford Patrol.

RESOLUTION 17-2023
SUPPORT OF CATTARAUGUS COUNTY LEGISLATURE ACT NO. 76-2023

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0
Resolved the Ashford Town Board supports the Cattaraugus County Legislature *Act No. 76-2023 Opposing Ban of Gas Stoves and Other New Fossil Fuel Heating Equipment.*

RESOLUTION 18-2023
BUDGET AMENDMENT

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Bond the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0
Resolved the following Budget Amendment is approved for the General Account:
From A1990.4 Contingent to A4020.4 Vital Statistics in the amount of \$200.00 and further
Resolved the following Budget Amendment is approved for the Water Account:
From SWI 8340.4 Transmission & Distribution Contractual to SWI 8340.2 Transmission and Distribution Equipment in the amount of \$8,000.00

RESOLUTION 19-2023
APPROVE AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0
Resolved the Audit of Claims #2 be approved as follows:

General Fund	No. 19 through 47	\$28,732.23	Water District	No. 7 through 14	\$15,945.38
Highway Fund	No. 12 through 24	\$63,874.52	Trust & Agency	No. 2	\$14,063.62
Light District	No. 2	\$835.87			

RESOLUTION 20-2023
RESCHEDULE AUDIT THE BOOKS

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond
 Nays 0
Resolved Audit the Books will be held March 9, 2023 at the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting.

Council Heim requests a letter be sent to NYSDOT regarding the lack of response to decaying animal carcasses on State Highways. The Clerk will send a letter addressing the issue.

A motion was made by Heim seconded by Bond and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:50pm. (All aye)