

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

Others present: Jean Kwasnik, Joseph Pillittere, Max Borsuk, Bryan Bower

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 35-2022
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda with the removal of new business resolution to approve court clerk attendance of conference as permission is given at organizational meeting.

Joe Pillittere and Bryan Bower provided updates on current decommissioning projects and completed projects. Supply chain issues have delayed some of the work.

RESOLUTION 36-2022
APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

On motion of Council Ghani seconded by Council Bond the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Bond, Boberg, 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. June Assessors Report | 5. June Town Clerk Report |
| 2. June/May Code Enforcement Report | 6. June/May Highway Fuel and Expense Report |
| 3. June 8, 2022 minutes | 7. June Dog Control Report |
| 4. June/May Supervisors Financial Report | |

SUPERVISORS MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- Solar Project ribbon cutting will be held in September
- NYCLASS investments have been made and interest has been posted
- FEMA grants have been applied for planning and preconstruction grants for four slide areas: two on Thomas Corners Rd, two on Fox Valley Rd. There is a 10% match if awarded, which is estimated at \$26K cost to Ashford. If awarded a decision can be made to accept. No status has been received.
- RESTORE NY grants are available. Some areas to research for the grant are the American Legion to be used in part as Food Bank, the West Valley Inn, and for a proposed Truck Stop. The grants can be used to purchase land. Cattaraugus County also has grant funds available for small business.
- Armstrong has areas in Ashford available for hook up.
- GoBike has bike stands available for Ashford. Location will need to be determined.
- Equalization rate for 2022 Ashford is 100%
- Dog kennel has passed inspection by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.
- Many trucks park at the end of the 219 expressway indicating a good location for a truck stop.
- Ashford Court clerk also holds court clerk position in Concord. Conference expenses will be split between the two municipalities.
- The second round of ARPA has been received. Paperwork will be submitted for payment of tractor and mower.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent reported snowblower is ready for snow removal.
- CHIPS project on Cole Road is completed and Riley Road will be next.
- Junk at the Highway Barn needs to be removed.
- Tractor with mower will be in the shop in the next couple of weeks.
- Computer will be hooked up once the new internet is installed.
- Highway department is short staffed due to an employee out with health issues.
- The loader needs to be replaced.
- Fence in municipal parking needs to be replaced. Waiting on survey.
- Areas of the sidewalk need to be repaired.

Code Enforcement:

A number of projects are being constructed. Reid Petroleum will be installing a Crosby’s on Route 219 complete with pizzeria and public restrooms.

Constables:

Constable coverage at Ashford court is imperative. As 2023 budget is being prepared, constable rate of pay needs to be addressed to coincide with the responsibilities and expectation of the position.

Planning:

Noise ordinance is being researched using Ellicottville as a template. Solar law is also being addressed.

Youth/Senior:

Senior picnic will be in August. The summer recreation is in progress and going smooth. Lunches are being provided.

Water: Two quotes for water meter replacements have been received. Water committee will have to meet and look at quotes.

Erie County Rail Trail is looking for support from the Ashford Town Board to apply for a grant for the Cascade Bridge. Board members did not resolve to support the grant process for the Cascade Bridge Evaluation and Planning.

RESOLUTION 37-2022
ACKNOWLEDGE 2022 SPECIAL FRANCHISE CERTIFICATE

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Town Board acknowledge receipt of the Special Franchise full value for 2022.

RESOLUTION 38-2022
SOLAR FARM MORATORIUM

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

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

Resolved the Ashford Board authorize a 6 month moratorium extension on Tier 3 solar Energy panel installations as a result of changes to Article 10.

RESOLUTION 39-2022
AUTHORIZE CONSTABLE PLAN REVIEW

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

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

Resolved Ashford Town Board authorize the constable committee to review the current Constable Plan to research updates.

RESOLUTION 40-2022
APPROVAL OF NYS RETIREMENT STANDARDS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES

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

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

Resolved the information be provided to the NYS Retirement Systems as approved at the Organizational meeting that establishes the standard work day for each office, specifies the expiration of each term, designates the number of days to be reported for each official (based on submitted logs) and certifies receipt of record of activities OR employer maintains a record of ACTUAL time worked.

RESOLUTION 41-2022
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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

Resolved the following Budget Amendment is approved for the **General** Account:
From **A1990.4 Contingent** to **A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual** in the amount of **\$500.00**

RESOLUTION 42-2022
APPROVE AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved the Audit of Claims #7 be approved as follows:

General Fund	No. 152 through 191	\$34,833.36	Trust & Agency	No. 54 through 64	\$12,145.74
Highway Fund	No. 94 through 111	\$180,085.99	Water District	No. 43 through 51	\$2,304.51
Light District	No. 7	\$867.25			

RESOLUTION 43-2022
AUTHORIZE SIDEWALK REPAIR

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

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

Resolved Ashford Board authorize Supervisor Pfeffer and Highway Superintendent Butcher to evaluate sidewalks and arrange for repair as determined necessary not to exceed a cost of \$3K.

A motion was made by Bond seconded by Ghani and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55pm. (All aye)