

Present:James P. Boberg, Council Deputy Supervisor
William J. Heim, Council
Collin J. Proctor, Council
Michael P. Boberg, Council

Absent: John A. Pfeffer, Supervisor

Present:Patricia R. Dashnaw Town Clerk
Keith R. Butcher, Highway Superintendent
Larry Feldman, Code Enforcement Officer

Others present: Max Borsuk (Springville Journal), Paul Bembia, (NYSERDA), John Patti (Ashford Highway), Sue Feldman (Supervisors Bookkeeper) Residents Present: Susan Hess, Kim Weber-Carra, Loreen Butcher

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 James P. Boberg, Deputy Supervisor presiding.

RESOLUTION 76-2026
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Proctor the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as presented with the change to remove audit of claims from consensus items to new business because of a budget amendment also in new business.

Joe Pillittere submitted a program update for town board members.

RESOLUTION 77-2026
APPROVAL OF CONENSUS ITEMS

On motion of Council Proctor seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
Resolved hearing no objections, Agenda Item F1 through F5 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 4. September Supervisors Financial Report (and August Water Report)
2. September Town Clerk Report 5. September 9, 2026 Minutes
3. September Code Enforcement Officer

Highway Superintendent Report Butcher reported current paving jobs to be completed soon. Mike Kawka is a new hire also interested in the highway superintendent position. Butcher has informed the Town Board of his retirement November 6, 2026.

Deputy Supervisor Boberg informed the board of a new contact for the water meters and still waiting to hear from him.

RESOLUTION 78-2026
AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH JOHN PATTI TO SERVE AS HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT WHEN KEITH BUTCHER NO LONGER HOLDS POSITION

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council M. Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
Resolved the Ashford Town Board enter into agreement with John Patti to fulfill the duties of Highway Superintendent at which time Keith Butcher is no longer in that capacity.

RESOLUTION 79-2026
AUTHORIZE RATE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT FOR TOWN OF ASHFORD WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Proctor the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
WHEREAS, the current Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2017 Town of Ashford West Valley Water District Rules and Regulations Article 25.02.2 states *The Town Board, as an alternative, may also change the rate and fee schedule and debt service charge as part of the annual budget setting process*
WHEREAS, the Ashford Town Board Resolution # 87-2023 amended Article 25.04.2 to be *USAGE RATE, the water shall be billed quarterly at the rate of .005 cents per gallon based on the metered gallons used* as allowed by Town Board Authority Article 25.02.2 of the same Local Law, and
WHEREAS, at the current rate, expenses cannot be met. Therefore be it
RESOLVED, the Ashford Town Board amend Article 25.04.2 to be *USAGE RATE, the water shall be billed quarterly at the rate of .008 cents per gallon based on the metered gallons used* as allowed by Town Board Authority Article 25.02.2 of the same Local Law, and further
Resolved the regulation change in billing to start January 1, 2027 for the October-December, 2026 quarter

RESOLUTION 80-2026
AUTHORIZE HALLOWEEN CURFEW

On motion of Council M. Boberg seconded by Council Proctor the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
Resolved a 9pm curfew by enforced for Halloween, October 31, 2026, and further
Resolved advertising be in the Springville Journal

RESOLUTION 81-2026
APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE RIGHT OF WAY PROVISIONS IN VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAW

On motion of Council Proctor seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
Resolved the Ashford Town Board approve to advertise immediately and at a later date on the direction of Interim Highway Superintendent Patti in the Springville Journal a notice regarding snow and mailboxes in the right of way before the winter season arrives.

RESOLUTION 82-2026
OPEN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Council M. Boberg seconded by Council Proctor the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
Resolved the budget public hearing open at 6:15pm as Clerk Dashnaw read the advertisement as posted

Budget Officer King did inform town board the minimum wage is projected to remain the same.
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 83-2026
RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

On motion of Council Proctor seconded by Council M. Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
Resolved the Town Board close the public hearing and resume regular meeting at 6:18 pm.

RESOLUTION 84-2026
ADOPT 2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE 2027 ANNUAL BUDGET

On motion of Council Proctor seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg 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 2027, 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 85-2026
BUDGET AMENDMENT

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council M. Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
Resolved the following Budget Amendment for October 2026 be approved for the General Account:
From **A1990.4 Contingent** to **A3310.4 Traffic Safety** in the amount of **\$2,500.00**

RESOLUTION 86-2026
AUTHORIZE AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Proctor the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
Resolved the Audit of Claims #10 be approved as follows:

General Fund	No. 245 through 287	\$53,396.43	Trust & Agency	No. 98 through 106	\$11,849.77
Highway Fund	No. 118 through 129	\$65,382.65	Water District	No. 68 through 83	\$6,255.13
Light District	No. 10	\$885.1			

RESOLUTION 87-2026
AUTHORIZE MEETING CHANGE

On motion of Council Proctor seconded by Council M. Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor, M. Boberg Nays 0
Resolved the regular town board meeting scheduled for December 9, 2026 be changed to December 16, 2026 same time and place.

Cattaraugus County Real Property Services sent a letter to all municipalities regarding the veteran exemption opportunity for a specific disability rating. There are only a few veterans in Cattaraugus County and there may not be any in the Town of Ashford that would qualify. More information will be collected and Veteran Services will help with the process.

The Town Board thanks Keith Butcher for his years of service to the Town of Ashford and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and invited all attendees to a small reception after the meeting.

A motion was made by M. Boberg seconded by Heim and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:27pm. (All aye)