

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

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

Others present: Joseph Pillittere (WVCA), Max Borsuk (Springville Journal), Bryan Bower (DOE), Rob Kahabka (Resident), Joshua Lippes (Counsel for Rob Kahabka), Dan Amodeo (WVCS)

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, Supervisor presiding. A moment of silence held in remembrance of anniversary of 9/11/2001.

RESOLUTION 67-2026
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Proctor the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor Nays 0
Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as presented

Mr. Lippes spoke on behalf of his client, Rob Kahabka with concerns about the current state of Bolton Road which appears to be deteriorating and has sliding guiderails. Mr. Kahabka experiences a shaking house when large trucks go by. Mr. Lippes stated a 10-ton weight limit would be beneficial to maintain the roadway. Board response with practical measures being implemented until grants can be secured to make more permanent repairs.

Joe Pillittere reported continuing sampling and decommissioning projects. WVCA has sponsored safety related activities.

Dan Amodeo reported the updates to the playground and library as the school year has begun. The Army Corp of Engineers has been in correspondence with a drainage issue at the school. Proper permitting will be done as the project is planned.

RESOLUTION 68-2026
APPROVAL OF CONENSUS ITEMS

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor 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. August Assessors Report

4. August Supervisors Financial Report

2. August Town Clerk Report

5. August 12, 2026 Minutes

3. August Code Enforcement Officer

Supervisors Management Report:

- The Town of Ashford will again have a sheltering agreement with WVCS that in case of an emergency, Ashford Community Center will be a location of shelter.
- Thank you to Audrey Potter for taking care of the front garden at the Community Center. The garden needs further attention, requiring some new borders next year.
- The Mine Permit is still in the works and reclaiming will be considered.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- ❖ The temporary bridge on White Street is being installed
- ❖ Cattaraugus County DPW has been working on Depot Street, so it is in good condition before turning it over to the town
- ❖ Blacktop job will be done later this month
- ❖ One more worker will need to be hired
- ❖ Striping in Ashford has been completed
- ❖ Landslides are being repaired
- ❖ Cross walk paint and signs are being installed by Cattaraugus County for School Street

Code Enforcement Officer Feldman reported on current permits and issues. He will be at training but will be available by phone.

Planning Board Chairperson Andrea Mellon reported the Proposed Local Law for Data Centers is similar to Allegany and Franklinville. Proposed Zoning Local Law is almost ready for review.

Budget Officer King alerted the Town Board to issues with water billing. To keep up with increased costs the Town Board will need to adjust rates to cover those costs.

RESOLUTION 69-2026
AUTHORIZE DEPOT STREET TRANSFER

On motion of Council Proctor seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, J. Boberg, Heim, Proctor Nays 0
WHEREAS Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works (CCDPW) recognizes Depot Street to closely aligning with local travel and
WHEREAS CCDPW has invested in making drainage and road service improvements to Depot Street to meet or exceed NYSDOT specifications
WHEREAS CCDPW proposes transfer of Depot Street ownership to Town of Ashford 11/1/2026
WHEREAS the Town of Ashford (TOA) should recognize increase to its annual CHIPS funding with additional .34 mileage
WHEREAS CCDPW will include a one-time payment of \$45,000 at time of transfer
WHEREAS CCDPW will clean culverts and drainage on Depot St. until 2037 at which time would use Shared Services benefit
WHEREAS CCDPW will complete repairs as listed in proposal
WHEREAS CCDPW shall provide copies of Depot Street Improvement Project Plans. Therefore, be it
RESOLVED the Town of Ashford accept the terms of ownership of Depot Street to the Town of Ashford based on the proposal provided by CCDPW

William King presented the tentative budget and discussion took place. Mr. King highlighted some of the changes and answered some questions. He urges the Town Board to contact him with any questions as they review the budget. The Town Board thanked him for his continued commitment to serving as Budget Officer.

RESOLUTION 70-2025
ADOPT 2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET AS THE 2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Proctor, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Heim, Boberg, Proctor Nays 0
Resolved the 2027 Tentative Budget be adopted as the 2027 Preliminary Budget and further
Resolved the Town Clerk advertise in the official paper a public hearing for 2027 Preliminary Budget on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:15pm at the regular scheduled meeting at the Ashford Community Center, 9377 Route 240, West Valley, NY

Discussion took place regarding issues on Bolton Road with continued truck traffic impacting road conditions. The Folts Road Culvert Replacement Project will start Spring 2027 and section of the road will be closed for several weeks. Once Folts Road, Thomas Corners and Fox Valley Road projects are completed. Grants can be sought for Bolton Road. Bolton Road is expected to get necessary repairs based on the timeline of the Folts Road project. Signage requesting “Local Traffic Only” would deter any through traffic. A weight limit would deter through traffic; however, NYS clearly prohibits enforcement of weight limits for pick-ups, deliveries, or servicing location on the road. Several businesses in the area can conduct business regardless of a posted weight limit.

RESOLUTION 72-2026
BOLTON ROAD SIGNAGE

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Boberg, Heim, Proctor Nays 0
Resolved Ashford Town Board pursues the process of posting signs on Bolton Road specifying Local Traffic Only and a weight limit.

RESOLUTION 73-2026
BUDGET AMENDMENT

On motion of Council Proctor seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Boberg, Heim, Proctor Nays 0
Resolved the following Budget Amendment for August/September 2026 be approved for the General Account:
From **A1990.4 Contingent** to **A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual** in the amount of **\$500.00**
From **A9060.8 Medical Insurance** to **A5410.4 Sidewalks** in the amount of **\$4,000.00**
From **A1990.4 Contingent** to **A3310.4 Traffic Control** in the amount of **\$1,000.00**

RESOLUTION 74-2026
APPROVE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE PAY AND BENEFIT AGREEMENT

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Boberg, Heim, Proctor Nays 0
Resolved Ashford Town Board approve the Highway Employee Pay and Benefit Agreement between Town of Ashford Highway Department and the Teamsters Local 264 Buffalo, NY for 2027-2029.

RESOLUTION 75-2026
AUTHORIZE AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Proctor the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Boberg, Heim, Proctor Nays 0
Resolved the Audit of Claims #8 be approved as follows:

General Fund	No. 168, 188 through 222	\$97,723.29	Trust & Agency No. 76 through 88	\$16,945.31
Highway Fund	No. 75, 82 through 103	\$51,566.34	Water District No. 46 through 59	\$50,603.28
Light District	No. 8	\$851.65		

Also Resolved the Audit of Claims #9 be approved as follows:

General Fund	No. 223 through 244	\$44,614.04	Trust & Agency No. 89 through 97	\$13,629.88
Highway Fund	No. 104 through 117	\$55,863.26	Water District No. 60 through 67	\$9,471.67
Light District	No. 9	\$846.61		

Dan Amodeo asked the board members to explain the Data Center proposed local law. Supervisor Pfeffer responded as the boards priority of preserving health and safety of the community. Mr. Amodeo asked if there was any proof of the effects of these types of centers. He mentioned he would like to see the Town Board promoting economic development to bring more people to the Town of Ashford, which would add to the student population increasing the viability of the WVCS. Clerk Dashnaw pointed out there are five other townships within the school district that could be asked the same. Supervisor Pfeffer asked Mr. Amodeo what types of things he would recommend.

Bill King informed those present, U.S. Army Brig. General Bradley Frank, West Valley lifelong resident has been promoted to the One-Star general rank of Brigadier General of the 42nd Infantry Division. General Frank is a graduate of West Point. Town Board acknowledges General Frank’s accomplishments.

A motion was made by Boberg seconded by Proctor and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30pm. (All aye)