

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA)
TOWN OF ELLERY)

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JANUARY 6, 2026

Minutes of the Town of Ellery 2026 Organizational Meeting held Monday, January 6, 2026, at the Ellery Town Hall, Sunnyside Avenue, Bemus Point, NY, commencing at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Lawrence A. Anderson, Supervisor
John C. Cresanti Sr, Councilmember
Jeremy D. Crist, Councilmember

ABSENT: David W. Boughton, Councilmember
Mark R. Schlemmer, Councilmember

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Jill J. Braund, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Neil Robinson, Town Attorney

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

APPOINTMENTS AND SALARIES

Motion by Councilmember Crist, second by Councilmember Cresanti: That the following appointments and salaries be set for 2026:

Records Management Officer – Jill J Braund

Records Management Fee - \$773.00 and \$773.00 (Deputy)

Registrar – Jill J Braund

Registrar Fee - \$1,545.00 and \$1,545.00 (Deputy)

Personnel Services – Jill Braund

Personnel Services Fee - \$2,575.00 and \$2,575.00 (Deputy)

Historian - Cherrie Clark

Historian Fee - \$2,704.00

Town Attorney - Neil Robinson

Attorney Fee - \$37,347.00

Town Officials Salaries:

Supervisor	- \$20,085.00
Town Justice I	- 14,214.00
Town Justice II	- 14,214.00
Councilman (4)	- 4,225.00 (each)
Town Clerk	- 68,930.00
Highway Supt.	- 79,490.00

Assessor – Anne Golley

Assessor Salary - \$66,999.00

Code Enforcement Officer - Robert Samuelson

Code Enforcement Officer Salary - \$38,560.00 & Village Contribution once the contract is approved and signed by both boards

Zoning Officer – Anne Golley

Zoning Officer Salary - \$19,306.00

Dog Control Officer – John Stow

Dog Control Officer Salary - \$6,180.00

Deputy Town Clerk – Jill Colburn

Deputy Town Clerk Salary - \$48,619.00

Court Clerk - Deanna Crossley

Court Clerk Salary - \$49,187.00

Deputy Highway Superintendent – Vance Lutgen

Deputy Highway Superintendent Fee - \$3,374.00

Cemetery Sexton – Jason Adams

Cemetery Sexton Fee - \$4,770.00

Park/Cemetery Manager – Greg Hallberg

Park/Cemetery Manager Fee - \$7,725.00

Board of Appeals/Planning Board Clerk - Anne Golley

Highway Department Base Wage - \$30.00 Per hour

Deputy Supervisor – John Cresanti, Sr

Board of Assessment Review – Elisabeth Hall – Reappointment – 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2030
Michael Burns – Appointment – 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2030

Combined ZBA/Planning Board – John Cresanti Jr. – Reappointment – 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2032

Official Newspaper - The Post-Journal

Official Bank - M & T Bank

Accounting Firm – Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat

Accountant Fee - \$22,540.00

Mr. Crist – Aye

Mr. Anderson – Aye - Motion Carried

Mr. Cresanti - Aye

SET DATES / TIME / PLACE

Motion by Councilmember Crist, second by Councilmember Cresanti: That the Town of Ellery Workshop meetings and Regular Monthly Board meetings be scheduled for:

Workshop Meeting/Date/Time/Place – Second Tuesday each month, 6:00 PM, Town Hall

Monthly Meeting Date/Time/Place - Second Tuesday each month, 6:30 PM, Town Hall

Mr. Crist – Aye

Mr. Anderson – Aye - Motion Carried

Mr. Cresanti - Aye

SET MILEAGE RATE FOR 2026

Motion by Councilmember Crist, second by Councilmember Cresanti: That the mileage rate of \$0.72.5 per mile, per the IRS.gov website, for the calendar year of 2026 be accepted.

Mr. Crist – Aye

Mr. Anderson – Aye - Motion Carried

Mr. Cresanti - Aye

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Councilmember Crist, second by Councilmember Cresanti: That the committees as reported by Supervisor Anderson be accepted as presented.

Supervisor's Committees:

Highway	- Cresanti & Anderson
Cemetery	- Cresanti & Boughton
Personnel	- Full Board
Buildings	- Cresanti & Anderson
Zoning	- Crist & Schlemmer
Audit	- Cresanti & Anderson
Capital Projects – Full Board (New Building)	
Insurance	- Boughton & Schlemmer
Park	- Boughton & Schlemmer
Policy	- TBA

There was a brief discussion regarding appointing a Policy Committee. Further discussion will take place at the January 13, 2026 Town Board Meeting.

Mr. Crist – Aye
Mr. Cresanti – Aye

Mr. Anderson – Aye - Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Crist, second by Councilmember Cresanti: That the Organizational meeting be adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Mr. Crist – Aye
Mr. Cresanti – Aye

Mr. Anderson – Aye - Motion Carried

SUBMITTED:



Jill J Braund, RMC
Ellery Town Clerk
January 27, 2026