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## **Grant opportunities available for Ashford**

08-21-2018 ASHFORD—The Ashford Town Board discussed grants the town recently applied for and options for grants already awarded to the town during its Aug. 8 meeting.

After completing the requirements for the town to become a clean energy community, Ashford received a grant for \$50,000 from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to be used toward any energy efficient project. Looking at the town's options, a decision was made to change light fixtures to LEDs in town buildings.

The town currently has a quote of \$29,000 to change all the lights in the highway garage and will work on getting a quote for lights at the Ashford Community Center.

"The work itself would ... bring it to a workplace standard as far as being able to work safely in the facility and would also reduce the energy costs by 75 percent," Councilman Richard Bernstein said. "Savings to the town, savings all around plus improving the workspace, which is what we need to update."

Along with the NYSERDA grant, Supervisor Charles Davis reported the town has submitted three grant applications to be used for boat launches in Cattaraugus Creek, a feasibility study for a welcome center on the Route 219 corridor and the sewer system in the West Valley Hamlet.

The town moved forward with its proposed solar farm at the Western New York Nuclear Service Center, by passing two resolutions. The board approved a resolution to issue a negative declaration for the proposed lease between the town and NYSERDA and an option to sublease between the town and West Valley Solar, LLC. The negative declaration is made by the town, who is the lead agency for the project, to show the action won't result in any significant adverse environmental impact.

The second resolution approved a proposed option for a sublease between the town and West Valley Solar, LLC. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum and cannot take effect until 30 days after adoption. If within 30 days a petition is signed by five percent of the total vote cast for governor in the town in the last general election, a referendum vote will be held to decide the issue.

In other board news:

- Cattaraugus County Real Properties Director Dan Martonis sent confirmation for County assessing to begin Oct. 1, 2019.
- The board approved researching a new generator for the Ashford Community Center.

The next Ashford Town Board meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ashford Community Center, located at 9377 Route 240, in West Valley.