

Ashford board discusses updates with COPS grant

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Editor

The Ashford Town Board, at its May 11 meeting, heard updates on the COPS hiring program, which was previously awarded to the town to help advance the practice of community policing through the hire or rehire of additional career law enforcement officers.

Through the award of the COPS hiring program, funding will be used by local law enforcement agencies to hire and rehire career law enforcement officers necessary to increase the jurisdiction's community policing capacity to help prevent and disrupt crime and violence. Supervisor John Pfeffer said the town has received updated numbers from Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office regarding salaries so the town has hard numbers to work into the budget for the coming year.

In other board news:

– Highway Superintendent Keith Butcher reported they would like to start grinding Cole Road around the third week in June.

– **New York State Energy Research and Development Agency West Valley** Program Director Paul Bembia reported **NYSERDA's** Sustainability and Community Services Committee conducted a lunchtime community cleanup at all of their offices during the month of May. **NYSERDA's** West Valley staff also walked an unpaved portion of Rock Springs Road on May 17 and 19 to pick up litter and other small trash.

– Bembia reported Cattaraugus County will be slip lining two culverts under Rock Springs Road, just north of the **West Valley Demonstration Project**. **NYSERDA** is supporting the efforts with whatever the county needs. One lane will be closed intermittently during some parts of the construction.

The next Town of Ashford board meeting will be Wednesday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m.

West Valley Demonstration Project Quarterly Public Meeting

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Virtual Public Meeting

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will hold a virtual public meeting to provide information on WVDP activities and progress. NYSERDA and DOE will provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

If you would like to participate, please contact Joseph Pillittere at Joseph.Pillittere@chbwv.com or (716) 998-4900.