

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on November 13, 2019 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman
Kevin D. Colburn, Councilman
Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary
William Duncanson, Attorney
Diane Reynolds, Resident
Sandy Colvenback, Resident

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Public Participation

Karen Bifaro had asked to be placed on Public Participation to inform the residents/taxpayers of the misinformation that has been placed on the Facebook website. Ms. Bifaro felt the correct information should be announce at a Board Meeting while Mrs. Reynolds was live streaming the meeting to the public.

No one else was present for Public Participation so that portion of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Dept had been doing a lot of ditching before the snow came. The Lo-Pro was sent in for servicing but needs work in order to be inspected at end of the month. It was brought back to shop to help with the unexpected snow plowing and will return for repairs. More salt and sand has been hauled in to storage. High wind damage has been cleaned up and roadside mowing has been completed. "School Bus Stop Ahead" signs were placed on 28 Creek Road as requested by Falconer bus manager and school board. Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Highway Superintendent's report.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Supervisor noted at the last meeting, Councilman Reynolds reported that our trailer with mowing equipment was seen in Cherry Creek on October 17th. According to our records, the last day of employment for our Caretaker was in September.

New Business

Supervisor read Resolution No.5-2019, "ESTABLISHING A RESERVE FUND FOR THE 2020 ASSESSMENT RE-EVALUATION EXPENSES IN THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON".

Town Clerk called a poll vote as follows:

Poll Vote: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-nay, Cronk-aye Carried
Resolution will be sent to the Accountants.

Supervisor commented that it has been common practice that the Christmas decorations are put up in the Town Park the weekend after Thanksgiving. Tentatively planned for November 30th.

Audit & Payment of Claims

At this time the Town Board reviewed the bills as follows:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#270 - #284	\$1,918.34
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#141 - #161	19,175.91
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#37	<u>520.08</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 21	TOTAL	\$21,614.33

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to pay the bills as submitted.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

\$1,237.67	Cable Franchise fees(electronic deposit)
484.66	Payment for sluice pipe (Keith LaRoy)
81,808.69	Chautauqua County sales tax
695.40	Town Clerk fees - October 2019

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of Oct. 23rd and November 6th as submitted.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried

New Town Law books will be ordered for new Council people.

Committee Reports

Halloween Party was a great success with approx. 90 people in all, 45 kids attending. Suggest parade be advertised as starting at 7:00p.m. Thank you to the Baptist Church for their help. Christmas Party will be held at the Library. Town will help with buying books and supplies.

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Rhinehart, seconded by Beightol to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report as submitted.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Rhinehart to accept the Town Justice's monthly report as submitted.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the Budget Modifications to the General Fund as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the Budget Modifications to the Highway Fund as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the October Financial Report as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recd Secy