

October 28, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on October 28, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Ellington Highway Garage 673 E. Main St, Ellington, NY. Due to COVID 19 masks were worn and social distancing was observed.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor

Kevin Colburn, Councilman

Bradley Griffith, Councilman

Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman

William Green, Highway Supervisor

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Residents, Sign in sheet attached

Absent: David Brainard, Councilman

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing: Budget Hearing

Members of the Ellington Farman Library were present and spoke on behalf of the Library asking the board to try to make an increase to the libraries budget.

Members of the community spoke about the budget.

Motion to adopt the 2021 proposed budget as presented made by Reynolds, seconded by Colburn.

Vote: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Reynolds-aye, Bifaro-nay, carried.

Motion to close Public Hearing at 7:30 was made by Reynolds, seconded by Griffith.

Vote: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Reynolds-aye, Bifaro-aye, carried.

Public Participation

With no further public participation, this part of the meeting was closed.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Supervisor Green received four bids for a wheeled loader, the

two lowest bids were brought before the board for review.

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to purchase the 2021 John Deere Wheeled Loader from Five Star Equipment for \$32,000.

Vote: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Reynolds-abstained, Bifaro-aye, carried. The Caretaker will be finished working October 30, 2020.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business at this time.

New Business

There was no new business at this time.

Audit and Payment of Claims

At this time the town board reviewed the bills

General Fund Claim Nos:	#233- #239	\$1,263.93
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#164- #170	\$20,012.72
Park	#240	<u>\$87.06</u>
Abstract NO.20 Total		\$21,363.71

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Reynolds to pay the bills as submitted.

Vote: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Reynolds-abstained, Bifaro-aye, carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of October 14,2020 meeting.

Vote: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Reynolds-aye, Bifaro-aye, carried.

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of October 21,2020 meeting.

Vote: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Reynolds-nay, Bifaro-aye, carried.

*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Reynolds to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti, Town Clerk /Recording Secretary