

November 25, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on November 25, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Ellington Town Hall 813 West Main St, Ellington, NY. Due to COVID 19 social distancing was observed.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor

David Brainard, Councilman

Kevin Colburn, Councilman

Bradley Griffith, Councilman

Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Diane Reynolds, Resident

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

Public Participation

With no one present for public participation, this part of the meeting was closed.

New Business

A resignation letter from Laura Gilbert, Town Historian was read by Supervisor Bifaro.

· Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Griffith to accept the Resignation of Laura Gilbert.

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

Employee Insurance was discussed. It was agreed that the town would continue providing Univera Healthcare to full-time employees.

Randy Graham came to the town to review the Insurance for the town earlier in the month. There are no changes in the Insurance.

The Breezewood Links Golf Course is asking for the board's approval for the renewal of their State Liquor License.

· Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard to allow the Breezewood Links Golf Coarse to renew their Liquor License with the

State of New York.

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

End of the year and Organizational meeting dates were discussed.

· Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Colburn to hold the End of the Year 2020 meeting and Organizational meeting simultaneously at the regular meeting on December 23rd 2020.

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

An estimate from Ridouts for a new heater in the breakroom at the Highway Garage was reviewed.

The suggestion was made that a few more estimates should be solicited for comparison, before a decision is made.

Approval of Minutes

· Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Reynolds to accept the minutes of October 28,2020 meeting as submitted.

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

· Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of November 11,2020 meeting.

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

Audit and Payment of Claims

At this time the town board reviewed the bills from November 11th meeting that was adjourned before town business was conducted.

General Fund Claim Nos:	#241- #253	\$3,844.60
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#171- #176	\$6,073.41
Trust & Agency	#21,22	<u>\$2,218.62</u>
Abstract NO.21 Total		\$12,136.63

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

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

At this time the town board reviewed the current bills.

General Fund Claim Nos:	#254- #271	\$4,990.35
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#177- #180	\$1,520.59
Trust & Agency	#23,24	<u>\$2,218.62</u>
Abstract NO.22 Total		\$8,729.56

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

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

Monthly Reports

· Motion to accept the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector monthly report made by Griffith, seconded by Brainard.

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

· Motion to accept the Building Code Officer monthly report made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard.

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

· Motion to accept the Supervisors Deposit report made by Griffith, seconded by Reynolds.

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

· Motion to accept the Ellington Farman Library report as submitted made by Reynolds, seconded by Griffith.

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

· Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Financial Reports for September and October as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

· Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard to accept the Budget Modifications, and Budget Transfers for September as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

· Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to accept the Budget Transfers for October as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

Committee Reports

Christmas decorating in the park will be done Saturday December 5th at 9a.m. The bandstand will also be looked over for repairs.

Cemetery committee will look over the cemeteries for downed trees or anything that needs to be done before winter.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Rexford's concerning the many large trees that border the properties. The Board will find out if the trees are on the town property, if the trees are the towns, Councilman Reynolds will get an estimate to have the trees cut down.

Supervisor Bifaro has contacted Dollar General, to let them know that she believes Ellington would be a good place for one of their stores.

Their market planning team will look into it.

*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Colburn to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti, Town Clerk /Recording Secretary