

December 23, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on December 23, 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

William Green, Highway Supervisor

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

Supervisor Bifaro apologized to the Highway employees for a statement that was made at the last meeting.

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

Unfinished Business

The Resolution #10 for 2020 establishing a reserve fund for the Town of Ellington Highway Department in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing highway equipment in 2021 was read by the supervisor.

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

New Business

Motion made by Griffith seconded by Colburn to approve the depletion of the salt shed reserve account back in to the money market account.

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

The voucher submitted by the Assessor in the amount of \$4,000 was

discussed.

The Fire District sent a check for their fuel usage in 2020 for the amount of \$1,277.77. The check will be deposited in the Highway account.

The agreement to spend Highway funds in 2021 was reviewed by the board.

Motion to sign agreement to spend highway funds made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Griffith to accept the minutes of December 9,2020 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.

General Fund Claim Nos:	#280-#293	\$3,391.24
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#190- #196	\$13,174.38
Trust & Agency	#25	<u>\$387.78</u>
Abstract NO.24 Total		\$16,953.40

Motion made by Griffith, 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 Assessor monthly report made by Griffith, seconded by Brainard.

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

Motion to accept the Justice monthly report made by Brainard,

seconded by Colburn.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Colburn to accept the Budget Transfers and budget modifications in the Highway Fund for December 31,2020 as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

Committee Reports

No committee Reports at this time.

Correspondence

The removal of the trees bordering the Rexford property was discussed.

*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti, Town Clerk /Recording Secretary