

December 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on December 9, 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 Duncanson, Town Attorney

Alex Duncanson

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.

Highway Supervisors Report

The Highway Department has officially moved from construction season to the winter season. The Highway Department has been busy cleaning up the tree debris from the last windstorm that left many without power. Maple Springs Tree Service has been working on Harris Hollow Road. A new vented heater will be installed in the lunchroom by Ridout Heating on December 11,2020. The crew has been out plowing and treating the roads.

Motion to accept the Highway Supervisors report made by Brainard, seconded by Reynolds.

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

Unfinished Business

The condition of the bandstand was discussed, there are many rotting boards that need to be repaired.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith to put out a request for bids to repair the bandstand.

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

New Business

A reserve fund for highway equipment in 2021 for the amount of \$100,000 was discussed.

Motion made by Griffith seconded by Colburn to set up a reserve account in the amount of \$100,000 for highway equipment in 2021.

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

Town Court has been suspended by the state because of COVID 19.

Reynolds spoke about the pine trees that border the property of Mr.& Mrs. Rexford. He spoke to a representative of B&B Logging they will come in and remove the logs, but will not remove the stumps or branches.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Colburn to table this discussion.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of November 25,2020 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:	#272-#279	\$2,445.50
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#181- #189	<u>\$3,835.97</u>
Abstract NO.23 Total		\$6,281.47

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 Town Clerk/ Tax Collector monthly report made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion to accept the Dog Control Officers report 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 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 Transfers in the General Fund for November as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Colburn to accept the Budget Transfers in the Highway Fund for November 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 is done.

Cemetery committee reported that the cemetery seems to be in good shape for the winter.

*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Brainard, seconded by Bifaro to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti, Town Clerk /Recording Secretary