

February 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on February 12, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 West Main Street, Ellington, NY.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor

Kevin Colburn, Councilman

David Brainard, Councilman

Bradley Griffith, Councilman

Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman

William Green, Highway Supervisor

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Kelly Rhinehart

Diane Reynolds

Mike Purpura

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

Public Participation

No Public Participation, this part of the meeting was closed.

Highway Supervisors Report

*The highway crew has been busy servicing all equipment and making repairs. The low pro truck #3 is back in service. Plowing and sanding has continued. Snow banks at intersections have been cleared for better sight and safety. Wash out on Leach Hill has been fixed, will be redone in the spring. Drain problems in the shop have been fixed.

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Highway Supervisors report as submitted.

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

Unfinished Business

*Councilman Brainard has been talking with Spectrum to possibly change phone and internet service for the town, and will be getting a quote.

*Supervisor Bifaro reminded everyone of the newly elected officials training at Southern Tier West on February 20th from 6-8pm. Anyone who wants to go needs to register by February 17th.

*Supervisor Bifaro reported on the FLOOD RECOVERY GRANT that Highway Supervisor Colvanback had originally applied for in 2015. With his hard work, determination, and persistence the town finally received a check for \$203,000.00 that will be deposited in the Highway Account.

*Highway Supervisor Green is looking into replacing the town excavator and will be getting quotes to bring before the Board.

*The contract for the streetlight on Thornton Road was signed and will be installed in the next 3 to 4 Months.

New Business

*Supervisor Bifaro passed around the Engagement letter from Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat to be reviewed.

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Griffith to sign the Engagement letter as submitted.

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

*Notice to Hire a caretaker for 2020 will be reviewed by Supervisor Bifaro and Highway Supervisor Green and posted in the Penny Saver as soon as possible.

*Repairs are needed in the Band Stand, Councilman Brainard will take a look and report back to the board.

Audit and Payment of Claims

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

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| General Fund Claim Nos: | #37- #52 | \$63,076.76 |
| Highway Fund Claim Nos: | #27 - #37 | \$ 7,749.30 |
| Trust & Agency Nos: | #4 | \$5,492.52 |
| Fire District | #1 | <u>\$95,450.00</u> |
| ABSTRACT NO. 2 | TOTAL | \$171,768.58 |

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

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

*The Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

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| County Tax | \$ 71,911.63 |
| Disaster reimbursement Grant | \$203,271.00 |
| Fire Dept. Fuel Usage 2019 | \$ 1,479.50 |
| Tax Collector | \$514,416.00 |
| Justice fees | \$ 641.00 |
| Town Clerk Fees | \$ 684.00 |

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Brainard to accept the minutes of January 22, 2020 meeting.

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Griffith has been in contact with the bands and will be finalizing the schedule for the July Band Series.

Councilman Brainard will be contacting the Library about the Easter Party.

*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Griffith to adjourn at 7:24p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti, Town Clerk /Recording Secretary