

May 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on May 13, 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

William Green, Highway Supervisor

Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman

William Duncanson, Town Attorney

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Diane Reynolds, Resident

Kelly Rhinehart, Resident

Debbie Rhinehart, Resident

Barb Hought, Resident

Roger Brainard, Resident

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

### **Public Participation**

Mr. and Mrs. Rhinehart are concerned about an "Animal Shelter" at the end of Mill Street, they have contacted the DEC, Ag and Markets, Humane Society and Sheriff's Department, they have only received a call back from Ag and Markets, Mr. Rhinehart states that the animals are a nuisance, they have ripped up grass, flowers, left messes on their porch. The animals are not being taken care of; dead animals are being buried in the creek bed. The animals that live there are, turkeys, ducks, rabbits, pigs, over 30 cats, horses, cows, dogs. Complaints have been made to the DCO about the dogs. Mr. Rhinehart is wondering if the town has a law for the control of animals other than dogs.

The Town of Ellington does not have any law pertaining to other animals than dogs. Attorney Duncanson suggests that the Rhinehart's consult an Attorney to file a civil action against the neighbor. Barb Hought also spoke on the matter; the animals are also a nuisance to her.

Mr. Brainard spoke of his concerns for the small business shut down due to Covid-19. Public Participation part of the meeting was closed.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

The Highway Department is back working at 100%. Skid patching will start next week. The caretaker has finished the picnic tables, once the park is open, they will be moved there. The tree work in the Valley View cemetery was completed by C and G tree services. Two more driveway pipes have been installed. Snow plow equipment has been painted and put away. The brush hog implement that goes along with the excavator was purchased with Ellery is being sold to Arkwright with the excavator for \$2,000. Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Griffith to accept the Highway Superintendents Report as submitted.

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

\*The 3-point hitch chipper is surplus.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Brainard to declare the 3-point hitch chipper as surplus.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

\*The Draft of Local Law #1 2020 was handed out for review by the town board.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Brainard to table the discussion of Local Law #1 2020 until August when a public hearing would be safer.

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

**New Business**

\*The Fire Department has asked if the Town could mow the lawn at the Fire Department.

\* A letter was sent to Tom Reed to ask for support for towns in these difficult times.

\*Resolution #3 2020 Direct Covid-19 related Federal Aide to all Municipalities.

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

**Monthly Reports**

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Town Clerk / Tax Collector monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Griffith to accept the Building Code Officers monthly report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard to accept the Financial Report with Budget Modification as submitted.

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 as follows:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#113- #126	\$6,491.37
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#82- #91	\$ 5,127.50
Trust & Agency Nos:	#10	<u>\$1,830.84</u>
Abstract NO.9 Total		\$13,719.84

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

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

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**Approval of Minutes**

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

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

\*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Brainard to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti, Town Clerk /Recording Secretary