

June 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on June 10, 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

Mill Street Residents:

Kelly Rhinehart

Debbie Rhinehart

Barb Hought

Randy Little

Melissa Thrower

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

Public Participation

The Mill Street residents 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. The Sheriff's department has been to the Rhinehart house 5 times with no resolution. The residents of Mill street state that the animals are a nuisance, they have ripped up grass, flowers, left messes on their porch (there are pictures as proof) 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 can adopt 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. If the board votes to Attorney Duncanson will write a law. The board will discuss this issue. This portion of the meeting was closed at 7:30.

Highway Superintendent Report

Two more driveway pipes have been installed. Skid-patching has been done on North Hill Rd. and Bentley Hill Rd. both roads are ready to be oiled and stoned around June 18, weather permitting. The Highway crew worked for two days as shared service with Town of Charlotte hauling gravel on Johnson Rd. The crew is currently working with the towns of Cherry Creek, Gerry, Charlotte and with the NYS DOT to haul millings from state Rd 83 between Cherry Creek and Conewango Valley. Roadside mowing began last week, and is almost half done at this time. The Wallenstein 3-point hitch wood chipper went online today with R.T.I. Auctions. The auction will end on 6/16/2020.

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.

Unfinished Business

The board discussed that the shed in the cemetery needs to have a coat of seal on it.

New Business

Resolution #4 2020 NYS Retirement Resolution was read by Supervisor Bifaro and the Clerk took a poll vote.

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

The Court is requesting help on court nights with crowd control, Supervisor Bifaro, and Kate Conti have volunteered for the first few court nights.

Sneeze guards have been installed in the Town Clerks Office, and ordered for the court.

The Town Clerks office is now open with new restrictions.

The Building Code officer has proposed modifications to the Building Permit Fees.

Motion made by Griffith seconded by Colburn to modify the fee for a Roof in the Town of Ellington to \$50.00.

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

Committee Reports

It was suggested by supervisor Bifaro that the band stand be painted by the board this summer as a way to preserve it without spending money.

July band concerts were discussed by the board.

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Griffith to cancel the 2020 band concerts in the park.

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

Monthly Reports

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Town Clerk 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-nay, 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:	#137- #149	\$2,984.83
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#101- #108	\$36,123.82
Trust & Agency Nos:	#13	<u>\$387.78</u>
Abstract NO.11 Total		\$39,809.01

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Reynolds to accept the minutes of March May 13th, 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

