

January 13, 2021

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

William Green, Highway Supervisor

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Absent: Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman

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

Public Participation

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

Highway Superintendent Report

There is an issue with the roof at the Highway Garage with the roof leaking, this has been an ongoing problem for many years and should be thought about for the future. The Lettering and bug shield for the new pickup truck will be done soon. Truck # 3(low pro) was down for two days due to a broken parking brake the part was ordered and will be repaired at Fat Cats. Truck #10

was down on Sunday January 3rd due to a blown main hydraulic line, the crew replaced it and the truck is back up and running. The heater in the breakroom is working well. The new pickup truck was received just before Christmas, the new loader should be delivered in January or February. The highway crew is servicing machinery, pothole repair, and clearing brush.

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Griffith to accept the Highway supervisors report.

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

Unfinished Business

No bids were received for the Bandstand repairs. The board would like to send out a letter to area contractors to let them know that the town put a posting in the Post Journal for bids to repair the bandstand.

New Business

The B.C.O has asked for the boards opinion on the campers that are lived in year round.

The salaries of the Councilman and Town Supervisor were discussed. Motion made by Colburn seconded by Bifaro to revert the salaries for 2021 back to \$1,940.00 for the Councilman and \$9,025.00 for the Town Supervisor.

This increase will come from appropriated fund balance.

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

Resolution #1 for 2021 the Resolution authorizing the COVID -19 emergency eviction and foreclosure prevention act of 2020 was read by the Supervisor.

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Griffith to accept Resolution #1 of 2021.

POLL VOTE: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Brainard-aye, Bifaro-aye, carried.

Resolution #2 2021 "Shared Service Contract" was read by the Supervisor.

POLL VOTE: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Brainard-aye, Bifaro-aye, carried.

The Audit for 2020 will be done January 14th at 2:30.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of December 23,2020 Organizational Meeting.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of December 23,2020 meeting.

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

Audit and Payment of Claims

At this time the town board reviewed the bills.

General Fund Claim Nos:	#1-#24	\$3,391.24
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#1- #13	\$8,466.20
Trust & Agency	#1	<u>\$1,889.79</u>
Abstract NO.1 Total		\$18,700.84

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

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

Monthly Reports

Motion to accept the Justice monthly report made by Brainard, seconded by Colburn.

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

Motion to accept Building Code Officer monthly report made by Griffith seconded Colburn.

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

Motion to accept the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Monthly Report made by Griffith seconded by Colburn.

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

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Brainard to accept the Supervisors Deposit Report made by Griffith, Seconded by Brainard.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith to accept the December 2020 Financial Reports submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

Committee Reports

No committee Reports at this time.

Correspondence

The Assessor, Roxanne Aucoin has asked Supervisor Bifaro to discuss again with the board the remaining \$4,000.00 that originally was set aside for the reevaluation project expenses. Although there is no record that the remaining funds to go to the assessor for salary, she has put in a voucher for the balance. The board discussed the matter, the town Attorney advised that without documentation the town cannot pay the balance to the Assessor.

*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti, Town Clerk /Recording Secretary