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The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on August 11, 2021 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Highway Building, Main Street Ellington, NY. Due to COVID 19 social distancing was observed.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor
Kevin Colburn, Councilman
Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman
Bradley Griffith, Councilman
David Brainard, Councilman
William Duncanson, Town Attorney
William Green, Highway Superintendent
Barbara Beightol, Deputy Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Residents: Diane Reynolds

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

Public Hearing for Proposed Law #1-2021 Opt Out of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries And On-Site Consumption sites.

No one from the public was present.

Open to Board discussion of the law, per Attorney William Duncanson, legal process once the Board votes to opt out, public has 20 days to petition against opting out which would cause the issue to be placed on the ballot and voted during a general election.

Motion to proceed with the law was made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith. Poll vote was taken: Brainard-aye, Colburn-aye, Griffith-aye, Reynolds-aye, Bifaro-aye. Motion passed.

Public Participation

Mr. Reynolds chose to speak during public participation. He would like to see the windmill law in the town rescinded. He feels that personal use windmills are restricted by this law. After some discussion, it was decided to table this matter until the Board had a copy of the previous

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law and time to read and research its contents. Motion to table, Reynolds, seconded Brainard Vote: Colburn -aye, Brainard-aye, Reynolds-aye, Bifaro-aye, carried.

Highway Superintendent Report

Crews have been taking care of wash-outs due to recent storms. Cutting and chipping brush on Wade Hill. Mr. Young has resumed roadside mowing. Truck #12 was out of service for 1 week and repair work was covered under warranty. Superintendent will meet with County Engineers tomorrow about the Cala bridge on 28 Mile Creek Road. The County is stock piling stone at the Highway Building for work they will be doing on the Gerry-Ellington Road, which will be done with shared services. The Superintendent also noted that Milo Elliott has been asking about creek work behind his property. Motion to accept the Highway Superintendents report was made by Reynolds, seconded by Colburn. Vote: Colburn-aye, Reynolds-aye, Griffith-aye, Brainard- aye, carried.

Unfinished Business

The sculpture in the park has been taken down, it is at the highway building. It has some rotting in the center. David Brainard made a motion to declare it surplus, seconded by Reynolds. Vote: Colburn-aye, Brainard-aye, Griffith-aye, Reynolds-aye. Carried.

Jeffery Reynolds made a motion to sell the sculpture by sealed bid, seconded by Brainard, Vote: Colburn-aye, Griffith-aye, Brainard-aye, Reynolds -aye, carried.

New Business

The Ellington Rod and Gun would like the board's approval to renew their liquor license. Motion to allow made by Reynolds, seconded by Griffith Vote: Colburn-aye, Griffith-aye, Brainard-aye, Reynolds-aye, carried.

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Letter from the State ARP Fund we have received a payment of \$47,959.44 as half of the allocated monies the second half to come in 2022. There are many restrictions on what this money can be spent for. We have also received a letter from Laura Napoli from Bahgat & Laurito stating that they can aid us with spending restrictions and required reporting. Their fee for this service is \$125.00 per hour and is eligible to be taken from these monies. Motion to proceed with a contract with them was made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard.

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

Letter from the State Department of Taxation states they are giving the Town \$4303.75 to pay the Assessor for the re-evaluation that was previously done. Motion made by Brainard to pay the Assessor \$4000.00 of this money for her services. Seconded by Reynolds.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Reynolds to accept the minutes of July 28,2021 meeting.

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

Audit and Payment of Claims

At this time the town board reviewed the bills.

General Fund Claim Nos:	#200-#215	\$7,153.66
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#110- #116	<u>\$72,397.58</u>
Abstract NO.14 Total		\$93,233.81

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

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith to approve the financial report for July 2021 as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

Motion made by Brainard seconded by Colburn to accept the general budget modification as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito- Bahgat.

Vote: Colburn-aye, Griffith-aye, Brainard-aye, Reynolds abstain, carried. Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith to accept the highway budget modifications as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat

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

Monthly Reports

Motion to accept the Town Clerk Monthly Report made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard.

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

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Griffith to accept the Dog Control Report.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith to accept the Supervisors deposit report as submitted.

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

Committee Report

The Band Concerts were very poorly attended, discussion needs to address possible different night, different bands, something to consider for next year.

*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Reynolds to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara J Beightol

Deputy Town Clerk / Recording Secretary

