

October 13, 2021

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on October 13, 2021 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 East Main Street Ellington, NY. Due to COVID 19 social distancing was observed.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor
Kevin Colburn, Councilman
Bradley Griffith, Councilman
Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman
David Brainard, Councilman
Kate Conti, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Resident: Diane Reynolds
Brian Johnson

Representatives of the Ellington Farman Library:

Judith Whittaker, Library Director
Delores Young, Secretary
Beth Speas, Treasurer
Mary Jane Griffith, Trustee
Cindy Wragge, Trustee

Representative of the Town Picnic Association:

Matt Pickup

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

Public Participation

Matt Pickup thanked everyone involved in the Town Picnic for all their help and the Town for the use of the Town Park. Matt stated that even with the small changes due to Covid 19 the 2021 Town Picnic was a success!

The Town Picnic association will be continuing their fundraising for the 2022 Town Picnic.

Judith Whittaker reported on Ellington Farman Library Circulation

Data for January through September of 2021. The total circulation is 4,322 with 850 items being requested from other libraries. Children's programs have been attended by 193 children and 355 adults have attended the adult programs. The total number of times the library has been visited for this same period is 2,573. Mrs. Whittaker has many promising plans for the library in the coming year.

Beth Speas previously handed out the library financial report to the board members. The Ellington Farman Library would like to ask the town to increase the 2022 budget by \$5,500 and an additional \$750 yearly increase. The reasons for these increases are increases in payroll and utilities.

The board will discuss the proposed increase at the next budget meeting.

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

Highway Superintendent Report

Abby Hill, Brainard, Dean School Road between 28 Creek Road and Gerry Ellington Road have all been buggy patched. 28 Creek Rd, Dean School Rd, and Waterman Road have all been bar patched.

Skid paving has been done on Wolcott Road, 28 creek Road, Leach Hill, Hunt Road, Wade Hill Road, Abby Hill Road. The cross tiles on Little Road, Abby Road, and Dean School Road have been completed. The town has also been working with neighboring towns in the shared service program.

The new F-550 that was ordered last spring and has been delivered to the fabricator for the outfitting of the dump body, tool box and plow. The trucks have also started to get outfitted for winter.

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

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

New Business

No new business was discussed at this time.

Unfinished Business

The ARPA funds were discussed by the board.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Brainard to accept the minutes of September 8th and 22nd as submitted.

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

Audit and Payment of Claims

At this time the town board reviewed the bills.

General Fund Claim Nos:	#264-#281	\$3095.37
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#144- #153	\$27,610.82
Trust & Agency	#21	<u>\$387.78</u>
Abstract NO.19 Total		\$31,093.97

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

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

Monthly Reports

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

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

Motion to accept the Building Code Officers Monthly Report made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith.

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

Motion to accept the Dog Control Officers Monthly Report made by Reynolds, seconded by Brainard.

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

Motion to accept the financial report as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat made by Reynolds seconded by Brainard.

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

Motion to accept the budget modifications as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat made by Griffith seconded by Brainard.

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

Motion to accept the Budget Transfers as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat made by Colburn seconded by Brainard.

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

*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Griffith to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti

Town Clerk / Recording Secretary