

Minutes of a *Regular*
Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Ellicott
held at the Administration Building
215 S. Work Street, Falconer, N.Y. on
March 11, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Bowman, Councilman Rensel, Councilman White, Councilwoman Whitmore, Councilman Swan, Deputy Town Clerk Calkins, Highway Superintendent Pickett, Attorney Fiore-Lehman.

Supervisor Bowman opened the meeting at 5:30 PM and led the Town Council in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Deputy Town Clerk Calkins called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman White to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Carried.

Ayes – 5

Noes - 0

Absent – 0

CORRESPONDENCE

Deputy Town Clerk Calkins read the following into the record:

- A Thank you letter from Falconer Library for the Town's donation.

TOWN OFFICER REPORTS

Councilman White received a letter from Ms. Blakston on Price Street regarding the Feeding of Wild Animal Ordinance. They had a very nice conversation and as long as she is following the ordinance then everything will be fine. Received a call from Ron Owens on Price Street and he is going to action in the form of a complaint against people who are feeding animals.

Supervisor Bowman advised the Board that there was a meeting to resume updating the Code Book. They will be meeting again on April 25th.

Highway Superintendent Pickett advised the board that he is putting a bid in the Post Journal for the purchase of asphalt.

OLD BUSINESS

Lake Paper Street

Attorney Fiore-Lehman will be reaching out to the new attorney for the Griffos and will hopefully have it wrapped up by the next meeting.

Moratorium on Short-Term Rentals

Councilman Rensel asked if we have had any complaints or problems with short-term rentals. Supervisor Bowman does not believe so, but is going on the advice of Code Enforcement Officer Crossley, that we should put something in the code book that pertains to short-term rentals. Councilman Rensel doesn't want us to put too many regulations on them. Councilman Swan would at least like to see that they are all registered and that we get the bed tax for them. Attorney Lehman-Fiore has the Village of Lakewood's preliminary draft and a few that she found online and will get them out to everyone.

2024 Lake Herbicide Permits

Supervisor Bowman advised the board that as of today, no permits have been approved by the DEC.

NEW BUSINESS

Solar Eclipse/Board Meeting

Supervisor Bowman advised the board that our next board meeting is scheduled for April 8th, the same day as the eclipse.

MOTION by Councilman Rensel seconded by Councilman White to change the April 8th Board Meeting to Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30.

Adopted.	Ayes – 5	Noes - 0	Absent –0
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Payment of Claims

MOTION by Councilwoman Whitmore seconded by Councilman White to pay Abstract #4-2024 for \$219,988.8.1

Adopted.	Ayes - 5	Noes - 0	Absent –0
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EXECUTIVE SESSION (Code Officer Position/Annexation)

Motion by Councilman White seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to convene an Executive Session to discuss the Code Officer position and the Annexation. 5:50 PM – 6:45 PM.

Carried.	Ayes – 5	Noes – 0	Absent – 0
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Motion by Councilman White, seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to adjourn at 6:45.

Carried.	Ayes – 5	Noes – 0	Absent – 0
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Amy M. Bellardo, Town Clerk

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Dear Town of Ellicott Officials,

The Falconer Public Library recently received a check from the Town of Ellicott. The check in the amount of \$3,500.00 is such a generous contribution to our library. Thank you very much!

We will be sure to put these funds to good use as we continue to encourage literacy and reading in our community. We certainly appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Laurie Becker

Laurie Becker, Library Manager
and the Falconer Public Library Board and Staff

TOWN OF ELLICOTT JUSTICE COURT

Marilyn Gerace

Town Justice

215 South Work Street

Falconer, New York 14733

Phone: 716-665-5319

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Sally Jaroszynski

Town Justice

March 2024 Board Meeting

For the month of February:

\$20,631.50 in fines, fees and surcharges was collected by the Court and was given to the Town of Ellicott Supervisor for court cases reported to the NYS Comptroller for **February 2024**. The Court opened **290** new cases and closed **273** cases.

The New York State Police have increased their ticket writing in the Town of Ellicott over the last couple of months, which is reflected in the fines and fees being collected by the Court. Please feel free to ask me any additional questions regarding this!

Submitted on behalf of the Town of Ellicott Court

Kaitlin McNeill

Court Clerk

March 5, 2024

Town of Ellicott
Assessor's Report
March 7, 2024

The Assessment office made it through Taxable Status Day. It was a crazy month with exemptions, Kendra was able to reach out to all our Volunteer Fire Departments with exemption information and totals. This was successful and informative for those departments.

The county changed the amount of income they will allow for the Aged/ Disabled residents. This was passed after Taxable Status Day and will affect next years exemptions, this is renewed yearly.

I've also registered for my Farm Appraisal class 4/7 – 412 and will be out of the office that week. I will have my laptop and Kendra will be available for any concerns or questions.

Thank you,

Tera Darts, Assessor