

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
January 08, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Bowman, Councilman Rensel, Councilman White, Councilwoman Whitmore, Councilman Swan, Town Clerk Bellardo, 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*. Town Clerk Bellardo called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman White to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Carried.

Ayes – 5

Noes - 0

Absent – 0

CORRESPONDENCE

Town Clerk Bellardo read the following into the record:

- Received our second mortgage tax payment in the amount of \$53,399.63, which is down 47.35% from last year.

OLD BUSINESS

Feeding of Wild Animal Ordinance

Attorney Fiore-Lehman explained the ordinance that she drafted. She advised the Board on the process of filing a complaint and the steps that would be involved before it would go to court. A discussion was had about why it isn't being done through the DEC and how the DEC is recommending that we have this ordinance in place as a last resort.

MOTION by Councilman White seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to approve the Feeding of Wild Animal Ordinance.

Adopted.

Ayes - 5

Noes - 0

Absent – 0

Lake Paper Street

Attorney Fiore-Lehman has reached out to the attorney for the Griffio family. She has not had a response but will reach out again this week. She will advise the Board when she makes contact with the attorney.

Partial Tax Exemption - Firefighters

Town Clerk Bellardo presented the draft of Local Law #1-2024 Enacting a Property Tax Exemption of Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers. We will need to set a public hearing.

Moratorium on Short-Term Rentals

Attorney Fiore-Lehman is working on getting the consultant survey from the Village of Lakewood and will draft something for next month's meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Position

Councilman White has ranked the resumes that he received and asked Town Clerk Bellardo to set up interviews with the three individuals. None of the individuals are certified, but Code Enforcement Officer Crossley is willing to stay on to mentor.

NEW BUSINESS

BAN Renewal – Highway Garage

Town Clerk Bellardo advised the Board that we are switching from M&T Bank to Community Bank in the amount of \$28,721.44 with an interest rate of 6.39%. This is a two-year BAN.

MOTION by Councilman Swan seconded by Councilman White to approve the BAN for the Highway Garage

Adopted. Ayes – 4 Noes - 0 Absent – 0
(Councilwoman Whitmore Recused)

2024 Herbicide Application

Supervisor Bowman advised the Board that she attended a meeting with CPL in December. Glen Sullivan from Solitude has left and went to another company. CPL is looking at contracting with the new company and would like to get the applications in sooner. She will keep the Board informed.

Public Hearing Local Law #1-2024 Partial Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters

MOTION by Councilwoman Whitmore seconded by Councilman Rensel to set the Public Hearing on Local Law #1-2024 for February 12, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Adopted. **Ayes – 5** **Noes - 0** **Absent –0**

Payment of Claims

MOTION by Councilwoman Whitmore seconded by Councilman Swan to pay Abstract #23-2023 for \$89,183.35 and Abstract #1-2024 for \$517,870.68.

Adopted. **Ayes - 5** **Noes - 0** **Absent –0**

Motion by Councilman Swan seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to adjourn at 5:58 pm.

Carried. **Ayes – 5** **Noes – 0** **Absent – 0**

Amy M. Bellardo, Town Clerk

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January 2024 Board Meeting

For the month of December:

\$12,209 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 **December 2023**. The Court opened **258** new cases and closed **148** cases.

Submitted on behalf of the Town of Ellicott Court



Kaitlin McNeill

Court Clerk

January 5, 2023

Town of Ellicott
Assessor's Report
January 8, 2024

Happy New Year.

December has been a quiet month in the office; however, I have been able to get a ton of field work done. This is helpful moving toward Taxable Status Day, March 1st.

Kendra has been working on all the exemptions and has the deeds current, that we have received.

Now we start getting ready for Taxable Status Day. We have received many residents asking about their Star Exemptions, wanting to make sure they have the exemption or do they qualify for the Enhanced Star. It will be busy for the office for the next several months.

Tera Darts, Assessor