ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 4, 2024

The organizational Meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on January 4,2024 at 7:00pm at the Ellington Town Hall 813 West Main St, Ellington, NY.

Present: Karen Bifaro, Supervisor

Kevin Colburn, Councilman

Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman

Bradley Griffith, Councilman

David Brainard, Councilman

William Green, Highway Supervisor

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/ Recording Secretary

At this time, Supervisor Bifaro proposed the appointments of the following standing committees for the year 2024:

Highway: Kevin Colburn, Bradley Griffith

Cemetery & Cemetery: Brad Griffith, David Brainard

Insurance: Karen Bifaro, Kevin Colburn

Recreation: Kevin Colburn, Barbara Beightol

Parks & Grounds: David Brainard, Barbara Beightol

Set mileage reimbursement at $.62 per mile when Town Officials drive their own vehicles for Town business as of January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024. Vouchers for expenses to be turned in monthly. Possibility to amend mileage reimbursement if needed during the year.

Motion: Made by Griffith, second by Colburn

Vote: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Transfers of all Budget monies be done by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs, P.C. and approved by a majority vote of the Town Board. Transfers are done by the accountant as needed and reported in the accountant’s monthly financial report and the monthly minutes.

Motion: Motion by Beightol, Second by Brainard

Vote: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2024 annual contract with the accounting firm of Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat for $11,500.00.

Motion: Motion by Griffith, second by Beightol

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Carried

Authorize Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs, P.C. to pay utility or any other bills before Town Board audit when necessary to avoid late charges.

Motion: Motion made by Griffith, second by Brainard

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Authorize the Town Clerk’s petty cash to be kept at $100.00. The Tax Collector’s petty cash to be kept at $200.00 and will be returned to the Town after tax collection period.

Motion: Motion by Griffith, second by Colburn

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VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Designate the Post Journal, 15 West Second Street, Jamestown, N.Y. and Southern Tier Pennysaver,2 Harding Ave. Jamestown, NY to be the official newspaper for the year 2022 for publications of all local news, notices and all other matters required by law to be published.

Motion: Motion by Brainard, second by Colburn

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Designate Cattaraugus County Bank, 120 Main Street, Little Valley, N.Y. (using South Dayton, Randolph and Jamestown branch) as the depositories for all Town funds for the year 2022.

Motion: Motion by Brainard, second by Colburn

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Ellington Town Board meetings are to be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y. unless otherwise advertised. A Legal Notice will be posted in the Post Journal and on the town, website listing all meeting dates of the Ellington Town Board.

Motion: Motion by Brainard second by Griffith

Vote: Colburn nay, Beightol nay, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

The purchase policy in 2024 for the Town will be the voucher system with the approval of the Department Heads and Town Board.

Motion: Motion by Beightol, seconded by Brainard

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

The Town Investment Policy read by the Supervisor.

Continue with the Investment Policy for the Town of Ellington for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Griffith, second by Colburn

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Continue the Procurement Policy (purchase policy) for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Beightol, second by Colburn

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Accept the Sexual Harassment Policy that had been adopted in November 2018 for the Town of Ellington for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Griffith, second by Brainard

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Local Law - 2018 “Code of Ethics Law for the Town of Ellington”

Motion: Motion by Griffith, second by Griffith

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

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The Board approved Interim Judge Crosley’s appointment of Wanda Crossley as Interim Justice Court Clerk with a yearly salary of $5000.00 for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Griffith, second by Colburn

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Appoint Suzanne Sischo as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, with a salary of $15.50 per hour for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Brainard, second by Beightol

VOTE: Colburn aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Beightol abstained Carried

Appoint Darla Rissel as Second Deputy Town Clerk with a salary of $15.50 per hour for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Brainard, Second by Beightol

Vote: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Appoint Supervisor Bifaro as Service Officer for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Beightol, second by Brainard

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro abstained, Carried

Appoint Supervisor Bifaro as Budget Officer with a salary of $ 625.00 for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Griffith second by Beightol

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro abstained, Carried

Appoint Barbara Beightol as Deputy Town Supervisor for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Colburn, second by Brainard

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol abstained, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Appoint Melanie Eddy as the Building Code Officer with a salary of $6,400.00 for 2024.

Motion: Motion by Brainard, second by Colburn

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Appoint Jennifer Eaker as Dog Control Officer at $3,264.00 yearly plus mileage for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Griffith, second by Brainard

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Appoint Kate A. Conti as Registrar of Vital Statistics with a salary of $510.00 for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Griffith, Second by Brainard

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Appoint Darla Rissel as Cemetery Coordinator at a rate of $1,000.00 per year for services in the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Beightol, second by Brainard

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

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Appoint the Records Management Advisory Board for 2024, which consists of Kate Conti, Town Clerk; Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman; and Karen Bifaro, Supervisor.

Motion: Motion by Griffith, second by Colburn

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol abstained, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro abstained, Carried

Appoint Kate Conti as cleaner of The Town Hall with a salary of $1,326.00 for 2024.

Motion: Motion by Colburn, second by Brainard

Vote: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Continue our policy of any Certificate of Liability Insurance from contractors to be set at $1,000,000. Aggregate and name the Town of Ellington as coinsured.

Motion: Motion by Griffith, second by Beightol

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Authorize the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to/and or attend the monthly Supervisor’s and/or Mayor’s meetings in 2024.

Motion: Motion by Colburn, Second by Brainard

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Accept the Highway Superintendent’s appointment of Dean Crandall as Deputy Highway Superintendent for a salary of $.50 per hour worked for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Griffith, second by Beightol

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Authorize the Highway Superintendent to participate in County Bids for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Beightol, second by Colburn

Vote: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Approve the Highway Superintendent to/and or deputy attend Highway School, Watershed meetings (also any interested Town Board members) and monthly Hwy. Supt. Meetings for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Colburn, second by Griffith

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Approve the Town Clerk to/and or attend Chautauqua Co. Clerks Assoc. meetings monthly and NYSTCA meeting annually for the year of 2024.

Motion: Motion by Beightol, second by Colburn

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

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Approve the salary of $20.50 per hour for the year 2024 for part time/seasonal MEO highway employee with a CDL license. Part time/seasonal MEO highway employee with CDL license will be paid time and ½ for working on a holiday. Part time/ seasonal MEO highway employee w/o a CDL license will be paid $17.00 hr.

Motion: Motion by Colburn, second by Beightol

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Approve the salary of $12,633.00 for the Assessor, Roxanne Aucoin, and approve her attending annual and monthly Assessor meetings for the year 2024, plus mileage.

Motion: Motion by Colburn, Second by Beightol VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Approve appointment of Kelly McLane as a Deputy Assessor at $15.50 an hour for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Beightol, second by Colburn

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Appoint Kate Conti as Fair Housing Officer for the year 2024.

Motion: Motion by Brainard, second by Beightol

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Appoint Councilman Brainard, Councilman Griffith, Councilman Colburn and Councilwoman Beightol to audit the Town of Ellington’s financial accounts and records for the year 2024 with a January 20th deadline.

Motion: Motion by Beightol, second by Bifaro

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Accept Dana Lundberg and Myra V. Blasius of Lundberg Price, P.C., 202 W. Fourth Street, Jamestown, NY as the Town Attorney with an hourly charge of $200.00 per hour for the year of 2024.

Motion: Motion by Colburn, second by Brainard

VOTE: Colburn aye, Beightol aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Bifaro aye, Carried

Adjournment of Organizational Meeting.

7:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kate A. Conti

Town Clerk/ Recording Secretary