February 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on February 9,2022 at 7:00pm at the Ellington Town Hall 813 West Main St, Ellington, NY. Due to COVID 19 social distancing was observed.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor

 Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman

 Kevin Colburn, Councilman

 Bradley Griffith, Councilman

 David Brainard, Councilman

 William Duncanson, Town Attorney

 Kate Conti, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

 Dan Steward, Resident

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

**Public Participation**

Resident Dan Steward spoke about his concerns with industrial solar farms.

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

**Executive Session**

Motion made at 7:30 by Beightol, seconded by Griffith to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee matters.

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

Bifaro-aye, carried.

Motion made at 7:35 by Griffith, seconded by Brainard to end Executive Session and return to the public meeting.

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

Bifaro-aye, carried.

**Highway Superintendent Report**

The Highway Crew has been busy plowing snow, truck #9 was down for 2 weeks to have a new clutch installed. Truck #3 (Low Prow) has been down for 3 weeks with break issues; it is back and working well. The

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plow on the pickup has been very helpful. The new uniforms are in but still many issues with them. Plow extenders have been added to all the trucks, which will be helpful when cleaning intersections.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Beightol to accept the Highway Report as submitted.

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

Bifaro-aye, carried.

**Unfinished Business**

The 911 numbers were discussed, the chief will be contacted as to the amount that will be needed to finish the project.

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Beightol to table this decision until more information is obtained.

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

Bifaro-aye, carried.

**New Business**

Agreement to spend Highway Funds was read by Supervisor Bifaro.

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Brainard to sign the agreement to spend Highway Funds.

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

Bifaro-aye, carried.

The audit of Town Clerk, Town Supervisor, and Justice Court was completed January 13th 2022 by Councilman Griffith, Brainard, Beightol and Colburn. All fines have been turned over to the proper town officials as required by law. It is the opinion of the Town Council that all financial records are in order.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to accept the audit reconciliation.

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

Bifaro-aye, carried.

Resolution No 1-2022 Shared Services was read by Supervisor Bifaro.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Griffith to adopt Resolution

No 1 2022 giving municipalities the power and authority to contract

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with other municipalities through shared highway services.

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

Bifaro-aye, carried.

Films that have been stored at Biels for over 10 years were discussed.

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Beightol to have Biels release the films to the town for storage in the town vault.

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

Bifaro-aye, carried.

Playground equipment was discussed.

The License agreement from the Board of Elections was read by supervisor Bifaro.

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Beightol to authorize the use of the Town Hall for the Board of Elections.

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

Bifaro-aye, carried.

The Sexual Harassment policy was reviewed by each Councilman and signed acknowledgements were given to the Town Clerk to be filed.

The Town Council also signed the Conflict-of-Interest policy for 2022.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Brainard to accept the minutes of January 12, 2022 as submitted.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Brainard- aye, Beightol- abstained,

Bifaro-aye, carried.

**Audit and Payment of Claims**

At this time the town board reviewed the bills.

General Fund Claim Nos: #22-#40 $154,491.55

Highway Fund Claim Nos: #14- #26 $42,213.92

Trust & Agency #3-#4 $3371.79

Abstract NO.2 Total $200,077.26

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Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Brainard to pay the bills as submitted. VOTE: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Brainard- aye, Beightol- aye, Bifaro-aye, carried.

**Monthly/Annual Reports**

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Griffith to accept the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector annual and Monthly report.

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

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Griffith to accept the Town Supervisor annual and monthly report.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Colburn to accept the Building Code Officers monthly report.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the Town Justice monthly report.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Griffith to accept the Dog Control Officers annual and monthly report.

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

Motion made by Beightol seconded by Griffith to accept the Financial Report as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Brainard to accept the Ellington Farman Library Financial Report for 2021 as submitted.

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

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aye, carried.

**Committee Reports**

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith to give the library $150 for the Easter Party they will be holding at the library.

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

**Correspondence**

No Correspondence at this time.

\*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti, Town Clerk /Recording Secretary