October 12, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on October 12, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Ellington Town Hall 813 West Main St, Ellington, NY.

Present: Kevin Colburn, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor

Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman

David Brainard, Councilman

William Green, Highway Superintendent

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/ Recording Secretary

Absent: Bradley Griffith, Councilman

Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor

Public: Judy Whittaker

Delores Young

Cindy Wragge

**Public Participation**

Deputy Supervisor Colburn opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Judy Whittaker, Library Director was present to discuss the activity at the library over the last year. Judy presented statistics for the library from January through August comparing 2021 to 2022. The total visitors increased by 29%, programs by 60% and program attendance increased by 53%. Statistics aside, the library has a dramatically positive affect on many individuals of all age groups as well as the community as a whole. Cindy Wragge spoke about the rise in operational expenses. Delores Young thanked the board for their continued support of the library, and the library employees for all their hard work and dedication to the library.

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

**Highway Superintendent Report**

The highway crew has been busy with tree clean up. The second round of skid paving has been completed. The crew has started to get the

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trucks ready for winter, the new sander has been mounted and wired on truck #2. The roadside mowing is complete and the mower has been repaired and put away for the winter. Truck #5 has been out for repairs to the catalytic converter, and the starter, it is now back in operation. The rock jobs for the year have been completed.

Motion made by Beightol, second by Brainard to accept the Highway Superintendent report.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Beightol- aye, Brainard- aye, carried.

**Unfinished Business**

The Break Away Hoops for the town park are being retro fitted to the existing poles.

**New Business**

The only Sealed bid for the Cemetery Caretaker Position was opened and read by Deputy Supervisor Colburn. The bid was put in by Bradley Lanphere of CV Builds, all required documentation was included.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to accept the bid for Cemetery Caretaker for the 2023 season.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Beightol- aye, Brainard- aye, carried.

New playground equipment was discussed by the board.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Beightol to table the playground discussion.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Beightol- aye, Brainard- aye, carried.

Deputy Supervisor Colburn read Resolution #6 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2022 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Beightol to adopt Resolution #6 2022, as written.

Poll Vote: VOTE: Colburn-aye, Beightol- aye, Brainard- aye, carried.

The Lighting assessment from NYSERDA was completed. All the lights in the Town Hall and the Highway Garage will be replaced at a cost of

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$2,886.32 to the town.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Beightol to have all the lights in the Town Hall and Highway Garage replaced with high efficiency LED lights.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Beightol- aye, Brainard- aye, carried.

The Big Dog Gravel permit has been renewed by the DEC.

A new contract has been sent to the town by the Chautauqua County Humane Society.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to sign the contract presented by the CCHS.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Beightol- aye, Brainard- aye, carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to accept the Minutes of September 14,2022 as submitted.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Beightol- aye, Brainard-aye, carried.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to accept the Minutes of October 5,2022 as submitted.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Beightol- aye, Brainard-aye, carried.

**Budget modifications**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to accept the Budget Transfers and Modifications to the General Fund as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Beightol- aye, Brainard -aye, carried.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to accept the Budget Transfers and Modifications to the Highway Fund as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Beightol- aye, Brainard-aye, carried.

**Audit and Payment of Claims**

At this time the town board reviewed the bills included on Abstract 13.

General Fund Claim Nos: #240-#253 $6,280.55

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Highway Fund Claim Nos: #151 $292.80

Trust & Agency #19 $2,984.01

**Abstract NO 13 Total $9,557.36**

At this time the town board reviewed the bills included on Abstract 14.

General Fund Claim Nos: #254-#267 $1,353.27

Highway Fund Claim Nos: #152- #164 $22,923.35

Trust & Agency #20 $585.78

**Abstract NO 14 Total $24,862.40**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to pay the bills as submitted.

VOTE: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Beightol- aye, Bifaro-aye, carried.

**Monthly Reports**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to accept the Town Clerk Monthly report.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to accept the Assessors report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to accept the Building Code Officers report as submitted.

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

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

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

**Committee Reports**

No Committee Reports at this time.

\*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Griffith to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti Town Clerk/ Recording Secretary