January 12, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on January 12, 2022 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall,813 East Main Street Ellington, NY. Due to COVID 19 social distancing was observed.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor

 Kevin Colburn, Councilman

 David Brainard, Councilman

 Bradley Griffith, Councilman

 Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman

 William Duncanson, Attorney

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

**Public Participation**

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

**Highway Superintendent Report**

The Highway Crew has been plowing and sanding mostly due to freezing rain. Busy cleaning ditches and roadways due to falling trees and limbs. They are also cutting brush with the Brush Hog on the Excavator. Kravitz Tree Service has cut 2 big Maple trees on Mill Street that were dead, the county will grind the stumps. The heater in the shop needs repair the intake an exhaust pipes are leaking, Rideout’s have been contacted for a quote. The 550 Ford dump truck is expected to be done by the end of March or April.

Motion to accept the Highway Superintendents report made by Griffith, Seconded by Brainard.

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

**Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was discussed at this time.

**New Business**

ARPA Money was discussed and how we might spend the money for improvements. Supervisor Bifaro will look into the requirements for Grants to non-profit organizations in the town. It was noted that the Fire department has asked for assistance in purchasing driveway marking signs for 911 purposes, an additional 300 are needed.

 The roof on the town hall was looked at as an upcoming necessity Motion was made by Griffith, second by Beightol to seek bids for replacement of the Town hall roof with a shingle roof. Vote Colburn aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Beightol aye, Bifaro aye motion carried. Another issue, the cold storage building at the town highway department is in need of a roof and addition. A Motion was made by Colburn to seek bids for repair of the roof and addition to the cold storage building, second by Brainard, Vote Colburn aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Beightol aye, Bifaro aye. Motion carried.

It was decided to develop a plan for the town park and seek bids for replacement of electric service and lighting in the park along with light posts at the town hall and additional lighting in the parking lot. Motion made by Griffith, second by Colburn Vote: Colburn aye, Griffith aye, Brainard aye, Beightol aye, Bifaro aye

Carried.

The board also discussed the Cemetery fees and the hiring ofMike Smith to open graves for the town with Michael Carpenter as a back-up. The board decided to raise the cost of burial to $550.00 and Cremains $350.00. The lot price will also be raised to $550.00 to accommodate rising costs of maintenance. Motion made by Griffith, second by Brainard, Vote: Colburn aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Beightol aye, Bifaro aye, Carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of December 8, 2021 meeting as submitted.

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

Motion was made by Colburn, second by Brainard to accept the minutes of the January 5 organizational meeting as submitted.

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

**Audit and Payment of Claims**

At this time the town board reviewed the bills.

General Fund Claim Nos: #1-#21 $38,911.64

Highway Fund Claim Nos: #1-13 13,085.44

Ellington Light District1 169.02

Ellington Light District 2 208.26

Special District Park 59.38

Trust & Agency #1-#2 3371.79

Abstract NO.1 Total $55805.53

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard to pay the bills.

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

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**Monthly Reports**

Motion to accept the Town Clerk Monthly Report made by Brainard, seconded by Colburn.

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

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Motion to accept the Dog Control Officers Monthly Report made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn.

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

Motion to accept the financial report as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat made by Brainard seconded by Colburn.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Colburn to accept the Supervisors deposit report as submitted.

Motion by Griffith, Second by Brainard. Vote; Colburn aye, Brainard aye, Griffith aye, Beightol aye, Bifaro aye. carried

There was discussion on prepaid credit card for Highway supervisor for small purchases and places where we do not hold accounts. This will be looked into.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Beightol

Deputy Town Clerk / Recording Secretary