September 14, 2022

The Public Meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on September 14, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Ellington Town Hall 813 West Main St, Ellington, NY.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor

 Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman

 Kevin Colburn, Councilman

 Bradley Griffith, Councilman

 David Brainard, Councilman (by Zoom)

 William Green, Highway Superintendent

 Kate Conti, Town Clerk/ Recording Secretary

Public Participants: See List Attached to Minutes.

**Public Hearing**

Supervisor Bifaro opened the Public Hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance. This Public Hearing was called to discuss the proposed Local Law #1 for 2022 titled: A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in the General Municipal Law 3-c. Supervisor Bifaro handed out copies of the proposed law and explained to the public that the law was a precautionary measure that had to be put in place before the budget process starts, in the event that the budget has to increase by over 2% due to inflation. There was much discussion between the people and the town Council.

Motion made by Beightol and seconded by Colburn to adopt Local Law #1 for 2022 titled: A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in the General Municipal Law 3-c.

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

**Public Participation**

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

**Highway Superintendent Report**

The highway crew has completed the second and final round of oil and

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stone for this 2022 season. The roads that were oiled and stoned were

28 creek Rd. from Carpenter’s to the Cala bridge, Waterman Rd. from

Rt.62 to Butman Rd., Park Street and Mill Street. Park Street and Mill Street were also painted.

The rock jobs on Harris Road also have been completed which hopefully will stop washing out the shoulders of the road.

The crew has also been ditching and replacing driveway pipes, as well as cutting shoulders. Pothole patching will begin, as well as blacktopping the cross tubes that have been replaced.

The County bridge 906 replacement on 28 Creek Road started August 15th and will be a 10-to-12-week project.

The highway crew has also been cutting brush from the storm damage on August 29th, with more cleanup to be done on Leach Hill and Harris Hollow. Cleanup has been done on Wade Hill and Wolcott Rd.

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

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

**Unfinished Business**

Supervisor Bifaro read a letter from Attorney Lundberg, stating that it is in his professional opinion because the Town of Ellington does not have zoning, an industrial Solar law would not be enforceable in Ellington.

The Break Away Hoops for the town park have been donated to the town and will be installed by Councilman Brainard.

**New Business**

Supervisor Bifaro read Resolution #5 2022 “Authorizing Town Justice to Apply for Grant Funds”

Motion made by Beightol seconded by Griffith to Accept Resolution #5 as read by Supervisor Bifaro.

POLL VOTE: Colburn-aye, Griffith- aye, Beightol- aye, Bifaro-aye,

The Town Clerk will be accepting Sealed Bids for Cemetery Caretaker until October 12th at 3:00 pm. The Legal Add for this will be posted in

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the Post Journal, the town website, the Ellington Post Office, and the Town Hall.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the Minutes of August 10,2022 as submitted.

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

**Budget modifications**

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Beightol to accept the Budget Modifications to the Drainage Fund as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

**Audit and Payment of Claims**

At this time the town board reviewed the bills included on Abstract 11.

General Fund Claim Nos: #220-#226 $2,057.03

Highway Fund Claim Nos: #131- #134 $741.11

Trust & Agency #17 $2,984.01

**Abstract NO 11 Total $5,782.15**

At this time the town board reviewed the bills included on Abstract 12.

General Fund Claim Nos: #227-#239 $3,608.55

Highway Fund Claim Nos: #135- #150 $53,654.35

Trust & Agency #18 $585.78

**Abstract NO 12 Total $57,854.68**

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

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

**Monthly Reports**

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to accept the Town Clerk Monthly report.

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

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Beightol to accept the Supervisor’s Deposits report.

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

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to accept the town Justice report as submitted.

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

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

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Griffith to accept the Dog Control 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, Griffith-aye, Beightol-aye, Bifaro-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