June 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on June 8, 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

David Brainard, Councilman

Roxanne Aucoin, Assessor

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/ Recording Secretary

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

**Public Participation**

There was no one present for public participation.

**Highway Superintendent Report**

The Highway Department has been busy working on cross tubes, one on Bush Rd and one on Wolcott Rd. There are two or three more to do.

The crew has been skid paving in Cherry Creek, Gerry, and Charlotte. The first round of skid paving is done. There have also been three more driveway pipes put in and three more to do. The crew has also been ditching. The heavy rock project on 28 Creek Road is still underway by the county. On June 6th the crew will be working on NYS Rt. 83 and will be receiving the millings. Roadside mowing has begun. As of May 31st  the hours of the Highway Department are 6 am to 2:30 pm and will return to 7am to 3:30 pm after Labor Day. The new Ford F-550 is done and going to the paint shop June 6th. Truck #9 was down for repairs for two weeks. Now it is up and running and has been inspected.

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

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

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**Unfinished Business**

The electric in the park was discussed, Colburn and Beightol have been

working on getting quotes and ideas for the electricity in the park,

They are waiting for Trinity and Moonlight to return their bids.

Motion made by Brainard seconded by Colburn to table discussion on commercial Solar Energy Systems until the entire board is present.

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

The Break Away Hoops will be looked into by Councilman Brainard.

Sidewalks were also discussed a walk around town will be done to assess the needs for repairs to the sidewalks.

**New Business**

The Town Picnic Association was Discussed.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Beightol to give the Town Picnic Association $450.00 from the Band Concerts Contractual (A7270.4).

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

Supervisor Bifaro reported that she has had many complaints about the lawn care in the cemeteries. The board discussed the situation and has decided to talk with the caretaker about the complaints in hopes that they will do a better job.

The milage rate for employees using their own vehicles for town business was discussed.

Motion made by Colburn seconded by Beightol to increase the mileage rate from .48 to .58 per mile.

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

The board discussed a small addition to cover the man door on the side of the town highway garage. The highway committee will talk with the Highway supervisor and let him know that he needs to get two more quotes.

Motion made by Beightol seconded by Colburn to have Highway

Supervisor get 2 more quotes for the small addition.

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

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**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes will be approved at the July 13, 2022 meeting.

**Audit and Payment of Claims**

At this time the town board reviewed the bills.

General Fund Claim Nos: #127-#141 $18,506.81

Highway Fund Claim Nos: #70- #81 $6,233.71

Trust & Agency #11-12 $3,569.79

**Abstract NO 6 Total $28,310.31**

At this time the town board reviewed the bills.

General Fund Claim Nos: #142-#157 $9,040.57

Highway Fund Claim Nos: #70- #81 $111,993.56

**Abstract NO 7 Total $121,034.13**

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

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

**Monthly Reports**

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

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Beightol to accept the Town Supervisor monthly report.

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

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard to accept the DCO report.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Brainard to accept the Justice Court report.

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

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

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Beightol to accept the Budget Transfer/ Modifications as submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

**Executive Session**

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard to go into executive session at 7:40 to discuss personnel.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to return to open meeting at 8:10.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti

Town Clerk /Recording Secretary