March 8,2023

The regular Meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on March 8,2023 at 7:00pm at the Ellington Town Hall 813 West Main St, Ellington, NY.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor

 Kevin Colburn, Councilman

 Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman

 David Brainard, Councilman

 Bradley Griffith, Councilman

 William Green, Highway Supervisor

 Kate Conti, Town Clerk/ Recording Secretary

**Public Participation**

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

**Highway Supervisor Report**

The new 10-wheeler truck will hit the assembly line on August 15th with the delivery to Beam Mack on September 1st. From there it will go to Watertown to Henderson Products Inc. where the box, hydraulics, and plow equipment will be installed. Two to Three trucks have been down for most of the winter truck # 5 had to have a new transmission installed. Truck #10 needed a new clutch, pressure plate and sensors for the catalytic converter. Truck # 9 had the bolt and bushing come out of the tail shaft damaging the rear seal of the transmission.

Truck #9 went out of service again. The crew has been doing maintenance, hauling A1, sand and salt. All of the pipes have come in for the cross-tiles this year. The pipes in the garage were discussed by the board, multiple bids have been solicited by the Highway Supervisor, only one has been received.

Motion made by Griffith seconded by Beightol to allow Mr. Green to use his discretion about water pipes as this is a pressing matter.

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

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**Unfinished Business**

Councilman Griffith has addressed the insurance requirements with the fire department. The town will be named as a certificate holder on the Fire Department’s insurance for the Helipad.

The Town will be contracting with JJ Kennels as a holding facility for

stray dogs until they are able to go to the humane society.

**New Business**

The library has submitted an application to use the park on August 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 with a rain date of for August 17th for a Community Drum Circle.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the application submitted by the library for the Community Drum Circle.

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

The new playground was discussed by the board, it has been decided that the marry-go-round will be removed while the swings, slide and rock formation will stay.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Griffith to accept the Minutes of February 8,2023.

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

**Budget Modifications**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept all budget transfers and budget modifications as submitted by Bahgat& Laurito-Bahgat.

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

**Audit and Payment of Claims**

At this time the town board reviewed the bills included on Abstract #4 & #5.

General Fund Claim Nos: #44-#53 $133,687.77

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Highway Fund Claim Nos: #32-#38 $19,756.84

Trust & Agency Nos: #4 $585.78

 **Abstract NO 4 Total $154,030.78**

General Fund Claim Nos: #54-#68 $4,805.01

Highway Fund Claim Nos: #39-#52 $19,518.19

Trust & Agency Nos: #5 $4,984.76

 **Abstract NO 5 Total $29,307.96**

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

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

**Committee Reports**

No other 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