April 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on April 13,2022 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

William Duncanson, Town Attorney

William Green, Highway Superintendent

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

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

**Public Participation**

Supervisor Bifaro read the bids to have the dead trees near the ball field taken down. Great Lakes bid was $5,000 with no stump removal.

Myers Tree Service bid was $4,000 with no stump removal. Kravitz Tree Service bid was $3,350 with no stump removal. Maple Springs Tree Service bid was $3,500 with stump removal.

Motion made By Griffith, seconded by Beightol to accept the bid from Maple Springs Tree Service.

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

Supervisor Bifaro opened and read the bids for spray foam in the Highway Garage.

C & C Construction bid was $12,800. Garnett Spray Foam was $37,000.

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to hire C & C Construction for the spray foam project at the Highway Garage.

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

Supervisor Bifaro read the bids for the replacement heaters in the Highway Garage. Rideout’s Heating bid two large heaters installed for $7,975. Colburn’s also bid two large heaters installed for $8,730. Kings bid for three heaters installed was $10,099.

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Motion made by Colburn seconded by Griffith to accept all bids for heaters and get more information on each bid before a final decision is made.

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

Supervisor Bifaro read the quotes for a new hot water heater in the Town Hall. Bentham’s Plumbing bid was $1,800 and Jamestown Heating and Air bid was $1,276.

Motion made to hire Jamestown Heating and Air to install hot water tank made by Beightol seconded by Griffith.

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

With no other business for public participation, this part of the meeting was closed.

**Highway Superintendent Report**

The Highway crew has been busy transitioning out of winter mode, and into summer mode. Road sweeping has begun. The town has been working with Dave Span at the county to repair washouts on 28 Creek Road and two on Harris Hollow the Soil and Water Department will pay for the cost of the rock. We just have to wait for dig safe NY to come out to assess the work. The brush hog is on the excavator cutting brush. The chipper is being used to clean up trees in the ditches. The dump box for the Ford F550 has been shipped to the fabricator, and we should have a delivery date by the end of the month.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Griffith to accept the Highway Report as submitted.

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

**Unfinished Business**

The electric in the park was discussed, Colburn and Beightol have been working hard on getting quotes and ideas for the electricity in the park. No quotes have come in yet, but they should be in in the next few weeks.

The Commercial Solar Energy Systems Law was discussed.

Motion made by Griffith seconded by Colburn to table discussion.

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

**New Business**

The Annual Local Government conference will be held June 9th at Houghton Collage and everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Septic and well have been cleaned out at the town hall.

Resolution NO. 3 2022 Fair Housing Resolution was read by Supervisor Bifaro.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to adopt Resolution NO. 3 2022 titled Fair Housing Resolution.

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

Resolution NO. 4 2022 NYS Retirement Resolution was read by Supervisor Bifaro.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to adopt Resolution NO. 4 2022 NYS Retirement Resolution.

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

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Beightol to allow the supervisor and Deputy Supervisor to sign agreement with CCB.

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

Agreement with CCB Bank was signed by Bifaro, and Colburn.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Griffith to accept the minutes of March 9,2022 as submitted.

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

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of and March 23, 2022 as submitted.

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

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**Audit and Payment of Claims**

At this time the town board reviewed the bills.

General Fund Claim Nos: #63-#106 $16,805.79

Highway Fund Claim Nos: #42- #69 $66,127.88

Trust & Agency #9-10 $3,569.79

Abstract NO.4 Total $88,503.46

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Committee Reports**

Councilman Colburn reported on the caretaker inventory.

**Correspondence**

A letter was received from the county letting the town know about foreclosures.

A thank you letter was received from the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department for the 911 sign project.

\*With no other business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti, Town Clerk /Recording Secretary