

March 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on March 10, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Ellington Town Hall 813 West Main St, Ellington, NY. Due to COVID 19 social distancing was observed.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor

David Brainard, Councilman

Kevin Colburn, Councilman

Bradley Griffith, Councilman

Scott Pollock, Building Code Officer

William Green, Highway Superintendent

William Duncanson, Town Attorney

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Absent: Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman

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

Public Participation

Scott Pollock spoke about the ongoing concern of campers being used as year-round residency. Attorney Duncanson suggested that the town create a Local Law that would prohibit the use of campers as year-round residency, and would be enforced by the BCO.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith to have Attorney Duncanson draft a law to prohibit year-round residency in campers in the town of Ellington.

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

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

Highway Superintendent Report

The highway crew has been busy plowing, salting roads. Sand and salt have been hauled in to fill the shed back up for next year. They have also been hauling stone for the summer projects. The town surface treated roads have not fared well over the winter. The request for sealed bids for the highway roof was printed in the Post Journal. A new

heater control box was put in truck #9 and maintenance was done on all other trucks. Truck #5 is down with a broken front spring and is currently at Fat Cats for repair.

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

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

Unfinished Business

Bandstand repairs were discussed, a bid came in from Secon for repairs. The replacement of the bandstand was also discussed.

The Public Employer Emergency Plan was reviewed.

Motion to adopt the Public Employer Emergency Plan for the town of Ellington was made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard.

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

New Business

Resolution #3 2021 "Fair Housing Resolution" was read by Supervisor Bifaro.

Motion made by Brainard Seconded by Colburn to accept Resolution #3 2021.

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

Resolution #4 2021 "To add provisions for a stricter local energy code"

Motion made by Brainard, seconded to Griffith to table this resolution.

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Griffith to have the caretaker back to work April 5th 2021.

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

The trees in the Town Park were discussed.

Motion made by Griffith seconded by Colburn to have Kravitz Tree service come to Town Park for \$3,000.00 worth of service.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Brainard to accept the minutes of February 24, 2021 with corrections.

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

Audit and Payment of Claims

At this time the town board reviewed the bills.

General Fund Claim Nos:	#71-#82	\$ 3,007.32
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#43- #38	<u>\$12,574.06</u>
Abstract NO.5 Total		\$15,581.38

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

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Griffith reported for the Recreation Committee. The band concerts for 2021 were discussed and the Town Picnic Association will be providing the movie and concessions for movie night. There will be one movie night and three concerts in July.

Monthly Reports

Motion to accept Building Code Officer monthly report made by Brainard seconded Griffith.

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

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

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

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Griffith to accept the Dog Control Report as submitted.

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

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Brainard to accept the Supervisors Deposit Report.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith to accept the February 2021 Financial Reports submitted by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Griffith to accept the Budget Transfers, and Modifications as reported by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat.

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

Correspondence

A letter of Resignation was sent to Supervisor Bifaro from Dog Control Officer Keith Hitchcock. The letter was read by Supervisor Bifaro.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Colburn to accept the letter of resignation by Keith Hitchcock.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate A. Conti, Town Clerk /Recording Secretary