

May 26, 2021

The regular meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on May 26, 2021 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall 813 West Main St, Ellington, NY. Due to COVID 19 social distancing was observed.

Present: Karen G. Bifaro, Supervisor

Kevin Colburn, Councilman

Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman

Bradley Griffith, Councilman

William Green, Highway Superintendent

Kate Conti, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Ester Bly, Resident

Diane Reynolds, Resident

Kelly Rhinehart, Resident

Absent: David Brainard, Councilman

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

Public Participation

Kelly Rhinehart is appealing to the board for a change in the Dog Control Law, Mr. Rhinehart would like for the law to be an Animal Control Law. Mr. Rhinehart has had ongoing problems with his neighbor on Mill Street, he states that there are many dead animals, horses on the verge of dying and animals that are damaging his property. The police have been called numerous times with no resolve.

Councilman Reynolds suggests changing the Dog Control Law to an Animal Control Law. The options were discussed by the board. No motion was made at this time. Ester Bly would like for the board to know that she is against the Bandstand being taken down, Mrs. Bly is also asking that the town consider putting more flags up on Thornton Road,. Highway Superintendent Green will put them up as soon as they can be ordered. Mrs. Bly also would like to see benches in the park that would be weather resistant so that they would be able to stay in the park year- round.

Supervisor Bifaro will look into options.

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

Unfinished Business

At the meeting held on May 12, 2021 the town board voted to tear down the Bandstand. All 4 corners of the Bandstand are rotten and is a public safety concern. Since the last meeting Russ Conti from Infinity Builders in

Falconer has looked at the structure again and has said that he can fix the Bandstand for \$6,025. The Roof will be lifted up and all 4 supports will be reconstructed. The base concrete will be level with the other sidewalk. The full quote was read by Supervisor Bifaro, the board discussed the proposal.

Motion made by Colburn, seconded by Reynolds to rescind the motion made on May 12, 2021 to tear down the Bandstand.

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

Motion made by Reynolds, seconded by Griffith to accept the bid from Infinity Builders.

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

Local Law #1 2021 pertaining to Travel Trailers was revised on April 27, 2021.

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Colburn to move forward with the Travel Trailer Law.

Vote: Colburn-aye, Reynolds- nay, Griffith-aye, Bifaro-aye, carried.

The Public Hearing will be held June 9th 2021 at 7p.m. at the Town Hall.

The diesel and gas have been switched to NOCO.

Motion made by Griffith seconded by Bifaro to continue to use Lictus as the town supplier for propane.

Vote: Colburn-aye, Reynolds- nay, Griffith-aye, Bifaro-aye, carried.

The carving in the park is infested with carpenter ants, and has been treated.

There is a concern about the stability of the tree. Councilman Colburn will contact Don Doud to see if he has a chainsaw big enough to cut the sculpture down to assess the damage and see if it can be repaired, councilman Griffith offered the use of his tractor, and Kelly Rhinehart also offered to help.

Highway Superintendent Report

The Highway building roof has been completed. The trim will be done tomorrow.

The John Deere Tractor was sent to Land Pro to have AC pump replaced; roadside mowing will start soon. The cross-tile pipe on the lower end of Abby Road was replaced. Shared services have started. The re-profile work on Wade Hill has been changed to the first week of June 2021 due to the fact that the screener at the gravel pit was broke.

Motion made by Griffith, seconded by Reynolds to accept the Highway Superintendent's report as submitted.

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

New Business

The Town Picnic was discussed.

Resolution #4-2021 Retirement Resolution was read.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Griffith seconded by Colburn to accept the minutes of May 12, 2021.

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

Audit and Payment of Claims

At this time the town board reviewed the bills.

General Fund Claim Nos:	#131-#137	\$3,395.30
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#81- #85	<u>\$4,432.89</u>
Trust & Agency	#11, #12	\$2,277.57
Abstract NO.10 Total		\$10,105.76

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

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

*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