

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Town Council of the Town of Ellicott  
held at the Administration Building,  
215 S. Work Street, Falconer, N.Y. on  
May 20, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Supervisor McLaughlin, Councilman Tyler, Councilwoman Bowman, Councilwoman Whitmore, Councilman Heitzenrater, Town Clerk Erlandson, Highway Superintendent Pickett, Attorney Duncanson.

Supervisor McLaughlin opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led the Town Council in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Town Clerk Bellardo called the roll.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

**Carried.    Ayes – 5    Noes - 0    Absent - 0**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence.

**TOWN OFFICER’S REPORTS**

**Councilman Heitzenrater** reached out to the airport and the IDA regarding the restrictions for the water tower. He also stated concerns about Ellery not signing the MOA and what should happen if we are sued since they were the lead agency for the herbicide.

**Councilwoman Bowman** stated that the Humane Society is getting a donation for a new sign and would like it to be LED. She would like the town to revisit our sign ordinance. She has also received phone calls regarding accidents that have happened on the corner of Hunt Road and Howard Avenue. Wondered about getting a study for a traffic light.

**Councilman Tyler** stated he also received phone calls regarding the intersection and that there have been no fatalities at that intersection, so nothing can be done by the state or county. He also received three phone calls thanking us for our participation on the lake cleanup.

**Attorney Duncanson** updated us of the next steps that will need to be taken to get the building demoed in Fluvanna next to the new marina that is being built. Runnings has filed a grievance to have their assessment lowered.

**Highway Superintendent Pickett** advised us that they finished their CHIPS sealing today. He signed the agreement for the excavator for the pond on Brooks Street and will start the project beginning of July.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Herbicide Update*** - Supervisor McLaughlin updated us on the herbicide application. All areas that were permitted by the DEC were done by Solitude. We have received gap funding from local foundations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Letter from Allan Hendrickson*** – Supervisor McLaughlin received a letter asking for removal of the garden, railroad ties and fence on the paper street on Woodworth Avenue. Attorney Duncanson stated that the town should not get involved with paper streets. We have not taken ownership of the road. Supervisor McLaughlin will have Dave Rowe send a letter in response to Mr. Hendrickson.

***Letter from NYSTCA*** – Supervisor McLaughlin read a letter from New York State Town Clerks Association congratulating Town Clerk Bellardo on receiving her Registered Municipal Clerks certification.

***Proposal from Doug Champ*** – Doug Champ, 225 Bowen Street, Jamestown, NY spoke about the fact that the town might be missing opportunities for some grant money. He believes we should be working together with other towns and villages. Supervisor McLaughlin would like a committee to be formed and headed by Councilman Heitzenrater to look at possible grant money for solar development, NYS Housing and Empire Stat Development. Mr. Champ provided us with a document listing several possibilities and has offered his help.

***Budget Transfers*** – Town Clerk Bellardo recommended the following budget transfers:  
\$2132.55 from DB 221-00 General Srvs-Other Gvmt to: DB 514-04 Brush & Weeds  
\$22,500 from DB 221-00 General Srvs-Other Gvmt to DB 513-02 Machinery EQ  
\$1,000 from A133-04 Tax Collector CE to A122-04 Supervisor CE

**RESOLUTION #52-19**

**Budget Transfers**

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to make the required budget transfers as written.

**Adopted.**

**Ayes - 5**

**Noes - 0**

**Absent – 0**

***Water Tower*** – Highway Superintendent Pickett stated that the water tower needs to have an inspection completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. It will not pass inspection. There are grant opportunities coming up for water. We have 3 or 4 options that we need to investigate. Clark Patterson Lee will be getting us quotes for the inspection. There is enough money in the water account to cover the inspection.

**RESOLUTION #53-19**

Water Tower Inspection

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to allow Highway Superintendent Pickett to pick the best company for the water tower inspection, not to exceed \$10,000.

**Adopted. Ayes - 5 Noes - 0 Absent – 0**

**Highway Garage** – Highway Superintendent Pickett stated that the highway garage is in need of new doors with openers. The building also needs siding on two sides. Would also like an addendum for bigger doors on the cold storage facility.

**RESOLUTION #54-19**

Highway Garage RFP

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to have Highway Superintendent Pickett put together an RFP for the work required on the highway garage.

**Adopted. Ayes - 5 Noes - 0 Absent – 0**

**On Call Engineer** – Highway Superintendent Pickett is requesting to have Andy Johnson from Eco Strategies to be our Engineer on Call. He is already doing work for the town and we will only pay for his services when used.

**RESOLUTION #55-19**

On Call Engineer

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to have Andy Johnson from Eco Strategies by our engineer on call.

**Adopted. Ayes - 5 Noes - 0 Absent – 0**

**Bridge Inspections** – Highway Superintendent Pickett stated that we have contracted with Andy Johnson from Eco Strategies to inspect our bridges. The proposal is for \$500 per bridge and the town has 8 bridges/culverts. There is money in the bridge fund to cover the cost of these inspections. Next year, Bridge NY will have money available and we will be applying for grants.

**RESOLUTION #56-19**

Payment of Claims

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to pay Abstract #5-2019 in the amount of \$68,987.01 and charge to the proper funds or accounts.

**Adopted. Ayes - 5 Noes - 0 Absent - 0**

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to adjourn at 7:48 PM.

**Carried.**

**Ayes - 5**

**Noes - 0**

**Absent - 0**

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Amy M. Bellardo, Town Clerk