

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
October 19, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Supervisor McLaughlin, Councilman Tyler Councilwoman Bowman, Councilwoman Whitmore, Councilman Heitzenrater, Town Clerk Bellardo, 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.

PUBLIC MEETING (*Introductory Local Law #2-2020: Establishing Permits and Regulations for Evacuation and Construction in the Town Right of Way.*)

Supervisor McLaughlin opened a Public Hearing at 6:01 PM to discuss Town of Ellicott introductory Local Law #2-2020 regarding the Establishing Permits and Regulations for Evacuation and Construction in the Town Right of Way. Supervisor McLaughlin briefly outlined the details of the proposed local law as prepared by Town Attorney Duncanson. No public comments were heard.

MOTION by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to close the Public Hearing at 6:02 PM.

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

PUBLIC MEETING (*Preliminary Budget*)

Supervisor McLaughlin opened a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Town of Ellicott Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year 2021. No public comments were heard.

MOTION by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to close the Public Hearing at 6:03 PM.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2020 Meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

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

TOWN OFFICER’S REPORTS

Councilman Heitzenrater advised the board that he would like to reach out to the BPU regarding our internet issues that we are having. He is going to follow up with them.

Councilman Tyler would like to put on record that the property at 19 Elmwood Ave W.E. is a home maintenance concern. He was advised by Supervisor McLaughlin that Code Officer, Dave Rowe is aware of the problems.

Attorney Duncanson reported that he is working on local laws and has had many zoning issues that will be brought up in the near future.

Highway Superintendent Pickett advised the board that leave pickup should begin next week.

Supervisor McLaughlin advised the board that he attended a meeting in Mayville regarding the Governor’s new police reform policy. The plan needs to be done and approved by the board by April 1, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #41-2020

Local Law #2-2020 Establishing Permits and Regulations for Evacuation and Construction in the Town Right of Way

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore that we adopt Local Law #2-2020 Establishing Permits and Regulations for Evacuation and Construction in the Town Right of Way as written by Attorney Duncanson.

Adopted. Ayes - 5 Noes - 0 Absent – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #42-2020

Adopt Final Budget

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater to adopt the Town of Ellicott Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year 2021. (See ‘Budget’ file for detail)

Adopted. Ayes - 5 Noes - 0 Absent – 0

Resolution #43-2020

Local Law #3-2020 Attorney Duncanson gave an overview of the law. It will modify the mercantile district located on Southwestern Drive in West Ellicott.

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore that we schedule a public hearing on Monday, November 16th at 6:00 for Local Law #3-2020.

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

Halloween Hours

Supervisor McLaughlin stated that the Town will not be setting standard Halloween hours this year. He is asking the residents in the eastern portion of Ellicott follow the hours for the Village of Falconer from 5:30 -7:00 and the residents of West Ellicott follow the hours for the Village of Celoron from 6:00 to 8:00. He reminds all residents to follow the CDC guidelines for wearing a mask and social distancing.

RESOLUTION #44-2020

Payment of Claims

MOTION by Councilwoman Whitmore, seconded by Councilman Tyler to pay Abstract #20-2020 in the amount of \$169,398.50.

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

Motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to adjourn at 6:16 PM.

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

Amy M. Bellardo, Town Clerk