

**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**  
**November 16, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: Councilwoman Whitmore, Town Clerk Bellardo

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

**PUBLIC MEETING** (*Introductory Local Law #3-2020 Amendment of the Town of Ellicott Zoning Law*)

Supervisor McLaughlin opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 PM to discuss Town of Ellicott Introductory Local Law #3-2020 regarding the amendment to the Town of Ellicott Zoning Law. Supervisor McLaughlin briefly outlined the reason for the change in zoning from residential to mercantile for one parcel. Attorney Duncanson made note that the ZBA held a public meeting that has no public comment. No public comments were heard.

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to close the Public Hearing at 6:04 PM.

**Adopted.**                              **Ayes - 4**                              **Noes - 0**                              **Absent**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Tyler to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2020 Meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

**Carried.**                              **Ayes – 4**                              **Noes - 0**                              **Absent – 1**

**TOWN OFFICER’S REPORTS**

**Councilman Heitzenrater** reported that he recently reached out to the BPU about the internet issues but has not heard back yet.

**Councilman Tyler** wanted to pass along a thank you from Bob Kovel who received his check.

**Attorney Duncanson** reported that the town received an email from a group opposed to the Office of Renewable Energy. They are concerned that there will be a loss of farmland and the aesthetics of having a solar or wind farm in the town.

**Highway Superintendent Pickett** informed the board that the Highway Department is still picking up leaves. In addition, Columbia between Westminster and Warwick will be a limited winter maintenance street. The new dump truck has arrived but the box still needs to be attached. The estimated date will be March 2021. Lastly, the Highway Department has purchased stone for 2021.

**Supervisor McLaughlin** advised the board that he believes we will more shut downs due to Covid-19. Sales Tax so far for 2020 is 5.65% under what 2019 sales tax was for the year

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Resolution #45-2020**

Local Law #3-2020 Amendment of Town of Ellicott Zoning Law.

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater that we adopt Local Law #3-2020 Amendment of Town of Ellicott Zoning Law as written by Attorney Duncanson.

**Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent – 1**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution #46-2020**

Renew BAN Royal Oaks Water- We are renewing the BAN in the amount of \$4,410.00 with an interest rate of 5.04%.

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater to approve renewing the BAN for Royal Oaks.

**Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent – 1**

**RESOLUTION #47-2020**

Payment of Claims

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Whitmore, seconded by Councilman Tyler to pay Abstract #22-2020 in the amount of \$147,303.76.

**Adopted. Ayes – 4 Noes - 0 Absent – 1**

**Motion** by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to adjourn at 6:28PM.

**Carried. Ayes – 4 Noes - 0 Absent – 1**

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Amy M. Bellardo, Town Clerk