Minutes of a *Regular* Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Ellicott held at the Administration Building and via Zoom 215 S. Work Street, Falconer, N.Y. on July 20, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

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

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 Bowman to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

Carried. Ayes – 4 Noes - 0 Absent – 1

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Arlene Christopherson, 179 Avalon Blvd. expressed concerns about a drug house in her neighborhood. She had a stranger come to her door last week and also went across the street to her neighbor's house. She said there are now three or four drug houses on her street and the next one.

Chris Collins, 179 Fredrick Blvd. expressed his concerns about the drug activity at 201 Fredrick Blvd. He has created a neighbor watch because of this residence. He believes it is danger to the area. The residence has 5 to 7 renters at any given time and there has been several complaints that the police have answered.

Jason Mank, 174 Fredrick Blvd. expressed his concerns about the property at 201 Fredrick Blvd. The police have been there an average of every 2.7 days. The property is also becoming unkept and unsafe. There has been high speed motorcycle racing down the street at all hours of the evening. The owner has been contacted several times by local residents with no resolution.

Sue Wilder, 184 Fredrick Blvd. expressed her concerns about the property at 201 Fredrick Blvd. At any given time, there are 6 to 10 people leaving there. In 2 ½ weeks there have been 68 vehicles in and out of the residence. She is concerned about her elderly neighbors who are afraid to go outside.

Nicole Seeley, 180 Avalon Blvd. had a resident from 201 Fredrick approach her house at 10:15 pm last week and the video from her Ring doorbell was posted on Facebook.

Wayne Seeley, 72 Avalon Blvd. has spoken with Ellicott Code Enforcer, Dave Rowe about possibly condemning the residence at 201 Fredrick Blvd, but was told it is not at that point yet. Can the Town institute a fee for nuisance calls?

Tony Querrieo, 160 Fredrick Blvd. he would like to know if they can file an order of protection against the individual at 201 Fredrick Blvd.

TOWN OFFICER'S REPORTS

Councilman Heitzenrater advised the Town that the County has hand sanitizer and disposable masks that are available if we need any.

Attorney Duncanson gave the board the details on the Solar Commercial Local Law. We do not have anything regarding wind power at the present time. If anyone wanted wind power, they would need a variance. Currently there is no place suitable for wind turbines.

OLD BUSINESS

Fluvanna Ave. Water Supervisor McLaughlin reported that he met with Mayor Sundquist and Dave Leathers from the BPU. Bob Pickett, Amy Bellardo and Eric Wies from Clark Patterson Lee this morning regarding moving forward with the Fluvanna Ave. Water Project. He is optimistic that it will happen. The project will not be completed until 2022 if the Town gets the funding and it is approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #24-2020
Retention and Disposition Schedule

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Bowman that we accept the new Retention and Disposition Schedule (LGS-1) for New York State.

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

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater that we set two public meeting for August 17th at 6:00. The first is for Local Law #1-2020 to amend the Town of Ellicott Zoning Law regarding Commercial Solar Energy. The second is for Local Law #2-2020 to amend the Town of Ellicott Zoning Law a piece of property Southwestern Drive owned by Peter Krog.

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

BAN Renewal for Highway Roof – Town Clerk Bellardo advised the board that we need to renew The BAN for the Highway garage roof in the amount of $8,590.60 at an interest rate of 5.14%.

Resolution #25-2020
BAN Renewal

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to renew the BAN for the Highway Garage Roof.

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

Resolution #26-2020
Sale of Highway Equipment – Highway Superintendent, Bob Pickett would like to sell the following equipment:

2004 International 7600 dump truck w/plow VIN# 1HTTXAHRX4J084624
2006 International 7600 dump truck w/plow VIN# 1HTTXAHR36J261680
Johnson bandsaw
Emglow air compressor

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater that we allow Bob Pickett to sell the above equipment.

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

Resolution #27-2020
Purchase Highway Equipment – Highway Superintendent, Bob Pickett would like to purchase the following equipment out of CHIPS money:

18" Smooth Plane cutter for skid steer
68" Angle Broom for skid steer
Trailer for skid steer

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Bowman that we allow Bob Pickett to purchase the above equipment.

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

Resolution #28-2020
Trade in Bobcat Excavator – Highway Superintendent, Bob Pickett would like to purchase a new Bobcat Excavator and trade in the old one for $19,001. He will pay for it with reserve funds

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Bowman that we allow Bob Pickett to trade in the Bobcat Excavator.

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

Swanson Avenue Petition Supervisor McLaughlin reported that he received a petition from 32 residents on Swanson Road asking the Town to widen the road and shoulders to be blacktopped. They also have a concern about speeding. Highway Superintendent Pickett informed the board that the road is already wider than most roads in the town. He also informed the board that there is

more speed limit signage that is required by NYS law. Supervisor McLaughlin has spoken to the police and they have been up there writing tickets. The Board decided that no further action will be taken on the road.

4-Way Stop Sign Request Supervisor McLaughlin reported that he received a letter from Neil Boardman requesting a 4-way stop sign on the corner of Chicago and Woodworth. Highway Superintendent Pickett informed the board that Woodworth is half a mile long and there are currently 5 stop signs on the road. There have only been two accidents since 1994 on that road. The Board decided that no further action will be taken.

RESOLUTION #29-2020
Payment of Claims

MOTION by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to pay Abstract #14-2020 in the amount of $306,566.60.

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

Motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Tyler to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

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

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Amy M. Bellardo, Town Clerk