

**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
August 17, 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 #1-2020: Amending Zoning Law for Commercial Solar*)

Supervisor McLaughlin opened a Public Hearing at 6:01 PM to discuss Town of Ellicott introductory Local Law #1-2020 regarding the Amending of the Zoning Law for Commercial Solar Energy. 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**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2020 Meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

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

CORRESPONDANCE

Town Clerk Bellardo read the following item into the record:

1. Notification from Henry Mosher Pos 638 to renew their liquor license.

TOWN OFFICER’S REPORTS

Councilman Heitzenrater advised the Town that he spoke with the Code Enforcer, Dave Rowe, Chief Ohnmeiss and Sheriff Quattrone regarding the Frederick Street property. They are working on options to correct the situation.

Councilwoman Bowman advised the board that he spoke with Neil Boardman regarding the stop sign request. He was satisfied with our findings.

Councilman Tyler asked Supervisor McLaughlin if he has heard from Amazon regarding moving into the Industrial Park. He has not. There has been a complaint about the drug activity at American Best Hotel. The neighborhood has had several items stolen and cars broken into. He also has been by the Frederick Street property and has seen several bags of garbage being removed from the property.

Town Clerk Bellardo advised the board that the 2nd quarter sales tax was down 10.17% from last year. We are at 53% of our budgeted amount for the year. Denny Weiler, our maintenance worker resigned as of August 10th.

Attorney Duncanson reported that we have received two new tax assessment challenge cases, Dollar General and the apartment complex on Howard Avenue.

Supervisor McLaughlin advised the board that we are revisiting the Metro 7. They had an informational meeting two weeks ago. The next meeting will be here on the 28th and Councilman Tyler was asked to join them. He updated the board on the reassessment of the BPU properties that was required by the State because of our reevaluation. It was reduced by 1.1 million from the 80% assessment, which equates to 3.3 million of 100%. Our well fields went up \$286,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #30-2020

Local Law #1-2020 Amending Zoning Law for Commercial Solar

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore that we adopt Local Law #1-2020 Amending Zoning Law for Commercial Solar as written by Attorney Duncanson.

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

Camp Street Water Highway Superintendent Pickett reported that he received another proposal from Mr. Reynolds regarding connecting to BPU water.

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore that we table this until next meeting so that Attorney Duncanson has time to look at the options.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #31-2020

Chautauqua EMS Operating Certificate

MOTION by Councilwoman Bowman seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore that we support the County's efforts for obtaining and EMS Operating Certificate.

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

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater that we pay an additional \$50 to Jean Lloyd, Patricia Martonis and Robert Morris for their additional work on the Board of Assessment Review.

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

Budget Workshops and Special Meeting Town Clerk Bellardo would like to set up budget workshops for September 14th 15th and 28th at 5:30 PM. We will set a date for the special meeting for the preliminary budget at next month's meeting.

MBO Officer Supervisor McLaughlin reported that we need to appoint an MBO Officer (Minority and Women Owned Business) for the Fluvanna Water Grant.

Resolution #32-2020

MBO Officer

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to appoint Town Clerk Bellardo as the MBO Officer for the Town of Ellicott.

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

Resolution #33-2020

Approval of County Job Description – Supervisor McLaughlin reported that we would like to change the title of the Maintenance Worker to Utility Worker. This position was approved by the County and would work in both the Town Building and for the Highway Department when needed.

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore that we accept the new job description and approve the hiring of the position.

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

Resolution #34-2020

Purchase 10-Wheeler – Highway Superintendent, Bob Pickett would like to purchase a new 10-wheeler.

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore that we allow Bob Pickett to get bids for a new 10-wheeler.

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

RESOLUTION #35-2020

Payment of Claims

MOTION by Councilwoman Whitmore, seconded by Councilman Tyler to pay Abstract #16-2020 in the amount of \$112892.52.

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

Motion by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to adjourn at 6:45 PM.

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

Amy M. Bellardo, Town Clerk