# 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 18, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

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

# **PUBLIC HEARING** (2022 Preliminary Budget)

Supervisor McLaughlin opened the Public Meeting regarding the proposed Town of Ellicott Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2022.

The Council discussed whether to budget for one police vehicle or two this year to minimize the tax burden to the residents. No public comments were heard.

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

Carried. Ayes -4 Noes -0 Absent -1

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Carried. Ayes -4 Noes -0 Absent -1

# PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Sue Wilder, 184 Fredrick Blvd. is requesting a street light on Hunt Rd. & Frederick. Highway Superintendent believes that there is already a light there. Councilman Tyler will check to see if there is one that is just out. She also voiced her concern about the problem house on Frederick Blvd. She was informed that it is in the court's hands now.

Kevin Millward, 2889 Bentley Ave., requested an update on the sewer project in Fluvanna. Supervisor McLaughlin advised him that right now it is on hold pending the completion of the water tower project.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Town Clerk Bellardo read the following item into record:

1. Letter from the Attorney General's Office regarding the flooding on Ross Mills Rd. from Folsom Creek.

Supervisor McLaughlin read the following item into record:

1. Letter from the new assessor Tera Darts letting the Board know the office hours in the Town and the agriculture letters have been sent out.

# **TOWN OFFICER REPORTS**

**Councilman Heitzenrater** was asked about the property behind the Salvation Army. He was advised that no application has been brought to Dave Rowe at this time.

**Councilman Tyler** advised the Board that the weeds at Burtis Bay are still awful.

**Town Clerk Bellardo** advised the Board that she received a call from a resident requesting permission to hunt on our Fluvanna Ave. property. She was advised by the Board that the Town has no policy regarding hunting on Town property.

**Attorney Duncanson** advised the Board that he has tax cases going on right now and also four code violation cases including the Fredrick Blvd eviction case.

**Highway Superintendent Pickett** advised the Board that leaf pickup will begin soon.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution #53-2021**

Town Wide Water and Sewer District Reserve Fund

Highway Superintendent Pickett advised the Board that he has 160 properties for the water fund at .009 cents per thousand, raising \$435.45 per year and 66 properties for the sewer fund at .01 cents per thousand raising \$282.81 per year. This amount will go into a reserve fund to pay for road cuts when repairs are needed.

**MOTION** by Councilman Heitzenrater and seconded by Councilman Tyler to establish a Town Wide Water and Sewer Reserve Fund starting with tax year 2022 as outlined by DPW Supervisor Pickett.

Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent -1

#### **Resolution #54-2021**

Howard Ave. Street Light

Highway Superintendent Pickett advised the Board that he looked into the request for a street light on the Howard Ave. The Board would like to hold off until they see if there is going to be a development there.

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to table this until a future time.

Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent -1

Wembley Water

Highway Superintendent Pickett advised the Board that one of the residents on Wembley pulled out of the project. The other residents decided to not go forward with the project.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

## **Resolution #54-2021**

Adopt Final Budget

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater adopt the Town of Ellicott Preliminary Budget for 2022 with one police vehicle to be purchases instead of two.

Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent -1

#### **Resolution #55-2021**

Fair Housing Month

Town Clerk Bellardo advised the Board that New York State is requiring that we declare a Fair Housing Month for the CBBG Grant for Jamestown Advanced Products.

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to declare November as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Ellicott.

Adopted. Aves - 4 Noes - 0 Absent -1

## **Resolution #56-2021**

Board of Assessment Review Appointments

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater approve Ted Card, 2929 Moon Rd, Jamestown and Samuel Ognibene, 117 E. Main St., Falconer to a three-year term and Dennis Jose, 3244 Gerry Levant Rd, Falconer to a one-year term.

Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent -1

#### **Resolution #57-2021**

Halloween Hours

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to set Halloween hours for the Town of Ellicott, outside the villages, from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent -1

## **Resolution #58-2021**

# **Budget Transfers**

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater authorizing Supervisor McLaughlin to make the following budget transfers for the fiscal year 2021:

To: From:	A 138-00 A 132-04 A 101-04	Fiscal Agent Fees Indpdt Auditing and Accounting Tax Collector CE	\$2017.72 \$1,750.00 \$267.72
To:	A 351-04	Dog Control CE	\$200.00
From:	A 351-02	Dog Control EQ	\$200.00
To:	SW11 171-01	Water PS	\$11,500.00
From:	SL05 518-24	Street Lighting CE	\$250.00
From:	SL06 518-24	Street Lighting CE	\$250.00
From:	SL07 518-24	Street Lighting CE	\$250.00
From:	SL09 518-24	Street Lighting CE	\$250.00
		Street Lighting CE	\$250.00
From:	SS28 813-04	Treatment/Disposal CE	\$250.00
From:	SS29 813-04	Treatment/Disposal CE	\$250.00
From:	SS30 813-04	Treatment/Disposal CE	\$1,000.00
From:	SW14 834-04	Transmission/Distribution CE	\$2,500.00
From:	SW15 834-04	Transmission/Distribution CE	\$2,500.00
From:	SW16 834-04	Transmission/Distribution CE	\$2,500.00
From:	SW18 834-04	Transmission/Distribution CE	\$500.00
From:	SW19 834-04	Transmission/Distribution CE	\$500.00
From:	H21 834-04	Transmission/Distribution CE	\$125.00
From:	H22 834-04	Transmission/Distribution CE	\$125.00

Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent -1

# New Highway Truck

Highway Superintendent Pickett advised the Board that he will be coming to the Board in November or December to request a new truck. The price is now at least \$20,000 higher than July. Probably will not get until 2023 but we need to lock in the price.

## Payment of Claims

**MOTION** by Councilman Heitzenrater seconded by Councilman Tyler to pay Abstract #20-2021 in the amount \$68,032.89.

Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent -1

#### **Resolution #58-2021**

Executive Session (Highway Contract)

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater to convene Executive Session for the purpose of discussing current highway contract. 6:50 PM - 6:59 PM

Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent -1

#### **Resolution #59-2021**

Ratify Labor Agreement w/Town of Ellicott Highway and Office Employees

**MOTION** by Councilman Heitzenrater seconded by Councilwoman Bowman ratify a three (3) year labor agreement between the Town of Ellicott and CSEA Local 1000 the *certified union for the Town of Ellicott Unit 6314 of Local 807 (Highway & Office Employees)*; effective dates January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, pending review of the final language.

Adopted. Ayes - 4 Noes - 0 Absent -1

**Motion** by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Carried. Ayes -4 Noes -0 Absent -1

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Amy M. Bellardo, Town Clerk