

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
September 16, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Carried. Ayes – 5 Noes - 0 Absent – 0

CORRESPONDENCE

Town Clerk Bellardo read the following items into record:

1. Received from NYS Department of State our 2020 census data, which increased by 54 to 8768 from 2010.
2. Received from NYS Division of the Budget that we will be receiving an extra \$1042.61 each of the two years from the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

TOWN OFFICER REPORTS

Councilman Heitzenrater advised the Board that he has talked to the Village of Falconer regarding both their Code Enforcement issues and also that they are now looking at putting the dog park at space in the Falconer Park.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Burtis Bay

Supervisor McLaughlin advised the Board that he attended a meeting that was held by the Alliance. The CLP did spend some time and got some of the weeds cleaned up. Unfortunately, the equipment that they have cannot not go close to the shore. He doesn't believe that anything will be done on our shoreline because of monetary issues.

Resolution #49-2021

Wembley Water

Highway Superintendent Pickett advised the Board that four residents on Wembley would like to have water run. They have agreed to pay \$46,100 from the BPU not including restoration. They would like to BAN the amount. They have agreed to sign a promissory note to pay 1/6 down and pay 5 years of the BAN with interest on their taxes each year. The residents have agreed to pay for the restoration themselves.

MOTION by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater to allow Highway Superintendent Pickett permission to have the Jamestown BPU start the water project on Wembley as long as promissory notes have been signed by the residents and that they agree to pay for the restoration

Adopted. **Ayes - 4** **Noes - 0** **Absent – 0**
(Councilwoman Bowman recused herself)

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #50-2021

Tentative Budget & Public Hearing

MOTION by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to accept the tentative budget as presented and set a public hearing for the preliminary budget for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

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

Town Wide Water District Reserve Fund

Highway Superintendent Pickett advised the Board that we do not have money in a reserve fund for repairs for water lines road cuts. With the new BPU contract we are responsible for restoration throughout the town. He would like to levy something on the taxes for the 75 plus properties that have water but are not in a special water district or service area to establish a water repair reserve. After much discussion, the issue was tabled until the October meeting.

Resolution #51-2021

Full- Time Police Officer

MOTION by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to allow Police Chief Ohnmeiss to hire part-time patrolman Bradley Gunnell as a full-time police officer starting at \$23.85 per hour pending him passing his physicals.

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

Resolution #52-2021

Purchase of One Ton Pickup

MOTION by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to allow Highway Superintendent Pickett to purchase a 2022 Ford F350 one ton pickup for the amount of \$41,765.52 with a trade in of the 2015 F250 one ton for \$22,000.

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

Town Equipment on Loan to Village of Celoron

Highway Superintendent Pickett advised the Board that he would like to set a date to get our equipment back from the Village of Celoron. We loaned them several pieces of equipment after their highway garage fire in August. The tentative date that was set was November 1, 2021.

Payment of Claims

MOTION by Councilwoman Whitmore seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to pay Abstract #18-2021 in the amount \$415,520.41.

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

Resolution #52-2021

Executive Session (Highway Contract)

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater to convene Executive Session for the purpose of discussing current highway contract. 7:15 PM – 7:53 PM

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

Motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Tyler to adjourn at 7:53 pm.

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

Amy M. Bellardo, Town Clerk