Minutes for the June 8, 2023 Elbridge Town Board first meeting of the month, held at 5 Route 31, Jordan, New York. Supervisor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Vernon Richardson, Supervisor

Doug Blumer, Councilor

Floyd Duger, Councilor

Todd Platten, Councilor

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Danielle Karlik, Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Attorney Joe Frateschi, Codes Officer Howard Tanner, Rusty & Patti Cooper, Mike & Mindy Smart, Maureen Doyle, Adrianna Sullivan, Audrey Stiphrus, Eliot Austin, Roger Darling

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the minutes from May 25, 2023 were accepted.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield has submitted a proposed premium rate change of 13.10%. This is waiting on state approval.

The Veterans coordinator has a request to place a bench, donated to the Town, at the Community Center. Supervisor Richardson asked the Board to consider where to place it.

An invitation for a celebration at the Jordan Pool was extended to the Board. It will take place on June 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

* Short term proposed Local Law and Public Hearing draft has been distributed to the Board and will be addressed further once everyone has had time to review it. Discussion should take place at the June 22, 2023 Town Board meeting.
* Meeting with Mike Maxwell, Peter Lin, & Heather Garner – The Town Assessor is out of state for an extended period. She will be gone for a month. Councilor Platten is willing to correspond with her via email, but will still try to schedule a meeting with Peter Lin and Mike Maxwell. Supervisor Richardson requested that the meeting be set for the 22nd of June, if possible.
* ARPA funds for computer accessories- the accessories (printers, wireless keyboards/mouse) have been included in the funding.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Phase II – Communications Project ARPA stimulus, electronic sign up to $45k. Quotes have been received and reviewed. The business purchasing from is the same as one the school and fire departments have used. No concrete work will be included, as the sign will be on wood posts to keep costs low.

**RESOLVED:**

On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Duger, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Richardson Duger Platten Blumer

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***Resolution 69/23***

The Elbridge Town Board approves the spending of ARPA funding, up to $45,000, for the purchase and installation of an electronic sign.

On a motion by Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Richardson Duger Platten Blumer

0 NAYS

***Resolution 70/23***

**WHEREAS,** the Jordan Volunteer Fire Company (the “Fire Company”) has provided vital fire and emergency management services to the Town of Elbridge for generations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fire Company is an integral part of the fabric of the community and that makes the Town of Elbridge a great place to live; and

**WHEREAS,** the people who serve in the Fire Company are what makes it the important institution that it is; and

**WHEREAS,** as our volunteers in the Fire Company advance in years or pass away, it is essential that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge recognize their contributions; and

**WHEREAS, MICHAEL S. WATERS,** served a number of years as a volunteer for the Fire Company; and

**WHEREAS, MICHAEL’S** commitment to the Town of Elbridge was preceded and supplemented by his service to his Country where he served for 34 years reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

**WHEREAS, MICHAEL’S** unselfish duty to public service represents the best of the people that live in the Town of Elbridge;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge hereby recognizes the many accomplishments that **MICHAEL S. WATERS** provided to the Town of Elbridge, the State of New York, and the United States of America; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that his years of service to the Fire Company is particularly acknowledged and appreciated by the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that on this 8th Day of June 2023, the Town Board hereby approves this Resolution to honor **MICHAEL S. WATERS** and directs the Clerk of the Town of Elbridge to properly emboss this Resolution of Commendation so that it will be presented to **MICHAEL S. WATERS’** family in an appropriate place and on the proper occasion.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Blumer: Planning Board has not met this month, as of yet. There are currently four people on their agenda.

The Historian has reported the successful cleaning of headstones at Mount Pleasant and Hill Street cemeteries. Volunteers have sandblasted the historical marker at Lock 51, and painted it. The Highway has reinstalled it. They are looking at working on a second sign by Bennett’s Bolt Works. There have been inquiries for research from people outside the Town. Charges for the research are being discussed, as some have offered to pay. Funds would be placed into the Town’s General funds. At this time Mrs. Doyle spoke to the amount of time research can consume, and that Municipal Historians do not typically do not get into this research. The Historical Society has these and they are not in the Town the requests get sent forward to the archives. Councilor Blumer will ask the Historian to draft proposed fees and a possible resolution can be made. He stated that we are one of the few towns that have the archives we do, and Mr. Parkman has gone above and beyond his expected duties as Historian, Councilor Blumer would like to see any monies reinvested into the department.

Councilor Duger: Reports are on file. The Highway Department has been busy with sweeping and helping the Village of Elbridge with paving and repairs. A new culvert was placed on Sunview Drive.

On May 25, 2023 Jordan-Elbridge high school student helped to mulch areas around the Town for the upcoming memorial day celebration.

Seymour Lofft park is in good shape.

The 2023 trash program is going well.

Recreation’s baseball/softball program is wrapping up. The senior program is going well and has trips lined up.

JET continues to run smooth.

Rentals for the community center and pavilions is busy.

Sr/rec director Patrick is out on a well-deserved vacation.

Councilor Platten: The Assessor will be out of state until next month. Councilor Platten will set up the meeting with Mr. Lin and Mr. Maxwell for the June 22, 2023 Board meeting.

There is not an update for the Justice department. Ms. Bozeat has a small lag, but Councilor Platten will get an update.

The Environmental Commission would like to change their meeting day to fourth Wednesday of each month. Councilor Platten will notify Casey Westby to place the change on the website.

There have been no further mowing complaints. Councilor Platten will swing by cemeteries to check on weeding in the front. Councilor Duger suggested contact with Speedy’s Lawn Service by mail. Councilor Platten agreed, but would still like to meet up with them personally.

Councilor Duger inquired to the backup for the office in the absence of the Assessor and Clerk. Councilor Platten stated that Codes secretary Boratko covered as secretary for the Board of Assessment Review. The Assessor has scheduled time to make up missed days during a week in August. Councilor Platten thinks the office would be better served, if it could be broken up into multiple weeks. He further stated that the part time clerk is busy with clearing files and archived files. Councilor Duger inquired to the plan of action in an emergency. Codes Officer Tanner was concerned as there is a merger issue in the works of being cleared for a sale. He is doubtful the residents can wait until August. Should they be steered to the County for this, in the Assessor’s absence? Councilor Platten will contact Assessor Garner. Officer Tanner will send the inquiries to Councilor Platten to forward to Assessor Garner.

Supervisor Richardson inquired to the scheduling of Clerk Evan’s civil service testing. Councilor Platten states she has applied, knows the dates, and he will ask if she has schedule it.

Supervisor Richardson: Town supervisors will hold their monthly meeting next week. The public hearings for the water districts will be held at the next Town meeting.

**MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE:** Supervisor, Sr/Rec, Highway, Codes, Historian

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Codes officer Tanner informed the Board that Clerk Boratko will be out, and inspection are wrapping up.

Mrs. Doyle asked in the public would be able to review the short term rental proposed local law. Supervisor Richardson stated it would be once the Board had a chance to review it and the public hearing was called for on the 22nd.

Roger Darling addressed the Board in regards to the ARPA retention incentive employees received. He would like to know why retirees who worked during the time frame were not offered this incentive. Supervisor Richardson stated that the funds were given to those employees still working for the Town. It was his understanding that the County did not pay retirees with funds. Mr. Darling stated that he was told they were offered but refused. He further stated that these funds were for employees not elected officials, and he was approached by current Town employees to find out it was not offered, as he was not aware. He has contacted Rachel May’s office in regards to this matter, and states it is a “principle thing” and the “way it was paid out was wrong”. Supervisor noted his view.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Platten, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the June 8, 2023 Town Board meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Karlik

Town Clerk