Minutes for the May 11, 2023 Elbridge Town Board Public Hearing and first monthly meeting, 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, Deborah Blasko, Deputy Town Clerk,

McKensey Gonyea, Asst. Budget Officer, Richard Minning

Howard Tanner Codes Officer,

Michele Hunt, Rusty Cooper, Mike & Mindy Smart

Gail Gray, Maureen Doyle, Ellie Cooper, Rick & Christy

Rohmer, Patti Cooper, John Fall, Jeanette Horner,

Karen Hayward, Joel Horner, Jodi May, Elizabeth Baker,

Kim Markwardt, Pat McPeak, Doris & Carl Polchko,

Gloria Giannino, John Reeves, +

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The **TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ELBRIDGE (the “Board”)**, in the County of Onondaga, State of New York, met in regular session at the Town Hall in the Town of Elbridge, located at 5 Rt. 31, Village of Jordan, County of Onondaga, State of New York, on the 13th day of April, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and called for a Public Hearing to be held on May 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM to hear any persons for or against proposed Local Law **2023-2** to amend Chapter 265 of the Town Code entitled “Zoning” to adopt a moratorium for short term rentals in various zoning districts within the Town.

Supervisor Richardson: Would anyone like to speak in favor of this proposed Local Law?

Ellie Cooper spoke in support of the proposed local law, stating Eno Point was not established as a business area or playground. It was set up in 1981 as single family seasonal properties and that protecting health and safety is mandatory.

Mindy and Mike Smart do not necessarily want to ban short term rentals but feel there needs to be time to research rules and regulations to deal with problematic areas, and environmental issues. New family rentals may not be familiar with aspects. At this point several letters were read and entered into the record supporting this proposed local law.

Supervisor Richardson: Would anyone like to speak against this proposed Local Law?

Cheri Haines stated that she felt it would be dangerous to place this local law as it would deter business. We need business and we are a growing village. Codes Officer Tanner stated that the Villages hold their own regulations.

Lynn Lynch stated that the Eno Pont Association has reviewed current documentation and is in agreement to allow rentals, which amount to 2 properties at this time. She also questioned how the “use” of properties at Eno Point differ from short term rentals, or current owner’s parties or large group use?

Michelle Hunt spoke against the proposed law as she feels it would inhibit growth in the Town. She stated that short term rentals can stimulate the economy and that the area has a lot to offer visitors.

Rick Rohmer said he would understand the moratorium if there were more renters, but there hasn’t been time to actually see the effects of short term rentals at this point. He also stated that there is some conflict of interest with some residents who are in favor of the local law. Working with the Onondaga County Health Department should be considered as they are familiar with the area. He further recommends the Town look into the Eno Point regulations and the with the Health Department before making a decision.

Mike Smart asked that the impact of the situation be looked at, and some black and white regulations be decided upon.

Further discussion ensued, and Supervisor Richardson held the hearing open until the May 25th 2023 meeting for further input and research.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion from Councilor Platten, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the minutes from April 27, 2023 were accepted.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Joint Municipal Water Project needs the three entities to decide is they’d like to return the already obtained grants for 3 million to ask for and increased grant of 5 million each. The Elbridge Town Board is in favor of this. All three entities also need to agree up raising the project cost limit. The Village of Jordan has agreed to this, but the Village of Elbridge has not. At this point there was some discussion and the Town Board agrees that waiting much longer is only going to increase the overall cost of the project. Water testing on Sunview is also still needing to be completed.

**RESOLVED:**

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Richardson Duger Platten Blumer

0 NAYS

***Resolutions 60/23***

The Elbridge Town Board resolves to purchase one box of marker flags, at $150.00 a box, from the American Legion Post 317, for Memorial day cemetery placement in recognition of veteran’s service.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Blumer: The Historian is getting volunteers for cemetery stone cleaning. The Planning Board is moving along with subdivisions on Route 31, and the site plan review for Hourigan/Cardberry venue. A Botanical Garden has been proposed for 238 acres on Route 321. It will have over 5 miles of trails and a kiosk. The Planning Board is very receptive to this. It will also work well with the Comprehensive Plan, which is still waiting on Village of Elbridge committee members. The first meeting is planned for the end of June.

Councilor Duger: Cemeteries have been mowed. Hopefully they will be mowed for Memorial Day. Seymour Lofft Park is in great condition, and the little league program is about halfway through after a lot of rain.

Director Patrick will be receiving an award on May 17, 2023. Councilor Duger and Supervisor Richardson plan to attend, along with 30 others from the senior program. Director Patrick is well respected by the Town and County for his efforts, and often asked for his input when it comes to programming. May is senior recognition month. There will be a luncheon on May 16 with entertainment from the Merry Mischief-makers.

Highway has been busy with road and equipment maintenance, placing culverts at Eno Point, and the trash program which is moving along.

Councilor Platten: The Assessing Clerk may be taking an extended leave of absence. We will need to make sure the office is staffed. The current asst. clerk may burn through hours quickly. Councilor Platten will address this further at a future date. Assessor Garner and Councilor Platten have gone over some items with Mike Maxwell in regards to the revaluation. Some confusion has been straightened out. He will be placing properties in to four main categories, instead of current sub categories. This has raised some concerns with Assessor Garner. She will be sending these written concerns to the Board.

The Environmental Commission tree giveaway went well. There were a few leftover trees which were quickly distributed.

The Justice department will be discussed in executive session.

Supervisor Richardson: Verizon FIOS is going through the Town currently, moving west slowly. Not sure if it will be active as soon as its complete or after all towns are completed.

**MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE:** Supervisor, Codes, Highway

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Clerk Karlik expressed the lack of department reports on file each month, and the need for records given to the Board to also be included for filing at the Clerk’s office.

Ms. Gonyea inquired about Community Solar and if it would be considered a special district, as the question could not be answered by Assessing. Codes Officer Tanner clarified how solar in the Town at this point is not a special district.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** On a motion by Councilor Platten, seconded by Councilor Duger, the Elbridge Town Board entered in to Executive Session at 8:21 PM to discuss the employment history of a certain employee.

On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Duger, the Elbridge Town Board adjourned the Executive Session at 8:34 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Duger, the May 11, 2023 Elbridge Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Karlik

Elbridge Town Clerk