TOWN OF ELBRIDGE

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES (UNOFFICIAL)

October 15, 2026, • 7:00 PM • Elbridge Town Hall: 5 Route 31, Jordan, NY 13080

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Bush called the October 15th Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

OFFICER'S PRESENT:	Supervisor Kenneth Bush III, Councilor Jeremy Chilson, Councilor Mary Jo Davis, Councilor Joe Farrugia, and Councilor Todd Platten
ABSENT:	None
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Sarah Groom, Town Clerk
OTHERS PRESENT:	Paul Smyth, Town Attorney Anthony Laplzynski, Tara Laplzynski, Maureen Doyle, Michael Doyle, Stephanie Harris, Bethany Whitten, Charles & Candice Piedmonte, Al Sabha, Sigmond Pieklik, Doug Blumer, Tammy Simmons, and Cheri Killian
GUESTS:	None

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Supervisor Bush: Does anyone wish to speak in favor of this proposed Local Law?

- None

Supervisor Bush: Does anyone wish to speak against this proposed Local Law?

- Multiple residents voiced their concerns about affordability, rising taxes, assessments, and limiting current services offered to residents.
    - Town Board members stated that this is simply a precaution, not a decision to raise taxes. They explained how the town was aiming to stay within its limit but are waiting for final information, including insurance costs and the county's updated taxable assessed value.
    - Town Board members also noted that the tentative budget is available for public viewing, noting their efforts in keeping most controllable costs at, or near prior-year levels, even with rising fixed costs and state mandates.

On a motion by Supervisor Bush, the Town Board closed the Public Hearing.

VOTE: 5 Ayes • 0 Nays

ADOPT MINUTES:

The Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2026, were unanimously entered into record.

MOTION Councilor Platten • **SECONDED** Councilor Chilson

RESULT ADOPTED | 5 Ayes • 0 Nays

COMMUNICATIONS:

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Supervisor Bush also added that the Route 34 bridge was still on track to reopen "soon".

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- Supervisor Bush explained that Onondaga County Soil & Water said a full eradication of water-chestnuts was unlikely, stating that continued funding, and removal / coordination with upstream communities could keep growth in check.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS:

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Abstract #10, total disbursement is $776,024.22.

** *Councilor Platten noted that the high dollar amount was mostly due to bills related to the Joint Water Project.* **

MOTION Councilor Davis • **SECONDED** Councilor Farrugia

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OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 103/26

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RESOLUTION 105/26

The Elbridge Town Board resolves to appoint Jessica Halladay to serve on the Environmental Commission for the Town of Elbridge, her term will expire December 31, 2028.

MOTION Councilor Platten • **SECONDED** Councilor Farrugia

RESULT ADOPTED | 5 Ayes • 0 Nays

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Chilson:

- Recreation programs are preparing for winter sports and that per Joe Patrick, the school gym construction / proposed scheduling conflicts had not yet been a problem. Also – Basketball registration is due October 24th.
- The Court Clerk has arranged for the county to send updated public information and other current court related materials to the Town Hall along with a Narcan kit – all at no cost to the town.
- There were no new updates from the Veterans Coordinator.

Councilor Farrugia:

- The Assessor's Office is currently processing permits, updating recent sales, and renewing qualified exemptions.
- The Highway Department reported that the salt shed was full and that they are prepared for winter. Currently, they have been busy removing dead ash trees.
- Councilor Farrugia reported that the phone issue affecting Joe Patrick was resolved and there were no other technology or buildings-and-grounds concerns reported.

Councilor Platten:

- The Planning Board has reported the following updates:
    - Route 31 project: Concrete crushing will begin in November and run through January. Proposed schedule is Monday through Friday, 7am – 3:30pm. The $400,000 bond has been secured, and the anticipated end date is June 2028.
        - The company indicated that they are looking to sell some of the crushed concrete.
    - A proposed Auto-Repair business at an old service-station site.
    - Continuing to work with Wildwood on compliance; paving and parking lot requirements. The Planning Board set a firm date of November 5th for progress.
    - Along with three other residential Subdivisions.
- The Environmental Commission was developing a native-plant demonstration garden and considering another winter project.
- The Joint Water Project meeting is next week so there are no new updates; Crossett Pump Station delivery was still expected around January.

Councilor Davis:

- Councilor Davis, the Town Historian, and his clerk are arranging to meet soon.
- Carrisa Stone is leading an Eagle Scout project that is currently in progress. Councilor Davis stated that the Eagle Scouts are more than welcome to come and help with any work at the town.
- The Historian's office and Town Clerk's office are continuing their records inventory efforts and at this time our Town Historian has temporarily limited any new archival donations - especially larger items.
- The Jordan Methodist Church had repainted the Wayne Road Cemetery fence; rail repairs are deferred until spring, and Councilor Davis plans to send a thank-you note.
- Councilor Davis expressed that the Town's insurance premiums are still pending as well as informed the board of an insurance walkthrough that has been planned for November.

News from Codes:

- Town Code Enforcer, Howard Tanner, reported that there were multiple items already on the Planning Board's agenda for the following month, including a few carryovers. Below are some of the highlighted items:
    - A proposed three-building apartment project on Route 5, near Bailiwick, which may move forward in the spring.
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- A possible drive-through coffee business in the Village of Elbridge.

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Supervisor, Codes, Historian (September)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Al Sabha asked about the low-income housing in Jordan.
  - Howard Tanner clarified that the Apartment project near the festival grounds/ behind current apartment complex was separate from the higher-rent apartments near Bailiwick. Supervisor Bush explained that the new Jordan project had a 13-year PILOT arrangement, with its taxable value set by a state formula. Howard Tanner and Supervisor Bush both noted and explained to the residents that the projects currently being proposed in the Town of Elbridge were not seeking PILOT agreements.
- Doug Blumer asked what the town's change in taxable assessed value was compared to the prior year.
  - Supervisor Bush said the county had not yet provided the figures, despite repeated requests, and explained how he planned to follow up again.
- Charles Piedmonte asked whether Verizon FIOS would be extended to Beaver Street.
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