

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
PUBLIC HEARING & TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 8th, 2021

The Town of Elbridge Town Board met on April 8th, 2021 to conduct a public hearing and their regular meeting. Supervisor Richardson opened the public hearing at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilor Todd Platten, Councilor Mike Caron, Councilor Floyd Duger, Councilor Doug Blumer, Supervisor Vern Richardson

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Joe Frateschi, Historian Jason Parkman, Assessor Heather Garner, Town Clerk Danielle Karlik

PUBLIC HEARING: The Elbridge Town Board, at their meeting held on March 25th, 2021, resolved to call for a Public Hearing, on April 8th, 2021 at 7:00 PM to consider amending Chapter 15 of the Elbridge Town Code to reflect a new meeting date for the Board of Assessment Review. Public Hearing notice was published in the March 30th, 2021 Post Standard, the Elbridge and Jordan Post Offices, and at the Town Municipal Building. Due to an error in posting, this public hearing will remain open until April 22nd, 2021, and a new notice printed and published with the correct information.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Platten the minutes from March 25th, 2021 were adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS: Supervisor Richardson received an email from bond council in regards to the schedule, amount, and set up for the water project. There was also a communication in regards to a grant for cable from the County Executive Office. Elbridge will not be on the first to receive aid, but a schedule will be discussed in the future.

OLD BUSINESS: Erlich Pest Control will remain in place for the year.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Snyder's retirement luncheon will be held on Friday, April 9, 2021. The Board has suggested looking into some new cleaning services, request some quotes, and possibly advertise for future services. Jason Parkman asked if the Historian's office would be included in this, as it is not cleaned by anyone at this point. The building is property of the Village of Elbridge. The Board will call the Village and discuss this. Cleaning services will be readdressed at the next meeting.

Councilor Platten discussed a letter in regards to Village of Elbridge Water. This matter is a Village matter, not a Town matter and should be referred to them.

RESOLVED:

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Blumer Platten Richardson Duger
1 NAYS Caron

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Resolutions 59/21

The Elbridge Town Board resolves that it will be the Town's policy that there will be no alcohol consumption on any Town managed, or owned, property.

On a motion by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the following Resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Platten Richardson Duger Caron
0 NAYS

Resolutions 60/21

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 8th day of April, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Town of Elbridge Assessor has requested that the statutory date for the Board of Assessment Review to meet (the last Tuesday in May) is not available to her, not is the date in the Town Code (the first Wednesday after the last Tuesday in May); and

WHEREAS, a Local Law has been introduced before the Board, to wit: Local Law 2021-1, entitled "**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 15**", "**ASSESSMENT**" **OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELBRIDGE**, the text of which is as follows:

**LOCAL LAW 2021 -1, AMENDING CHAPTER 15
"ASSESSMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF
ELBRIDGE:**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 15, Article III, Section 15-5, of the Code of the Town of Elbridge, be amended and adopted as follows:

ARTICLE II. Board of Assessment

§ 15-5. Date of Board of Assessment to review complaints.

The Board of Assessment Review shall meet to hear complaints in relation to assessments commencing on the ~~first Wednesday following the fourth Tuesday in May~~ *second Wednesday of June*. This article shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by subsequent local law.

Section 2. Supersession

It is the intent of the Town Board to supersede Section 512(1) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law to the extent that the date for meeting of the Board of Assessment Review shall not be the fourth Tuesday of May.

Section 3. Effect

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This local law will be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State, which shall be within 20 days of the adoption of this Local Law.

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to hear from the public on Local Law 2021-1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge hereby schedules a public hearing for April 22, 2021 to hear all of those members of the public who would like to speak in favor or against said Local Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall post a copy of said Local Law on the Official Bulletin Board of the Town and publish notice of said local law in the Official Town Newspaper at least five (5) days before the public hearing.

On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Platten, the following Resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Platten Richardson Duger Caron
0 NAYS

Resolutions 61/21

The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge would like to recognize, and thank, Mayor Richard Platten for over forty years of service as the Mayor of the Village of Jordan, and to wish him well in his retirement.

On a motion by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the following Resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Platten Richardson Duger Caron
0 NAYS

Resolutions 62/21

The Town Board resolves to set the 2021 summer offices hours for 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday – Thursday, and 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Fridays, beginning on Monday, May 3rd and ending on Friday, October 1st.

On a motion by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the following Resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Platten Richardson Duger Caron
0 NAYS

Resolutions 63/21

The Elbridge Town Board resolves to contract with Deborah Blasko for coverage in the payroll department, to cover in times of vacation or illness at a rate of \$150.00 per period covered.

On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Platten, the following Resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Platten Richardson Duger Caron
0 NAYS

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Resolutions 64/21

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge has entered into a project for the codification of local laws, ordinances, and certain resolutions of the Town of Elbridge for the purpose of increasing the effectiveness of town governmental administration, providing greater public awareness of an access to town legislation and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of town inhabitants: and

WHEREAS the proposed codification has been published in loose-leaf form and the Town Board now desires to formally effect the adoption of said codification by enactment of a local law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Town Board with respect to enactment of the following local law, such public hearing to be held on the 22nd day of April, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall, Town of Elbridge, 5 Route 31, Jordan, New York. The proposed local law to be considered is as follows:

Local Law No. 2-2021

A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THE LOCAL LAWS,
ORDINANCES, AND CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS OF THE TOWN OF ELBRIDGE INTO A
MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE DESIGNATED THE “CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELBRIDGE”

Copies of the text of the above-named local law shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to cause public notice of said hearing to be given in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law and §§ 264 and 265 of the Town Law of the State of New York.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Blumer: The Code Officer’s report is on file. Building permits are creeping up. Historian’s report is on file. Inquiries are still coming in. It is recommended that the Historian establish a new email account to further troubleshoot issues. The Planning Board has not yet had their meeting for this month.

Councilor Duger: The Highway department is busy with preparations for spring repairs from winter damages. The trash program dates have been set, and Demarco’s is still being considered for dumpsters. Currently we will remain with Erlich for pest control, and be adding on the pavilion. The Recreation department appreciates the efforts of the Highway department and school in regards to Seymour Lofft Park. Over 8,000 meals have been provided to residents, and plans are to continue with this service. Pavilions at both properties are being request for use. Plans for baseball/softball are moving forward, with the schools offer to utilize their outside facilities.

Councilor Caron: Assessing report on file. At this time Councilor Caron invited Heather Garner, Assessor, to speak to the Board. Packets were given to Board members (not clerk), in regards to assessing duties as described by NYS. She further discussed the assessing department and the fundamentals. The use of the camera, and the decision to keep it secured, and signed for when used was brought up. Heather felt this was an “asinine” system and stated how she would need access beyond regular business hours. The board further discussed this matter, and she will have access as needed. A list is being developed, now at four pages, of items that need to be addressed

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in regards to assessing. The Board was informed that the Town has “unique pockets” and this adds to assessing procedures. There will be a water meeting on the 21st of this month.

Councilor Platten: There have been a few requests to look at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and the debris pile that is building up in the back east corner. The Board discussed this further, and concluded that the debris could be separated from natural and recyclable materials, there could be some help with removal. It was suggested that the scouts, honor society, those looking for community service and/or the Environmental Commission could assist with this process. No Environmental meeting has been held this month, yet.

Supervisor Richardson: The County Supervisors hope to attend in person for meetings this month. Skaneateles American Legion contacted the Town in regards to purchasing a box of flags, once again. An e-mail from John Katko was received in regards to the use of future monies for water, sewer, possible building project, and a food pantry.

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

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the Elbridge Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Karlik
Elbridge Town Clerk