Minutes for the monthly meeting of the Elbridge Town Board, held on August 25, 2022 at the Elbridge Town Municipal Building. Supervisor Vern Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Vern Richardson, Supervisor

Doug Blumer, Councilor

Floyd Duger, Councilor

Michael Caron, Councilor

Todd Platten, Councilor

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Frateschi, Town Attorney

Aaron Leentjes

Eli Leentjes

Anthony White

Keith Hotchkiss

Keelie Hotchkiss

Dan Hudson

(1 unnamed guest)

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Platten the minutes from July 28, 2022 were accepted, with an abstention from Councilor Caron.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** On a motion by Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Caron, General Bills Abstract #08, Vouchers #305-343, in the amount of $41,831.19 were unanimously ordered paid, and Highway Bills, Abstract #08, Vouchers #1137-1159, in the amount of $56,006.23 were unanimously ordered paid with a total disbursement of $97,837.42.

**GUESTS:** Keith Hotchkiss, residing on Powerhouse Road, addressed the Board with concerns in regard to the growing of marijuana across from his property. Mr. Hotchkiss informed the Board of a petition he is currently circulating to residents in his area against this type of farming. He would like clearer guidelines, to know who enforces State rules, how it was allowed in a residential area, and that it would decrease the value of his property. At this time the Board and Town attorney addressed his concerns stating that the State rules have not yet been fully clarified, that the board will contact law enforcement to suggest more policing of the area, the farm property is zoned agricultural, and the State will enforce regulations, but this particular property has already been issued permits by the State. Mr. Leentjes stated he would be happy to answer questions from the Board; he is also waiting for further clear information from the State. At this point further discussion ensued.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

* Supervisor Richardson stated that there was no meeting held this month in regards to the Route 81 Corridor. Some Towns will be challenging the State in court in regards to this matter.
* There has been no further information given in regards to the County snowplowing contract.
* No word from Verizon has been received for the new land lease contract.
* There will be a ribbon cutting on September 13th at 10AM for the completed solar project. The Boards of the Town have been invited to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

* Change Public Hearing to September 8th.

**RESOLVED:**

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Richardson Blumer Duger Platten Caron

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***Resolution 78/22***

The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge resolves to change the Public Hearing date for Local Law 2022-5, from August 25, 2022 to September 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM, for the zoning change on parcel #040.-02-01.0, from RR to B1.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Blumer: There was no Planning Board meeting this month, they are currently working on an agenda for September’s meeting.

Historian Parkman is working with volunteers for the ongoing cemetery project. Aaron Leentjes will be helping with concrete donations for the project. Mr. Parkman will be using grant monies for a display case at the Elbridge Free Library.

Councilor Duger: The budgets for departments has been submitted. Seymour Lofft looks great, the fields look awesome, and upkeep and maintenance continues to have a good relationship with the school. Mr. Patrick is working on clearing out the storage areas and continues to be busy with scheduling for the recreation programs.

The seniors are planning a trip for Rhode Island in September.

Councilor Caron: New health insurance quotes were reviewed, as we are satisfied with our current and the review did not show significant difference, a change is not warranted at this time. Ed & Ed sales reviewed printer and ink needs. There wasn’t a need at this time.

Water meeting to review the IMA took place this month and further discussion is needed. Headway with property acquisitions has taken place.

Councilor Platten: The Environmental Commission would lie to continue with the tree giveaway program in the next year. They are also looking to get involved with other projects. It was suggested they may be able to aid with the Comprehensive Plan.

The Boy Scouts are searching for some Eagle Scout Projects and the cemetery work may help in this area.

Other departments are quiet.

Councilor Platten attended the annual car show at the Elbridge Fire Department.

Ron Leroy and Councilor Platten spoke in regards to the Mt. Pleasant cemetery debris issue. It is privately owned, but some aide may be available through the Town, Demarcos, or Scott Miller.

Supervisor Richardson: Route 5 had some sever upheaval in pavement. The State responded and has rectified these issues.

Auditor fees have risen significantly and it was suggested by Supervisor Richardson that consideration be taken to doing a partial audit in 2023, instead of a full Town audit, to keep costs down.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Clerk Karlik addressed the Board as to the status of records management, grants, available joint software for the water project, and new recycling regulations.

Anthony White addressed the Board in support of the farming on Powerhouse road.

An unnamed resident expressed her concerned for the same safety issues, previously discussed.

Aaron Leenjtes spoke on what he is doing beyond State regulations to help mitigate any of these concerns. Councilor Platten reiterated the intent to speak with local law enforcement for more surveillance in that area.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** On a motion by Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the Elbridge Town Board moved into executive session at 8:25 PM to discuss the employment history of a specific employee.

On the motion by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the Town Board came out of executive session at 8:45 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Duger, the Town Board meeting of the Town of Elbridge was adjourned at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Karlik

Elbridge Town Clerk