

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING
January 28th, 2021

The Public Hearing and regular Town Board meeting for the Town of Elbridge was called to order by Supervisor Vern Richardson at 6:58 PM. Supervisor Richardson also led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Attorney Timothy Frateschi, Town of Elbridge Codes Officer Howard Tanner, Town Historian Jason Parkman, Phil Wheeler, Roger Tumber, Deputy Clerk Deb Blasko, Supervisor Secretary McKensey Gonyea, B&L Representative Taylor Bottar, B&L Representative Alex Hess, Town Clerk Danielle Karlik

PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DETERMINED at a meeting of the Town Board on December 29th, 2020 that a hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge shall be held at the Town Hall, located at 5 Route 31, Jordan, New York on the 28th day of January 2021 at 7:00 p.m., to consider the proposed Water District herein referred to and the construction of water improvements therein and to hear all person interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and it is further

RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DETERMINED that the public may mail, e-mail or fax comments to the Town Clerk by noon on January 28, 2021. If the present Orders of the New York State Governor concerning the COVID-19 pandemic are not lifted prior to that time, the Board shall convene using the telephone/video conferencing medium known as ZOOM which may be accessed by: [Meeting ID: 849 8124 1940](#)
[Passcode: 051398](#)

Supervisor Richardson: Does anyone wish to speak in favor of this proposal? None

Supervisor Richardson: Does anyone wish to speak against this proposal? None

Supervisor Richardson closed Public Hearing at 7:02 PM

Regular Meeting:

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Caron the minutes from January 7th, 2021 were approved. Councilor Duger abstained as he did not attend that meeting.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Duger, General Bills Abstract #001, Vouchers #1-51, in the amount of \$129,366.72 were ordered paid, and Highway Bills, Abstract #001, Vouchers #1000- 1018, in the amount of \$69,581.93 were ordered paid with a total disbursement of \$198,948.65.

COMMUNICATIONS: Village of Elbridge Trustee Anthony DeMarco spoke with Supervisor Richardson in regards to a bldg. for the Town Historian. He suggested the old Crews building, located on Route 5, in the Village of Elbridge may be an option, and should be considered. The Village also owns vacant property on Route 5 across from Tops Supermarket. These options will be looked at and further discussed.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Ehrlich Pest Control Contract- Councilor Duger will be looking to comparable options to cover both buildings. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
- 2) Landfill Lease agreement – This agreement is subject to Permissive Referendum. It was not done originally, and will need to be posted. After 30 days, the Board can continue with this agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) The Board will consider a back-up staff member for the payroll data when Supervisor Secretary M. Gonyea is unavailable. This will be discussed further at an upcoming meeting.
- 2) Two Fikes road residents have expressed concern over the speed limit on this road, and would like to petition to have the limit dropped to 40mph.
- 3) Governor's Emergency Health Plan – emailed to Board members, was discussed with Attorney Frateschi. Councilor Duger stated there are some errors to be corrected, and a few items to be altered. This plan will be reviewed and changes made, and returned to Attorney Frateschi.
- 4) Highway Superintendent White and Councilor Duger discussed a purchase to support the National Cancer Society, the purchase of daffodil bulbs. It was discussed, and decided that tax payers should not be paying for donations.
- 5) The Zoning Map has been printed, and reflects the updated changes up to the latest change. It has been color coded, and has street addresses. This should be an easier map to use.

RESOLUTION:

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Caron Platten Richardson Duger
 0 NAYS

Resolutions 35/21

Resolved: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge resolves to adopt, and make official, the Town of Elbridge Zoning Map, prepared by the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency, and certified with the signature and seal of the Town, by The Town of Elbridge Town Clerk on January 28, 2021

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Caron Platten Richardson Duger
 0 NAYS

Resolutions 36/21

Resolved: The Town Board resolves to purchase one new Felling FT 45-2-LP Paver trailer from Tracey Road Equipment per Source Well contract #121918-FTS for the price of \$41,629.00

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Caron Platten Richardson Duger
 0 NAYS

Resolutions 37/21

Resolved: the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge adopted a Resolution/Order (“Resolution”) which is subject to a Permissive Referendum in accordance with Town Law Section 64 and Article 7 of the Town Law of the State of New York.

An abstract of said Resolution is as follows: The purpose and effect of the Resolution is that the Town of Elbridge is authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Abundant Solar Energy, Inc. (“Abundant”) whereby the Town of Elbridge will lease to Abundant, its assigns, certain property situate at 801 Peru Road, Jordan, NY 13080(Tax Map No. 029.-02-20.1) (the former landfill for the Town of Elbridge “the Property”) and as described on exhibit “A” for the purpose of Abundant operating a solar energy system on the landfill. For consideration, Abundant will provide the pay to the Town a monthly rental \$1,129.83, which shall increase annually by 1%. The lease is for 25 years with 2 (5yr) extension options which may be exercised by Abundant Solar power (E1) LLC.

The Resolution is based on the determination of the Town Board that the ground lease is in the public interest and presents no undue burden to the Town.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Caron Platten Richardson Duger
 0 NAYS

Resolutions 38/21

Resolved: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge resolves to request the Onondaga County Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on Fikes Road between the existing 40 mph limit and the North end of the road.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Caron Platten Richardson Duger
 0 NAYS

Resolutions 39/21

Resolved: WHEREAS, the Town of Elbridge Town Board has become aware of a general interest and desire for public water service in portions of the Town of Elbridge located along New York State Route 5; and

WHEREAS, previously the Town of Elbridge Town Board authorized the preparation of a Map, Plan and Report for further consideration of the proposed Champions Water District; and

WHEREAS, a Map, Plan and Report, prepared by Barton & Loguidice, competent engineers duly licensed by the State of New York, dated December 2020, has

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been prepared in such manner and in such detail as heretofore has been determined by the Town of Elbridge Town Board, relating to the establishment of the Champions Water District pursuant to Article 12-A of the Town Law (the "Water District"); and

WHEREAS, the Map, Plan and Report, as revised, has been duly filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Elbridge; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the proposed Water District are those properties and areas within the Town of Elbridge as set forth in Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements consist generally of the improvements as more particularly described in the Map, Plan and Report, to wit:

(1) installation of two (2) new water storage tanks and booster pump stations, (one located at the City of Syracuse connection to create an initial system pressure zone and an elevated tank at the site of the existing Upper Reservoir tank to address low pressures at the Jordan Elbridge High School); (2) strategic replacement of water mains throughout the system; (3) a third conduit connection to the City of Syracuse transmission mains; (4) replacement of 28,000 LF of water main; (5) looping of dead end water mains; (6) replacement of asbestos cement water main; (7) replacement of 10% of valves and hydrants; (8) water main extension to serve Champions Mobile Home Park; (9) small booster pump station, together with original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, said capital project is part of a larger joint water improvement project in conjunction with the Villages of Elbridge and Jordan designed to improve and correct system wide deficiencies such as fire flow, water pressure, increased pipe sizes and a new water tank in order to equally enhance the joint drinking water system for all water users; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the construction of the Water District improvements is estimated to be One Million Twenty-Two Thousand Twenty-Six and 26/100 Dollars (\$1,022,026.26) and the plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds of the Town to finance said cost and assessment, levy and collection of special assessments from the several lots and parcels of land within the Water District, which the Town Board shall determine and specify to be especially benefitted thereby, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit conferred upon the same, to pay the principal of and any interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable, all as shown on the attached financing plan (Schedule "B") as set forth in the Map, Plan and Report and further includes subsidized financing and grant opportunities through the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC); and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Water District to the "typical property" (as defined by the Town Law) is Five Hundred Four and 93/100 Dollars (\$504.93) (taking

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into account the capital/debt service, operation and maintenance, water use, user fees), annually; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Water District to the “typical two-family property” is One Thousand Nine and 86/100 Dollars (\$1,009.86); and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of hook-up fees for the Champions Mobile Home Park is Thirty Thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) all as detailed in the Map, Plan and Report; and

WHEREAS, the cost and expenses of operation and maintenance of said Water District, shall be a charge to the benefitted property owners and shall not be a general charge against the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has heretofore caused to be prepared and filed for public inspection with the Town Clerk, a detailed explanation of how such estimates were computed; and

WHEREAS, the joint project, including the improvements and construction of said Water District has been determined to be an “Type I Action” pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), and it has been determined by the lead agency for the entire joint project, the Village Board of the Village of Elbridge, that the joint project will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects, and the documentation relating to SEQRA is available in the office of the Town Clerk for inspection during normal office hours; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge previously and hereby further recognizes and reaffirms the SEQRA determination and negative declaration rendered by the Village of Elbridge Village Board of Trustees as lead agency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that pursuant to Article 12-A of the Town Law, the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge hereby determines as follows:

1. That the Public Hearing Order and Resolution was published and posted as required by law, and is otherwise sufficient;
2. That all property and property owners within the proposed Water District are benefitted thereby;
3. That all property and property owners benefitted are included within the limits of the proposed Water District;
4. That it is in the public interest to establish said Water District; and be it further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the establishment of the proposed Water District, as set forth in the Map, Plan and Report, be approved as set forth below; that the water system herein above referred to shall be constructed at a cost not to exceed One Million Twenty-Two Thousand Twenty-Six and 26/100 Dollars (\$1,022,026.26), which cost will be financed as more particularly described in the financing plan on file with the Town of Elbridge Town Clerk and as further described in Schedule “B” and in the Map, Plan and Report; and that said Water District shall be known as the “Champions Water District” situated wholly outside of any incorporated village or city, and shall be bounded and described as set forth in Schedule “A” attached hereto; and be it further

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RESOLVED AND ORDERED the estimated cost of the Water District to the “typical property” (as defined by the Town Law) is Five Hundred Four and 93/100 Dollars (\$504.93) (taking into account the capital/debt service, operation and maintenance, water use, user fees), annually; and

RESOLVED AND ORDERED the estimated cost of the Water District to the “typical two-family property” is One Thousand Nine and 86/100 Dollars (\$1,009.86); and

RESOLVED AND ORDERED the estimated cost of hook-up fees to the Champions Mobile Home Park is Thirty Thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) all as detailed in the Map, Plan and Report; and

RESOLVED AND ORDERED the cost and expenses of operation and maintenance of said Water District, shall be a charge to the benefitted property owners and shall not be a general charge against the Town; and be it further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that within ten (10) days after the adoption of this Resolution and Order, the Town Clerk shall record with the Clerk of the County of Onondaga and file with the Office of the State Comptroller copies of this Order, certified by the Town Clerk; and be it further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Town Clerk, within ten (10) days from the date of the adoption of this Resolution and Order shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of this Resolution and Order and shall set forth concisely the purpose and effect thereof, and shall specify that this Resolution and Order is adopted subject to permissive referendum; and be it further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this Resolution and Order is subject to permissive referendum as provided in Section 209-e of the Town Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Douglas Blumer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Floyd Duger	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Michael Caron	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Todd Platten	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Vern J. Richardson	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: January 28, 2020

SCHEDULE A
Boundary Description
Proposed Champions Water District Boundary

The Proposed Champions Water District Boundary, situated in the Town of Elbridge, County of Onondaga, State of New York, being a part of Farm Lot Nos. 73 and 74, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Point of Beginning located at the northwestern corner of Parcel 037.-01-24.1 as shown on the Proposed Champions Water District

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Boundary Map; thence proceeding northerly along the western property boundary of Parcel 037.-01-21.1 to the northwestern property corner of said Parcel; thence proceeding along the northern and eastern boundary of Parcel 037.-01-21.1 as it bends and curves to the northeastern property corner of Parcel 037.-01-22.0; thence proceeding westerly along the northern boundary of Parcel 037.-01-22.0 to the northwestern property corner of said Parcel; thence proceeding southerly along the western boundary of Parcel 037.-01-22.0 to the southwestern property corner of said Parcel; thence proceeding westerly along the northern boundary of NYS Route 5 to the southeastern property corner of Parcel 037.-01-23.1; thence proceeding northerly along the eastern boundary of Parcel 037.-01-23.1 to the northeastern property corner of said Parcel; thence proceeding northwesterly along the northern boundary of Parcel 037.-01-23.1 to the northeastern property corner of Parcel 037.-01-23.2; thence proceeding westerly along the northern boundary of Parcel 037.-01-23.2 to the northwestern property corner of said Parcel; thence proceeding southerly along the western boundary of Parcel 037.-01-23.2 to the southwestern property corner of said Parcel; thence proceeding westerly along the northern boundary of NYS Route 5 to the southeastern property corner of Parcel 037.-01-24.1; thence proceeding northerly along the eastern boundary of Parcel 037.-01-24.1 to the northeastern property corner of said Parcel; thence proceeding westerly along the northern boundary of Parcel 037.-01-24.1 to the northwestern property corner of said Parcel, where the point is also the Point of Beginning, and encompassing all parcels contained within.

The above-described boundary is in accordance with the map entitled "Proposed Champions Water District Boundary" prepared by Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. dated December 2020 and having Project No. 046.050.002.

SCHEDULE B

Town of Elbridge Water District Maximum Amount to be Expended

Service Area	Town Wide Maximum Amount to be Expended	Existing EDUs	Water District Maximum Amount to be Expended
Elbridge Permissive Service Area WD	\$8,080,916.23	83	\$790,938.73
Jordan Permissive Service Area WD		347.5	\$3,311,460.37
Champions WD		107.25	\$1,022,026.26
Crossett Road WD 1		5.5	\$52,411.60
Crossett Road WD 2		4.5	\$42,882.22
Hartlot Road WD		85	\$809,997.50
Route 5 East WD		114.75	\$1,093,496.62

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Sandbank Road WD		21	\$200,117.03
West Elbridge WD		79.5	\$757,585.90

Estimated User Cost for Joint Water System Customers

DESCRIPTION	EFC, 30 year loan, (V) Jordan (0% Hardship Rate), (V) Elbridge, (T) Elbridge (2.2% Subsidized Rate)
Project Capital Cost Benefitting All Users (2022 Dollars)	\$19,054,000
Amount to be Bonded (V) Jordan	\$5,712,865
Amount to be Bonded (V) Elbridge	\$5,260,219
Amount to be Bonded (T) Elbridge	\$8,080,916
<i>Estimated Cost for Joint Water System Users</i>	
Total Grant Contributions – (V) Jordan DWSRF Award	\$3,000,000
Total Estimated Project Cost After Grants	\$16,054,000
Annualized Project Cost	\$702,615
Total EDUs	1999.5
Capital Debt per EDU	\$351.40
First Year O&M Charge	\$147.54
Water Purchase Cost	\$6
Estimated First Year Cost per EDU	\$504.93

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Blumer: The Planning Board met without a lot on the agenda. Discussed the Site Plan Review for the old Jordan Mini Mart and their proposal to install a diesel fuel island. The Historian's office was recognized for its impressive reorganization of the office and safety measures. Shelves have been installed for artifacts. They have had 46 inquiries, even with the hindrance of COVID.

Councilor Duger: Highway has been busy with snow removal from the roads. The County Soil and Water Conservation District presented a plaque and a large sign to the Highway department for their help with water chestnut removal from cross lake. Recreation Dept. is slowly opening. There are plans for a baseball season, though it may be modified. Working with Superintendent White to prepare the fields and ready the park. Senior lunches have been going on for 46 weeks, with over 7,000 meals prepared and delivered by volunteers. Recognize their efforts and they are appreciated. Thus far, the County is not talking of reopening for any "in-person" lunches. Senior trips are being discussed as a possibility in the future months.

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Councilor Caron: Taylor Bottar and Alex Hess gave a quick review of the planned water districts and how they are progressing. Councilor Caron met with the Town Assessor. Ms. Garner feels there needs to be a full assessment and has presented a timeline to follow. She is working well with the Assessing Clerk. She would possibly like to hire a part-time clerk to assist when the assessments take place. Councilor Blumer would like to know if this is temporary or will it be a need every year? Nothing available in this year's budget to accommodate.

Councilor Platten: Nothing to report on Dogs or Cemeteries at this time. Justice is not having any further issues with the wifi. Judge Mitchel is out of the office and Judge Betts will be holding court in his place until his return. The Environmental Commission met by Zoom. They are still discussing the Vista Outlook at Seymour Lofft. Bluebird boxes are being monitored and Native Gardens planned.

Supervisor Richardson: Was approached by Advanced Media in regards to an article regarding business' and municipalities. Possible publication in March/April. Will attend a Zoom meeting with the County and State in regards to future endeavors to reduce the water chestnut issue.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Codes Officer Howard Tanner let the Board know that the County has agreed to update the newly adopted map if needed. Historian Parkman would like to discuss a proposal for future inquiries from people outside the Town to aid in costs for research and provided information.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Platten, seconded by Councilor Duger, the Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Karlik
Elbridge Town Clerk