

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JULY 22, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge held its regularly scheduled meeting on July 22, 2021 at the Town of Elbridge Municipal Offices. Supervisor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 Pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ABSENT:** Councilor Mike Caron

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Joe Frateschi, Code Officer Howard Tanner, Historian Jason Parkman, Sr/Rec Director Joe Patrick, Deputy Clerk Deb Blasko, Barton & Loguidice Representatives Jessica Martinez, Alex Hess & Taylor Bottar, Bob Tackman, Town Clerk Danielle Karlik

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion made by Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Platten the minutes from June 24, 2021 were approved.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** On a motion by Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Blumer General Bills Abstract #07, Vouchers #246-287, in the amount of \$239,864.25 were ordered paid, and Highway Bills, Abstract #07, Vouchers #1140-1157, in the amount of \$149,533.59 were ordered paid with a total disbursement of \$389,397.84.

**GUESTS:**

- 1) Joe Patrick – Rec/Sr. Director addressed the Board in regards to the Sr/Rec Program. Currently there is a lull, now that baseball has concluded. Camps and soccer will be upcoming. The Director attended a meeting at the County with the Department of Adult and Long Term Care Services where lunch services, COVID vaccination protocol, and other policies were discussed.  
The Community Center and Pavilions have been active with reservations and rentals.  
The JET Program is in desperate need of volunteers. Insurance policies were inquired about in regards to physicals. It is not required for drivers to have physicals. This hopefully will help in the recruitment process  
At this time Councilor Duger thanked Joe Patrick for all he has done throughout the pandemic and mention how respected he is at the County level.
- 2) The representatives of Barton & Loguidice spoke about the continuing water project. They handed out the agenda from the previous day's meeting, and discussed the changes that would need to occur, and the timeline of the project. A suggestion that a project flyer be mailed to residents. At this time several questions were asked and there was general discussion.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Supervisor Richardson was advised further on the upcoming federal stimulus check, The State will be deducting and distributing monies to the villages, in place of the Town. Funds should be arriving in August. Half in 2021 and the remainder in 2022. Discussion took place on schedule to report on this stimulus and plans for its use.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

The current cleaning contract was discussed and options to remedy.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Concern was expressed for the staffing of the building during the lunch hour and possible issues that could arise from a single individual being left during this time. It was suggested that staff could stagger hours to compensate for this. No decision was made at this time.

The concern for the current firewall software was brought up, and further discussion will take place as the budget season commences.

**RESOLUTION:**

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Richardson Duger Platten Blumer  
0 NAYS

*Resolutions 78/21*

The Town Board resolves to advertise for 2-part time cleaning positions to maintain the Community Center, Municipal Offices and Highway Department.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Richardson Duger Platten Blumer  
0 NAYS

*Resolutions 79/21*

The Elbridge Town Board resolves to appoint Tracy Resch as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remaining term of 2021, with the option of reappointment in January of 2022 for a full term.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Richardson Duger Platten Blumer  
0 NAYS

*Resolutions 80/21*

The Town Board approves the following operating permits applications, for August 1, 2021 until July 31, 2022 for Elbridge Meadows MHP, Jack's Reef MHP, Mobile Manor MHP, Rolling Hills MHP, and Champion Homes MHP.

**REPORTS:** Highway, Supervisor, Assessing, Historian, Codes, Sr/Rec Program

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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Councilor Blumer: The Historian's office received a letter indicating the possible loan of items to the office for display. It was felt that donation of said items would be a better choice as the Town would not have to bear the responsibility if items were damaged or stolen. Attorney Frateschi suggested the items could be copied and returned.

The Planning Board met and continued with site plans and subdivisions. The owners of the Silo 31 property have started the process with the Planning Board.

Issues with the property on Route 5, formerly Dennis Hoe's building, continue with an ongoing list of violations. Legal advice was considered at this point.

Councilor Blumer suggested that there be legislation considered to move the Special Permit process from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board, and there are some other code items to be adjusted. Further discussion took place.

Councilor Duger: Councilor Duger reported that Highway Superintendent White has been on vacation. They will work on the budget sheets when he returns.

Kegs Canal Side wanted to give parking fees to the Town for those cars parked in the municipal lots during concerts and events. This was rejected and the current agreement will continue.

Union contract negotiations are being set up for September of this year.

The NYSERDA grant has been received and Amanda Manzoni inquired as to the progression of the LED project.

The Ball Mix for Seymour Lofft is scheduled to be delivered this week. The Nelson equipment trucks will need to park in a different designated area due to this delivery.

Councilor Platten: The issue with mowing at the back of Elbridge Rural has been discussed and further resolution will be taking place. There is a historical marker loose by the cemetery and if time allows Councilor Platten suggested the Highway Department may be able to secure it.

Nothing to report in regards to the Environmental Commission.

The Justice Department is running out of storage room. Recommendations are being discussed and a preliminary plan for resolution developed with help from the RMO.

Supervisor Richardson: The Assessing Department met with Councilor Caron and Supervisor Richardson in regards to a Town wide revaluation, and the hiring of a part time clerk to assist with this, and as future coverage for the current clerk who discussed possible retirement in the next few years. Last revaluation was in 2009. It was further discussed at this time that with the current market it may not be the best time for this action, and it was suggested that it may be better to wait until the current pandemic situation has passed. This topic was tabled.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Bob Tackman spoke in regards to the upcoming annual car show at the Elbridge Fire Department on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk Karlik thanked Deputy Clerk Blasko for all her help over the past three weeks covering the office, as she was taking online classes during the morning hours. Councilor Platten also congratulated Clerk Blasko on her passing of the Notary Public exam.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion made by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Platten, the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge adjourned their monthly meeting at 9:10 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Karlik  
Elbridge Town Clerk