

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 13, 2024

Minutes for the June 13, 2024 meeting, held by the Elbridge Town Board. Supervisor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Danielle Karlik, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Attorney Joe Frateschi, Deputy Town Clerk Deborah Blasko (8:02 pm), Andrew & Mary Jo Davis, Louis McIntyre, Victor Ciaccia of Norburt Solar

LOCATION: Community Center

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Platten, the minutes from May 23, 2024 were entered into record, with Councilor Caron abstaining due to absence at that noted meeting.

GUEST: Victor Ciaccia of Norburt Solar spoke to the Board in regards to the PILOT for a proposed 5 megawatt facility solar array. The Board inquired about system setup, decommissioning, battery storage, standard taxation and burden, local employment, fire safety, and contamination. The matter will be further discussed before the next Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: Supervisor Richardson attended the Village of Elbridge meeting this month in regards to water meter purchases. After a brief discussion, the Town Board felt that a plan for replacements is needed, invoices and addresses for each replaced meter, and the Town will purchase 25 meters to be replaced and when those are in place, another 25 can be purchased, with the same requirements of address placement and invoices.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Highway County Contract – an agreement has been reached, with the County, for a three-year contract with a 3% increase each year.
- Onondaga County Hazard Mitigation Plan designation – five years have passed and the plan should be reviewed and updated for any local vulnerable areas of potential damage from natural disasters. Councilor Duger and Superintendent White took the lead in the past and will continue to do so.
- Gate/camera trash program – further discussion will continue with the Highway department and the needs for the program.
- Withheld voucher – Maxwell Appraisal has provided the written information documents and has participated in the contract stated meeting with Assessor Garner, BAR Chairman Macro, and Supervisor Richardson. Councilor Platten inquired about updated property photographs being placed on the Real Property Tax Service software. Supervisor Richardson will look into this, and determine to continue to hold the payment or release it.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Website/Facebook Policy for posting – Requests that are not directly associated to the Town have come in for Facebook and the Town website to advertise specific events. It is felt that the Town’s social media and website should adhere to the same policy as the Town electronic sign postings. A short discussion took place.
- Trash Fee – The Village of Elbridge submitted a letter requesting that the \$275.00 trash collection fee for Seymour Lofft be paid by the Town. This fee is not part of the agreement and will not be paid. Trash that was placed in bins, prior, by the Highway, will be removed to the Town to be disposed of. The bins will be pulled, so there will not be further confusion. The pavilion policy will need to be looked at to see if the pavilion was designated for carry in/carry out use.

RESOLVED:

On a motion by Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the following resolution was ADOPTED: 5 AYES Richardson Blumer Platten Duger Caron
0 NAYS

Resolutions 75/24

The Elbridge Town Board appoints Mary Jo Davis, Mindy Smart and Danielle Karlik as members of the Town of Elbridge Ethics Committee.

On a motion by Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Caron, the following resolution was ADOPTED: 5 AYES Richardson Blumer Platten Duger Caron
0 NAYS

Resolutions 76/24

The Elbridge Town Board resolves to use the existing Electronic sign policy for Town social media accounts and the Town website postings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Blumer: The Lincoln cannonball dedication went well. There was an error on the sign, but is being corrected. A telescope once housed at the Munroe Institute in Elbridge, has been donated to the Historian’s department. It will need to be stored. A new space is being researched for the department as the Village of Elbridge Library is now in need of the current space.

The Planning Board met to discuss the Limledge Botanical Gardens. It is possible they will open near the end of the year. Norburt has extended their site plan permit, without a hook up date. It will hold the same conditions as the pervious permit. Hudson Egg farm is expanding its processing and loading building.

Councilor Duger: The Highway department has been busy with Shantz Road bridge. Rain has been hindering the progress.

Baseball and softball are near an end. All teams qualified for playoffs. Thank you to the Highway Department for keeping the fields in good shape. Along with the school district and the Band Boosters, it has been a great partnership.

3 by 3 basketball has three teams created with the 30 participants for a Jr/Sr league. Traditional programs continue.

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The 2024 senior programs are complete. Several one-day trips are planned. PEACE luncheons are building up, and Ryan McMahon will attend a luncheon on June 18th.

JET is running at full force with 10 volunteer drivers.

Rentals are strong.

Councilor Caron: Insurance is quiet with no issues.

There was no water meeting in May. The next water meeting will be June 20th. Councilor Platten spoke in regards to Brandon Williams and possible additional funds available for the project, but he will reach out to confirm.

Councilor Platten: Grievance is going well so far. Panels were suggested, and Assessor Garner said she would be able to float between two. Deputy Clerk Blasko informed the Board that the BAR discussed panels and decided not to use them, as meeting were going well.

The Environmental Commission has met with Limeledge Botanical Gardens. They look forward to working with them.

There have been no complaints about the mowing at the cemeteries.

CNYSPCA now has a copy of the Town's code as it pertains to redemptions for dogs.

Councilor Duger expressed gratitude towards Supervisor Secretary Minnig, Deputy Clerk Blasko, Codes Clerk Boratko, and Town Clerk Karlik for helping to cover the shortages in the office and with grievance. It is appreciated, and nice to see the office working together.

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Codes, Highway, Supervisor, Sr/Rec

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mr. McIntyre asked who was responsible for any waste left from the solar projects. Attorney Frateschi explained the bond agreement, and the decommissioning plans. Councilor Blumer further explained that nothing can take place until those agreements are approved and a permit issued by Codes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Councilor Platten, seconded by Councilor Caron, the Town Board entered into executive session, unanimously, at 8:43 PM to discuss the matter of a potential hire.

(Minutes taken by Attorney Frateschi)

9:15 P.M. – Councilor Platten made a motion to leave Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Blumer. Supervisor Richardson put the motion to a vote. Passed unanimously.

Resolutions 77/24

9:20 P.M. – Councilor Platten made a motion to make an offer for the position of assessment clerk (as defined under the relevant civil service rules) to Kimberly Yager for \$42,000.00/year at 35 hours of work/week with the understanding that she pass the first available civil service exam and that she must take on additional work as directed by the Town Board (and as needed at the discretion of the Town Board). Councilor Blumer seconded the motion. Supervisor Richardson put the motion to a vote. Passed unanimously.

Resolutions 78/24

9:25 P.M. – Councilor Blumer made a motion to, in the event that Ms. Yager does not accept the position, advertise for the position of assessment clerk (as defined under the relevant civil service rules) for the annual amount of \$38,000.00-\$44,000.00. Councilor Platten seconded the motion. Supervisor Richardson put the motion to a vote. Passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT:

9:28 P.M. – Councilor Platten made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Blumer seconded the motion. Supervisor Richardson put the motion to a vote. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Karlik
Elbridge Town Clerk