

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
November 23, 2021

On Tuesday November 23, 2021 the Elbridge Town Board held their second regular meeting of the month. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Richardson, who 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 Clerk Danielle Karlik, Tim Burns

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Platten the minutes from November 10, 2021 were approved.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** On a motion by Councilor Platten, seconded by Councilor Caron, the General Bills Abstract #11, Vouchers #402-437, in the amount of \$50,473.60 were ordered paid, and Highway Bills, Abstract #11, Vouchers #1237-1263, in the amount of \$23,456.80 were ordered paid with a total disbursement of \$73,930.40.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilor Platten inquired about the frequency of submitted fire department reports. Councilor Blumer stated that are submitted twice a year but not always at the same time. A brief discussion ensued.

Councilor Blumer asked about the cleaning service. Has there been any further interest, and has the current service been improved. Clerk Karlik stated there was no further interest at this time, and current service is better but not up to contract lists. A checklist will be provided for each building to be returned to the respective offices.

In respect to the proposed resolution provided by the State for the upcoming Joint Water Project, Taylor Bottar was contacted and the Board asked several questions. It was determined that the Board will wait for further information before passing this particular resolution from NYS Ag and Markets/Division of Land and Water Resources. Taylor assured the Board that the resolution was standard, but understands further discussion will need to take place. Waiting until the next meeting will not jeopardize the project.

**RESOLUTION:**

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Richardson Duger Platten Blumer Caron  
0 NAYS

**Resolutions 109/21**

The Elbridge Town Board passes a resolution in remembrance of Roger Shalala and his contribution to the Town and the community with 55 years of service with the Elbridge Fire Department.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Blumer: Nothing to update at this time.

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Councilor Duger: Joe Patrick is working with the school in regards to a basketball program for this year. The seniors will be taking a trip to Lancaster PA on December 7 and 8. It is with sadness that Roger Shalala has passed away. Service to be held on Saturday, November 27, at noon with calling hours at 10:00 AM.

Councilor Caron: In regards to the Joint Water Project, it will be moving forward with further discussion to resolve any property issues and discuss the inter-municipal agreement regarding one water department. At this time Councilor Caron read the following statement from Assessor Garner:

I wanted to take a moment to follow up in light of the Town Board's decision to rescind the resolution to complete an in house 2024 Assessment update. I understand it was necessary to do so in order to fund other priorities in the 2022 Budget without exceeding the 2% cap. Although, it may have seemed like a good choice the Town of Elbridge Board members now will need decide what is in the best interest and what is fiscally responsible for the Town overall.

As discussed at the last meeting, I am not available to complete a Town-wide update for the 2025 Assessment year. Although, I provided project details and cost comparisons in August for a 2024 proposal, it was never discussed to occur in 2025 with me until November. If it is decided that an update must be completed in 2025 you will need to put bids out for a Revaluation Company to do this. Remember, the estimated cost of this option is a *minimum* of \$146,500. You were all provided with a copy of this estimate and proposal and should have a copy. Be aware this only covers a PORTION of what must be done to complete a successful assessment update.

A few highlights that are NOT INCLUDED in the \$146,500 and will be added to the workload of the Assessment staff. Research and data entry missing/missed or incomplete Building permits. Check zoning detail on properties, arrange and meet with property owners to listen to concerns, follow up on corrections, collect inventory information, update out paper property records, measure waterfrontage, enter property dimensions for consistency, identify and measure land types, especially, agricultural, wetland designated, soil types, schedule and hold public informational meetings, visit properties to finalize any corrections, review ag buildings, structure, silos, manure storage, print & mail change notices, answer questions about the process,

The ENTIRE process completed in-house (by the Assessor and Assessment Staff) is estimated at \$ 80,000. This proposal was also provided to each member. Starting in 2023 budget year and spreading cost across 3 budget years as requested by the board, the earliest this could take place is the 2026 Assessment year.

The assessment data needs a lot of updates and maintenance, so much more than I initially thought when I accepted the position of Assessor this past January. Penny & I strive to provide fair and accurate assessment data to you as the representatives of the town and to our property owners. Each one of you are welcome to visit the office and have further detailed discussions with about any assessment related curiosities you may have. We would love for you to have a thorough understanding of the process and see some of what we do every day.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Garner  
Town of Elbridge Assessor

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Councilor Caron expressed his displeasure with the other Board members for cancelling the Special Meeting and Public Hearing to override the 2% tax cap. At this time the Board continued their discussion on the topic.

Councilor Blumer would like to know if a cell number for the Assessor is available to the public for when the assessing office is closed during regular office hours. Councilor Caron stated he believed it is available.

Councilor Platten: All is quiet. Environmental Commission is currently meeting with some discussion on manure lagoons.

Supervisor Richardson: The Association of Towns' annual training in New York City will occur in February. Councilor Blumer, Councilor Duger and possibly Councilor Platten plan to attend.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Tim Burns updated the Board on the progress of the manure lagoon on Gorham road. Mr. Burns also inquired about the proposed sewer lines on Hamilton road and if there were limitations to land in an agricultural district. Councilor Blumer explained the difference between being zoned and agricultural district and New York State Certified Agricultural District. There was further discussion in regards to agricultural districts and manure lagoons.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** On a motion by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to discuss Union negotiations at 8:36 PM.

On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Platten the Town Board Executive session was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Caron the second regular monthly meeting for the Town Board was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Karlik  
Elbridge Town Clerk.