

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 9, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met for their first monthly meeting in September at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Richardson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Attorney Timothy Frateschi, Highway Superintendent Jim White, Taylor Bottar Barton & Loguidice, Bill Street NYMIR, Town Clerk Danielle Karlik

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Caron, the minutes from August 26, 2021 were approved.

**GUESTS:** Bill Street addressed the Board. The Town of Elbridge is currently ending its first year after returning to NYMIR. Mr. Street thanked the Board for their loyalty. He also presented the Board with a check for the Capital return interest in the amount of \$3,953.00.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Village of Elbridge tabled the discussion of the extra water line replacements at their last meeting as the Mayor and another Board Member were unable to attend.

Taylor Bottar of Barton & Loguidice spoke in regards to the joint water project. The engineers will be going back over the options and reconsider. There are parts that are critical in the lines and others that could possibly wait. They will prioritize the list and try to work with in the framework of the original project plan. Mr. Bottar answered questions from the Board and a short discussion ensued. The Board took no action at this point and is waiting for further information on the project.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Elbridge Fire House is holding an informational meeting on September 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM in regards to the Joint Water Project. There has been some phone calls and communication for this since the mailing of the project information to residents.

The Multi-Use Building project was discussed with Mr. Bottar addressing several questions. An engagement letter was discussed, as was the surrounding wetlands. Attorney Frateschi altered the contract to reflect a more feasible plan for the contract at this point in time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilor Caron and Supervisor Richardson attended a meeting in regards to the Joint Sewer program. This project was proposed by the Town of Brutus. They asked the Village of Jordan and the Town of Elbridge to be involved as the project would need to utilize areas in both municipalities. An engagement agreement with Costello, Cooney & Fearon was introduced for consideration. Supervisor Richardson explained that stimulus funds can be used for this project. Mr. Bottar spoke on logistics to get the project underway, and in regards to future grants and funding.

A new trailer has been quoted to the Highway Superintendent. After research into other companies and the State bid, Superintendent White was unable to retain three bids due to low availability of this piece of equipment. Trailers will be going up 40% if the Board waits until next year to approve purchase. Currently JPR Equipment is offering a new trailer at \$2,000 less than the State bid. The existing trailer, a smaller trailer, an existing dump truck, and a 78' Oshkosh will be going to auction.

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**RESOLVED:**

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Richardson Duger Platten Blumer Caron  
0 NAYS

*Resolutions 85/21*

The Elbridge Town Board resolves to engage with Barton and Loguidice for the design of the future Multi-Use Building at a cost of \$11,000.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Richardson Duger Platten Blumer Caron  
0 NAYS

*Resolutions 86/21*

The Elbridge Town Board approves the engagement agreement between Supervisor Richardson and Costello, Cooney and Fearon in regards to the joint sewer project system with the Village of Jordan, the Town of Brutus and the Town of Elbridge.

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 87/21*

The Elbridge Town Board resolves to purchase a 2021 Cam Superline 21 foot Split Deck Equipment Trailer from JPR Trailer Sales for \$14,520.00

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Richardson Duger Platten Blumer Caron  
0 NAYS

*Resolutions 88/21*

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that the Town should re-value all the assessed properties in the Town;

**WHEREAS**, that the last Town wide re-valuation was over 10 years ago;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to use the Town of Elbridge Assessor to undertake the re-valuation in 2022 through 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the Assessor has presented a budget for 2022 that will include additional funding for the Office of Assessment to undertake the re-valuation;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board believe the presented budget is appropriate for a Town wide re-valuation;

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**WHEREAS**, the Town Board believes that Town wide revaluation is in the best interests of the people of the Town of Elbridge because it will ensure that the tax assessment is properly distributed based on an accurate and updated value of Town properties;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF ELBRIDGE:**

1. Directs the Assessor of the Town of Elbridge to undertake a re-valuation of all of the real properties in the Town of Elbridge;

2. That such re-valuation shall begin in 2022 and be completed no later than 2024;

3. That the budget presented for said re-valuation by the Town Assessor (which is attached) is hereby agreed to in the amount of a salary increase to the Assessor in the sum of \$20,000.00 for years 2022, 2023 and 2024 specifically for the re-valuation of Town properties, but such amounts shall be subject to appropriations by the Town Board for Budget fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024 and shall be subject to change pursuant to State Law in the event the re-valuation process is discontinued for unforeseen reasons or the Board determines that such re-valuation is not in the best interest of the taxpayers of the Town of Elbridge;

4. That additional funds be appropriated as needed during the 2022, 2023 and 2024 Budget fiscal years for purposes of undertaking the re-valuation contemplated by this Resolution.

Assessment Budget Proposal for 2024 Valuation Update

Postage 2022 \$1800 2023 \$2700

Paper, ink, labels etc. \$500

Field work/property inspection device \$600

OutPost Software Annual Licensing fee \$1200

Advertising & Legal fees \$1,000

BAR Compensation \$3,000 (4 days)

Members (4) \$100 per day      Chairperson \$150 per day      Clerk \$150

Food \$50 per day

Total Update Compensation Assessor = 60,000 Support Staff 20,000

2022	20,000	5,000
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2023	20,000	5,000
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2024	20,000	10,000
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Blumer: Codes report is on file, the Hoe property on Route 5 has had decent improvements. The current order will be kept in place and compliance will be monitored. The Codes office is moving files into a new filing system.

No Historian's report was filed.

A gentleman has purchased Brown Tree Farm and is planning to keep the sale of trees but also add in storage and an ice sculpture business.

Councilor Duger: The Seniors took an overnight trip to Cape May. 32 people attended.

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Councilor Duger and Councilor Blumer will be meeting with the highway union representatives to begin negotiations for 2022.

**MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE:** Highway, Codes, Assessing

**ADJOURNMENT:** ON a motion by Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Platten, the Elbridge Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Karlik  
Elbridge Town Clerk