

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 23, 2025

Minutes for the October 23, 2025 Town Board meeting. Supervisor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Vernon Richardson, Supervisor  
Todd Platten, Councilor  
Joe Farrugia, Councilor  
Mike Caron, Councilor  
Doug Blumer, Councilor

**RECORDING CLERK:** Danielle Karlik, Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deputy Clerk Deb Blasko, Codes Officer Howard Tanner, Mary Jo Davis, Louis McIntyre, Ken Bush III, Patti & Rusty Cooper, Maureen Doyle, Ryan McConnell, Laura & Ron Fesko, John Merrick

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**#1** On October 9, 2025 the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge, County of Onondaga, State of New York, called for a Public Hearing, to hear any persons for or against, proposed Local Law 2025 - 4, Amending Chapter 247 Article IV (Taxation) of the Code of the Town of Elbridge, to exceed the tax cap limit for the 2026 budgeted year, and that such Hearing would be held at the Town Hall of the Town of Elbridge, located at 5 Rt. 31, Jordan, New York, on October 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Richardson: Does anyone wish to speak in favor of this proposed Local Law?  
None

Supervisor Richardson: Does anyone wish to speak against this proposed Local Law? A question was asked in regards to the past revaluation, and if those monies went to the 2024 or 2025 budget. It was explained that the revaluation was to bring the town up to 100% equalization, not raise more monies. It was further discussed that voting to raise the tax cap limit does not mean it will occur, but is put in place if it should be needed.

**#2** On September 25, 2025 the Elbridge Town Board called for a Public Hearing to be held on October 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Town Municipal Building, 5 Route 31, Jordan to hear any persons for or against the proposed 2026 Preliminary Town Budget, which is available for inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours, and pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the following yearly salaries of the Town Officials of the Town of Elbridge are stated: Supervisor, \$13,000; Highway Superintendent \$77,280; Councilors (4) \$7,825, Town Clerk \$50,000, Town Justice (2) \$19,000.

Supervisor Richardson: Does anyone wish to speak in favor of the proposed Preliminary Budget? None

Supervisor Richardson: Does anyone wish to speak against the proposed Preliminary Budget? It was asked how the pay rates in the Town of Elbridge compare to other Towns. The Board stated that the Town of Elbridge is lower in pay scale than most and that pay rates were not determined by equal percentage raises in the 2026 budget.

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**GUESTS:** Ryan McConnell from Wildwood informed the Board that they are now working with an engineer and will be keeping the Board informed of their progress. It is understood what needs to be accomplished and the timeframe to do it, before the 2026 “busy season”.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Platten, the minutes from October 9, 2025 were unanimously entered into record.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** On a motion by Councilor Farrugia, seconded by Councilor Blumer, General Bills Abstract #10, Vouchers #422-457, in the amount of \$680,142.95 were ordered paid, and Highway Bills, Abstract #10, Vouchers #1164-1183, in the amount of \$16,574.23 were ordered paid with a total disbursement of \$696,717.18.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The monthly Supervisor’s luncheon was canceled again. This makes five months in a row.

Interviews for the position of Veterans’ Coordinator have taken place. It has been narrowed down to two, and a decision will be made next week.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet Monday (10/27/25) at 5:00 PM at the Community Center. They predict two more meetings for the rough draft before a public meeting is held.

**RESOLUTION:**

On a motion by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Farrugia, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Farrugia Platten Richardson Caron  
0 NAYS

*Resolutions 105/25*

The Elbridge Town Board resolves to purchase a 2026 Ferris Mower 40hp BS with a 72 inch mowing deck from Main and Pickney Equipment Buy Board contract #706-23 for a price of \$9,974.00 after trade.

A brief discussion took place in regards to the current contract with the Village of Elbridge for the maintenance of Seymour Loft Park. The contract will be pulled and reviewed.

On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Platten, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Farrugia Platten Richardson Caron  
0 NAYS

*Resolutions 106/25*

The Elbridge Town Board, on this day October 23, 2025, having held a Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget and having allowed for public comment, for or against, on the matter of the Budget,

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**RESOLVES** that the Town of Elbridge Tentative Budget be adopted and established as the Preliminary Budget, with any amendments made.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Blumer Farrugia Platten Richardson Caron  
0 NAYS

*Resolutions 107/25*

WHEREAS, a Local Law has been introduced before the Board, to wit: Local Law No. 2025-4, amending Article IV of Chapter 247 ("Taxation") to override the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c (the "Property Tax Cap");

**LOCAL LAW 2025 - 4, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING  
CHAPTER 247 ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF  
ELBRIDGE:**

**Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York as follows:**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Elbridge County of Onondaga pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Elbridge, County of Onondaga to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes (b) fire protection districts and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the town board for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

**Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override**

The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge County of Onondaga is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

**Section 4. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted

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by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date setup for EV Energy to hook up the generator. NYSEG will pull the meter before that.

It was asked why the Town Highway is being asked to refurbish property from a water project by the Village of Elbridge? Councilor Blumer stated the Village of Elbridge is responsible. It is not fair to the taxpayers to use Town equipment and personnel for Village water maintenance. Councilor Farrugia will contact the Village to clarify.

Councilor Platten inquired about the 25%/75% breakdown and what is covered by those funds? Councilor Platten will contact the Town Attorney to compose a letter to the Mayor of Elbridge in regards to this issue.

The Planning Board had a large attendance to their last meeting. There are Two new subdivisions and 2 new site plans submitted.

Herrtronics will be coming into the Town buildings to check and inventory equipment. Yearly checkups will take place after this initial inspection. Panic alarms are possible to obtain from them. They number of needed buttons is to be determined.

A camera quote for the pickleball courts has been discussed.

Four trees remain to be removed by suggestion of the arborist. Two in each village. Quotes have been submitted and the Town Highway is willing to do in-kind services by removing these after they have been cut down. Discussion took place on the dividing of costs between the three municipalities. It will be far less expensive to do internally between the three entities then having it done by the contractors through the water project.

Councilor Platten has been invited to the next Champion Park meeting to discuss concerns with water payments on tax bills. Currently their infrastructure cannot support the new lines. The Park received a grant to help with this, however it was withdrawn.

New grant writing services have been given to the Park Board.

Several complaints have been received in regards to the state of property after contractors for the water project have left. Barton and Loguidice will speak with owners to handle these complaints as they arise.

Discussion took place in regards to a new waterline being placed on a Crossett Road property with an existing structure and waterline. Codes Officer Tanner stated the property will need to be subdivided to add a new line.

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Mr. McIntyre inquired about salaries and who sets them. He was informed that the Town Board sets salaries, and the Highway Union and Town Board set pay for the Highway Department.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Councilor Platten, seconded by Councilor Blumer, the October 23, 2025 meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully,

Danielle Karlik  
Elbridge Town Clerk