Minutes for the June 12, 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

Mike Caron, Councilor (7:19 PM)

**ABSENT:** Doug Blumer, Councilor

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Joe Frateschi, Deputy Clerk Deborah Blasko, Mary Jo Davis, Louis McIntyre, Gabe Rosetti, Gary Switzer, Mike McConnell, Tabitha DelCostello

**GUESTS;**

* Wild Woods – Mike McConnell presented the proposed plan for changes at Wild Woods Event Center. He passed out an overview packet, on file in the Clerk’s office, and displayed an enlarged map for viewing as he spoke of each addition. Possible additions may include an entrance gate, signage, lodging, exterior bar, fountain, pavilion, Horse and wagon for trails, ice cream stand, miniature golf, playground and camping area, and storage buildings. The Board inquired about time frame, acreage, and water availability and several other items. Discussion ensued. Mr. McConnell will need to return to the Planning Board and a provide a final site plan. A Local Law to change zoning for the property will also need to have a public hearing and action taken before this project can take place. Due to the property being over 25 acres Mr. McConnell will need to obtain an engineer and an environmental study will need to be conducted. Mr McConnell stated he is currently working with one. Further discussion took place in regards to parking and occupancy.
* Gary Switzer – Hamilton Road speed limit. Mr. Switzer would like the Board to address the continued abuse of the speed limit on Hamilton Road. He has spoken with Ken Bush Jr., State Troopers, and attended a village meeting. There is a double solid line and a current speed limit of 45 MPH in front of his home and 35 MPH in the school zone. Drivers are passing all day long, as well as speeding. This is dangerous for residents pulling out of driveways. Children are not safe walking down the road with this issue. Deer cross the road all the time. The village said they would put a radar speed sign, but say they have no jurisdiction outside the village. Supervisor Richardson will call the State Troopers and the school. Councilor Platten will call the County Sheriff Department. Further discussion ensued.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Platten, seconded by Councilor Caron, the minutes from May 22, 2025 were entered into record. Councilor Farrugia abstained.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Tuesday (6/17/25) will be the next Joint Municipal Water meeting. The Town will have a quorum.

The Harriet Tubman trail resolution needs to be addressed. Councilor Platten feels it is too vague on details. It if felt there is no benefit. Councilor Farrugia has spoken with Historian Parkman and he hasn’t been able to get any response to inquiries, but isn’t for this proposal, as well.

**OLD BUSINESS**: Councilor Platten inquired about the proposed water district on Grimes, Eno, and Cooper Road area. Has it been tabled? Supervisor Richardson explained how a petition needed to be done to the inquiring resident, he only did one road and was informed he needed all the roads. There has been no further response.

The Town website needs to be revised, adding a photo of Councilor Farrugia and moving Councilor Duger down the page, but not removing him.

Councilor Platten spoke to Larry Merrill. He is not looking to bring a waterline down his access road, but straight across the property. He will get that clarified at the next water meeting.

Councilor Platten also addressed the past event parking feedback. There was a rental that evening, at the Community Center, and those users were asked to pay a charge. This needs to be addressed and figured out moving forward.

A Veteran’s stone has been broken in Elbridge Rural Cemetery. Bill Rinaldi is hopefully able to repair this.

There are currently two quotes for the Ash tree removal at Ouince cemetery. Attorney Frateschi would like an agreement for responsibility of property repair, if any, between the parties involved and the owner of the property to be crossed over to gain access to the cemetery.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board discussed, for clarification, Board members’ duties.

The current Veterans Coordinator will be stepping down in 2026. An advertisement will need to be placed for this position.

**RESOLVED:**

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Farrugia Richardson Platten Caron

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*Resolutions 56/25*

The Elbridge Town Board approves the following Board committee assignments:

SUPERVISOR RICHARDSON: Ways and Means, Audit and Control, Budget, Personnel, Intergovernmental Relations, Business Development, and Veterans

COUNCILOR BLUMER: Planning, Zoning, Fire Departments, Uniform Building Code

COUNCILOR FARRUGIA: Seniors, JET Program, Highway, Historian, Building and Grounds, and Recreation

COUNCILOR CARON: Cable TV, Dogs, Cemeteries, Workplace and Public Safety, and Insurance

COUNCILOR PLATTEN: Assessing, Water, Justice/Court, Technology, Historical Properties, and Environmental

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Farrugia Richardson Platten Caron

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*Resolutions 57/25*

The Elbridge Town Board accepts and agrees to submit the Reported Standard Work Day and reporting resolution for the appointed Town Historian, Jason Parkman, to NYSLR.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Farrugia Richardson Platten Caron

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*Resolutions 58/25*

The Elbridge Town Board resolves to hire Herrtronics for the needed work on, and maintain, the current alarm system.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Councilor Farrugia stated maintenance and warranty issues for the Highway department are being dealt with. The trash program continues to be abused. A discussion continued on this topic.

Councilor Platten is waiting to hear from Assessing and the Board of Assessment Review on the recent grievance meetings. The Environmental Commission did not have a quorum for their latest meeting. However, they would like to have native garden moved. This will be discussed with Village of Jordan Trustee Simko.

Councilor Caron reported all was good with insurances, there was no dog report but will have the number on the website corrected. The Elbridge Fire Department lost a long time member, Woody Woodward, and would like a resolution for recognition considered. Larry Gray has also passed and should be recognized.

Supervisor Richardson informed the Board that Councilor Blumer has been speaking with companies in regards to the alarm system. Herrtronics has been to the offices and looked at the system, they are local, have done some battery replacements, and made updating suggestion.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Codes Officer Tanner addressed the Board in regards to reviewing the current Solar Permit fee. It should be researched and now would be a good time due to the current solar moratorium. He also spoke to the use of panic alarms, and including them in the alarm system update.

Councilor Platten inquired to the Audit report response needed from the Town. Supervisor Richardson will respond on his end what has been done. Some matters will be discussed in the budget process. He further stated that he has spoken with the auditors and has been given and extension to complete the response. Attorney Frateschi will be happy to look over the response, and Supervisor Richardson will forward it to him.

Gabe Rosetti inquired about the water project, if any Board members have looked at the bid documents, if companies being used are in compliance, and have seen the certified payroll? Mr. Rosetti was told of the upcoming water meeting and that he should attend with his concerns.

Mary Jo Davis inquired about the possible mistake in pipe size on Route 5. She attended the prior Village of Elbridge meeting and a trustee said it was still not correct. Councilor Platten believes there was concern. An analysis was run and it was deemed not to be an issue. Further discussion took place in regards to the current water project.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** On a motion by Councilor Platten, seconded by Councilor Farrugia, the Elbridge Town Board unanimously entered into Executive Session at 8:47 to discuss imminent contracts, and possible sale and exchange of securities. Attorney Frateschi agreed to take minutes from this point.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

9:16 P.M. – Councilor Caron made a motion to adjourn.  Councilor Platten seconded the motion.  Supervisor Richardson put the motion to a vote.  Passed unanimously.

Respectfully,

Danielle Karlik

Elbridge Town Clerk