**REGULAR MEETING**

**TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

**JUNE 21, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elizabethtown, County of Essex in the state of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7563 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY on June 21, 2022 and the public could attend in person or via GoToMeeting.

PRESENT: Supervisor Merrihew

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Reusser

GUESTS: Charles Moisan and Bridget Allen

The Supervisor Called this meeting to order a 7:00 PM

**RESOLUTION NO. 85-2022**

Motion to accept the minutes for the May 17, 2022 meeting was offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-5 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Reusser

Councilperson Allott

BUSINESS:

1-CLERK-Considering no longer offering services here on Saturdays from 9-noon. It’s difficult to get coverage for that day and the cost of coverage out ways any monies taken in. The official hours will be Monday thru Thursday 8 AM till 2 PM starting in July. Councilperson Wright asked if we should wait until the Landfill gets someone to sell the stickers there on Saturdays as the person that was doing it just left. Discussion on the shared service for this position at the Landfill which is between Etown and Lewis and perhaps another business in town would sell them on Saturdays.

2-ZONING-Cover letters to be sent to property owners that are non-compliant are done but need to be reviewed.

3-Councilperson Reusser asked if the Board should vote on the Town Clerk stopping Saturday hours but was decided that it was not necessary. Councilperson Wright asked if the Golf Course was still selling them but was told no. Discussion on this with the Board supporting the decision to close on Saturdays.

4-Supervisor Merrihew said by next meeting he would have the non-compliant letters ready for review. Councilperson Wright discussed one property that was way out of compliance.

5-NYS DEC-The Supervisor said that he will be meeting with the DEC, the attorneys, the fish and wildlife folks and the towns Engineers, this Thursday regarding the Roaring Brook issues. Hopefully will get some resolution.

-Arrangements have been made with Atlantic Testing and DEC setting up a time for next week to meet at the CHGC. This is pertaining to the fuel spill.

6-ATLANTIC TESTING

**RESOLUTION NO. 86-2022**

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Atlantic Testing for monitoring the fuel spill at CHGC. The cost is approximately $2500.00. Motion offered by Councilperson Reusser and seconded by Councilperson Wright. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-5 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Reusser

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright asked if they know how much of a spill there is and was told no. The Supervisor explained how they gaged the spill and that they didn’t fill the gas tank up on the truck so it wouldn’t spill. A new gas tank has now been put on the truck.

7-WESTELCOM-In the process at this time for the total phone and internet changeover. Discussion on the cost of Charter verses Westelcom and the billing.

8-WATER STREET BRIDGE- The bridge should be complete around the 2nd-3rd week in July and the street will be re-opened. The Supervisor is looking for input regarding perhaps a solar MPH sign or something to slow traffic down. Perhaps speed bumps but need the towns DPW Supervisor’s input. Need crosswalks put in. Discussion held on what can be done to slow traffic down on this street and police coverage in the town.

9-NYS DOT-After discussion about no parking in front of Tops and Kenney’s with George Laundry, the Engineer at the State Highway, the Supervisor asked him about a crosswalk by the Bus Garage. He also discussed with him about the site impaired crossing bumps that need to be replaced. The town has the crossing mats with the bumps but need to get them installed. He is putting out a letter of request to get this done. Councilperson Allott stated that a crosswalk will be needed on 9N between the new trails going in and the Lord Rd.

10-WATER-In the process of reading meters and sending the bills out. There had been an issue with the reader but all ok now.

-Regarding the Verizon switch that has been used for 20 years at the water tower for data, the town will receive a quote from SLIC this week about hooking up to the internet at Scrabble Hollow and the Chlorination house.

11-LINCOLN POND ROAD-Mr. Zahavi who is the President of the Lincoln Pond Association, would like Etown to help sponsor a water buoy program for the shallow aquatic areas at the pond to keep boats from stirring up milfoil. They have asked the DEC etc. first. They are asking the town to consider backing this plan. Should have an official document regarding this at the next town meeting.

12-ELIZABETHTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-Just a notation to let people know, the Supervisor was going to write and ask for a correction to their minutes regarding the topic that was brought up at the last town board meeting about the Waste Water project. This was talked about in detail but was stated in their minutes that no site has been picked and no progress has been made. It was felt that if the Chamber is trying to elicit businesses they need to give accurate information and acknowledge the facts that were presented at the last meeting.

13-DEAN FASSETT-He owns a house up on Hurricane Road and is a former Verizon Engineer. The Supervisor will CC the Board his letter regarding moving the Verizon tower from the Town Hall to the Water tower site on the Keene Road. Discussion on this and that SLIC was running lines and hookups on the Keene Rd. Councilperson Allott stated that Starlink download speeds were really good.

-Councilperson Reusser stated she didn’t see in the minute’s discussion on the Sewer and was told it was during the Public comment period. Councilperson Allott said that there seems to be difficulty in people differentiating between the sewer and water projects. More discussion on this.

COMMITTEES

14-HIGHWAY-Nothing to discuss

15-WATER DISTRICT-Going to hire a private contractor on Munsey Way.

16-BUILDING & CODES-Gordon has been very busy.

17-PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD-No discussion.

18-YOUTH COMMISSION-All set for the summer program and will also have the food program again this year.

19-BLUEBERRY TRAILS-Councilperson Allott said that it’s more just Trails in general now. He said phase 1 and 2 are done for the connector trails. Discussion on this new trail. The building request has been submitted for the warming hut.

-Had almost 500 riders for the Leadville race that came through from Whiteface, over Jay Mountain, onto the Blueberry Trails then all the way back to Whiteface. This is a 100K ride. The school gets a donation from them.

-Also had another race this weekend that is called the Over Easy which is 100 miles with 12000 feet of climbing. It starts in Lake Placid and finishes as Otis. Councilperson Allott described this race which take about 12 hours. Said that there were approximately 100 people at the Otis picnic that was held after this race.

20-GARBAGE-No Discussion

COMMENTS

-Councilperson Morris asked regarding grant monies for a piece of equipment for the skating rink, can we start doing more research on this. Councilperson Allott said he had started that. Discussion on this and that the town is committed to purchasing an Amish Shed for equipment. The rink is being used for soccer in the summers and Mike Peck has been doing the mowing there. Discussion on the water valves and other issues there.

-Councilperson Reusser asked about the Waste Water treatment. The Supervisor said the short term closings with EFC will be in July. Councilperson Allott and the Supervisor have been in discussion regarding Barton & Loguidice. Councilperson Allott said that in his opinion they have been non-responsive. He has asked some very specific questions but no luck with answers. The Supervisor explained that as we get close to the drop dead date all will be resolved. Councilperson Allott stated that he is close to a vote of no confidence regarding them. Discussion on this.

FINANCIALS

**RESOLUTION NO. 87-2022**

Motion to approve the Transfers offered by Councilperson Reusser and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-5 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Reusser

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Allott

SUPERVISORS REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-2022**

Motion to approve the Supervisors Report offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Reusser. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-5 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Reusser

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

PAY ALL BILLS

**RESOLUTION NO. 89-2022**

Motion to pay all bills offered by Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-5 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Reusser

Councilperson Wright

Resolved that the following bills be paid.

General Fund A-----------------$ 4,870.02

Highway Fund DA--------------$ 2,740.50

Sidewalk District SM-----------$ 470.98

Garbage District----------------$ 1,613.54

Water District SW3------------$ 39.40

Trust & Agency TA-------------$ 4,478.36

COMMENTS CONTINUED

-Councilperson Wright said that Etown Day is on track for July 16th.

Councilperson Reusser said that the Memorial Day events were not well attended.

Carl Rubino was going to be playing at the Town Park Bandstand but cancelled because of rain and rescheduled for next Thursday.

-Councilperson Reusser expressed that the Social Center put on a very nice music program for Juneteenth.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Cross

Town Clerk