

# **REGULAR MEETING**

## **TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

### **MAY 16, 2023**

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 12932 and the public could attend in person or via GoToMeeting.

**PRESENT:** Noel Merrihew-Supervisor  
Ben Morris-Councilperson  
Jeffrey Allott-Councilperson  
Cathleen Reusser-Councilperson  
William Wright-Councilperson

**GUESTS:** Susan Greschler, Peter McNally, Harry Gough and Bridgette Allen.

1. Susan Greschler and Peter McNally spoke regarding their shop Solstice LLC, and the Fairy Festival they will have on August 19<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for help setting up and taking down, helping out that day or even monetary donations. Any help in any way is needed. The Board gave suggestions of grants etc. Ms. Greschler also said volunteers at the towns Food Shelf are needed to help unload and put away the food every Monday.  
-The Supervisor gave a big thank you to the Elizabethtown Fire Department for hosting Etown Day again this year.

#### **2. MINUTES APRIL 18, 2023**

#### **BUSINESS:**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 67-23**

Motion to approve the minutes for April 18, 2023 offered by Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Reusser. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-5     Supervisor Merrihew                             NAYS-0  
                Councilperson Morris  
                Councilperson Reusser  
                Councilperson Wright  
                Councilperson Allott

3. REAL PROPERTY-SLIDING SCALE-A public hearing was held prior to this meeting in regards to increasing the income eligibility level for persons 65 and over.

**RESOLUTION NO. 68-23**

Motion to approve Local Law #1-2023 titled A local law to increase the maximum income eligibility level as provided in RPTL §467 for persons sixty-five years of age or over with an annual income of \$25,000.00 up to \$33,400.00 offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion passed.

Roll call vote:     Councilperson Wright-yes  
                            Councilperson Allott-yes  
                            Councilperson Reusser-yes  
                            Councilperson Morris-yes  
                            Supervisor Merrihew-yes

4. WILMINGTON ROAD RACE

**RESOLUTION NO. 69-23**

Motion to support the Wilmington Road Race offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Wright. All in favor. Motion passed

AYES-5     Supervisor Merrihew                             NAYS-0  
                Councilperson Allott  
                Councilperson Wright  
                Councilperson Reusser  
                Councilperson Morris

5. TURF MANAGEMENT 2023 CONTRACT

**RESOLUTION NO. 70-23**

Motion to approve the 2023 contract with Turf Management for the Cobble Hill Golf Course treatment offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-5      Supervisor Merrihew      NAYS-0  
                 Councilperson Allott  
                 Councilperson Morris  
                 Councilperson Wright  
                 Councilperson Reusser

Discussion on the mowing, fees, etc. for the Course.

## 6. YOUTH COMMISSION

### **RESOLUTION NO. 71-23**

Motion to accept the resignation of Micha Stewart from the Youth Commission Board 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

7. DOG PARK-The Supervisor put in a request to the Highway Dept. for the 544 which is owned by the town, to take up to the site for the new Dog Park. It had been placed where the Supervisor couldn't get to so he has asked Mr. Pulsifer to get it and the Supervisor will bring up to Noble Terrace and start creating the Dog Park. The first part is spreading out the dirt.
8. WATER METER READINGS-The readings will start within the next two weeks and then the bills will go out. Councilperson Allott asked if there is an expectation that they will be more complete and accurate this year. It is hoped that they will be. Still monitoring the Hospital and Essex Centers. There are about 30 meters that need to be replaced.
9. COBBLE HILL GOLF COURSE-Discussed and the Supervisor asked if any of the Board Members would care to volunteer their time there.
10. INCOME SURVEYS-This is supposed to be complete in 2 days. The Supervisor and Gordon Costin have been out getting the surveys

signed and collected. Discussion on this topic and how much Mr. Costin does to help the town.

11.BRIDGE RAIL-Thank you to NYS DPT for fixing the bridge on Cross St. & Fox Run Rd.

12.ZONING-Have to get with the Attorneys regarding the non-compliant properties. Councilperson Reusser said that in Vermont a homeowner has less restrictive rights and can utilize their property as they see fit. She felt the Codes officer should speak with the non-compliant home owners. Councilperson Morris said that we are past that and letters should go out. More discussion on the properties in violation etc.

13.TRASH PICK UP-There was a problem with pick up last week and it was done on Friday instead of Thursday. All is good now.

14.PARKS MOWER-Discussion on the Highway not trading out the new sidewalk plow part for the mower part and that Jack Pulsifer has been using his own mower. Was told by the Deputy Highway Superintendent that the new plow/mower could not be used for mowing because he was going to reinforce the plow blade so it would not accommodate the mower. Councilperson Wright will look into this tomorrow.

15.TOWN HALL BELL TOWER-Nothing will be done until it's all brought before the board.

-Councilperson Wright asked about the trash pick-up glitch and the Supervisor explained. Councilperson Wright asked why the water truck wasn't used for the trash pickup and was told that the Highway Deputy wouldn't allow it to be.

-Discussion on the road sweeping.

-Councilperson Reusser said photo eyes have been procured for the Christmas wreaths. Would like to find a bucket certified/electrician to look at what is needed to be done. She asked the board if they had an intolerance to spending a couple thousand dollars more or less to do this. There was discussion about how the candles keep burning out and perhaps doing something different with the wreaths.

Councilperson Allott said he liked the idea of getting smaller LED string lights and wrapping the wreaths in them then plugging into photo box. Councilperson Reusser suggested having Hometown Electric looking at them to see what it would cost to modify them. Councilperson Wright suggested just getting Christmas lights to wrap around them. More discussion on this.

-The Supervisor said the fish are being delivered Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> for the Fishing Derby. Councilperson Wright suggested getting Stewarts ice-cream certificates along with a ribbon to give to all the kids that participate.

**COMMITTEES:**

All committees discussed already.

**FINANCIALS:**

**TRANSFERS**

No Transfers to approve.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 72-23**

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

Ayes-5	Supervisor Merrihew	NAYS-0
	Councilperson Reusser	
	Councilperson Allott	
	Councilperson Wright	
	Councilperson Morris	

**RESOLUTION NO. 73-23**

Motion to pay all bills 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	

Motion that the following bills be paid for the abstract period 1/1/2000 thru 4/17/2023.

General Fund A	\$ 3,206.33
Highway Fund DA	\$31,885.89
Water District SW1	\$ 64.80
Water District SW3	\$ 1,135.30
NBRC Recreation Grant	\$ 27.86
Trust & Agency TA	\$ 684.68

**COMMENTS:**

-Harry Gough spoke and said he would like the APA to step in regarding the trailer in New Russia.

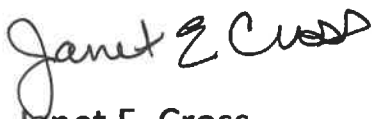
-Councilperson Wright asked if the town has heard back from DOT regarding the waterline in front of Egglefields and was told no not yet. The Supervisor will contact them. He also said he has not heard back from the State regarding the two requests that the town has submitted.

-Councilperson Morris questioned if there is any work being done on Hurricane Road. Discussion on work that needs to be done on Bronson Rd. etc.

-Councilperson Allott said there were about 200 participants in the Doc Lopez run and that it was a major success. Having it on the trails at the Golf Course was great. Going to try to have the grand opening or reveal of the new pavilion on Etown Day. The Wilmington Road Race will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

-This meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet E. Cross,  
Town Clerk