**ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

**JANUARY 17, 2023**

The Organizational and 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 January 17, 2023. The public could attend in person or by GoToMeeting.

PRESENT: Noel Merrihew-Supervisor

 Jeffrey Allott-Councilperson

 Ben Morris-Councilperson

 Cathleen Reusser-Councilperson

ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: William Wright-Councilperson

GUESTS: Bridgett Allen via GoToMeeting

The Supervisor called this meeting to order at 7:05PM.

**RESOLUTION NO. 38-23**

1. Motion to accept the minutes for December 20, 2022 offered by Councilperson Reusser and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion passed.

 AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

 Councilperson Reusser

 Councilperson Morris

 Councilperson Allott

**BUSINESS:**

1. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

**RESOLUTION NO. 39-23**

Motion to adopt Resolutions No. 1-2023 through Resolution 37-2023 of the Organizational list (see attached) offered by Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Reusser. All in favor. Motion passed.

 AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

 Councilperson Morris

 Councilperson Reusser

 Councilperson Allott

1. COURT FINANCIALS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 40-23**

Motion that Justice Deming’s Annual Court Financials have been available in the Town Clerks office. Motion to accept those financials offered by Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

 Councilperson Morris

 Councilperson Allott

 Councilperson Reusser

1. AUTHORIZATION PO-JD 2025R STATE CONTRACT

One of the sidewalk plows has been down so the Supervisor had contacted Ag & Tractors, John Deere Dealership up north. They have a State contract similar to ours. The total price with the tractor, sander and a mechanical plow is about $31,000.00. Need a resolution to allow the Supervisor to submit a purchase order to Ag & Tractors for this sidewalk plow. There is no trade in for this. Councilperson Allott asked what will happen to the other one and was told it would be surplused. Councilperson Reusser discussed the riding snow blower at her place of employment and asked why the Town doesn’t have one. Was told the town has one for bigger storms. Discussion on what is wrong with the one we have and what will become of it. Suggested using for town trails etc. Councilperson Allott will look into it.

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-23**

Resolution to purchase JD2025R offered by Councilperson Reusser and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

 Councilperson Reusser

 Councilperson Morris

 Councilperson Allott

1. NYMIR

**RESOLUTION NO. 42-23**

Motion to authorize the 2023 NIMIR Contract offered by Councilperson Morris and Seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

 Councilperson Morris

 Councilperson Allott

 Councilperson Reusser

Discussion on the cost which is around $39,000.00 and how this has been going up each year. Time to shop around for better rates.

1. ESD-May 2017 EXTENSIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 43-23**

Motion to allow the to supervisor collapse or back out of the Empire State Grant that was acquired in May of 2017 offered by Councilperson Reusser and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

 Councilperson Reusser

 Councilperson Allott

 Councilperson Morris

This was for the Sewer project and can be applied for again.

1. NYS DOT

Regarding the large bill that the town had with Sheehan’s, the DOT sent the town a claims form to submit to them to see if the town is eligible for some reimbursement for this bill. Discussion on this.

1. ASSESSOR

The town has hired Bruce Caza as its Assessor at a cost of $13,000.00 per year.

**COMMITTEES:**

1. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-No discussion.

10.WATER DISTRICT-The property at the Foot Bridge that the town

 will need to purchase for its redundant water system, will need to

 be surveyed. It will be up to the Federal Depository people

 weather it will be quicker to lease or purchase the property

 needed. The decision has to be made in the next 2 months.

11.BUILDINGS & CODES-No discussion.

12.PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD-No discussion.

13.COBBLE HILL GOLF COURSE-No discussion.

14.YOUTH COMMISSION-There was skating last night at the rink.

 There was an incident last week at a basketball game involving

 parents.

15. ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS-The Supervisor explained about this.

16. BROADBAND-The Supervisor has talked with Beth Gillis and

 went over the Broadband map. Councilperson Allott is on weekly

 calls regarding this topic. He is also talking with some folks in New

 Russia who are upset that they can’t get Broadband. He said that

 if someone has financial difficulties, that perhaps using ARPA

 monies to help them get STARLINK. Councilperson Reusser said

 they are finding out through the surveys, that the Broadband

 map is wrong. It has areas that they say are connected and they

 are not. Councilperson Allott said he has asked SLIC to provide a

 map of their connectivity and they said they would. He also asked

 SPECTRUM but did not receive a reply. He said he asked NYSEG

 for their 3 phase distribution map. Councilperson Morris asked if

 anyone said they wanted help with ARPA funds to get STARLINK

 and was told so far no. More discussion on this topic.

17. SEWER-Councilperson Allott discussed the Sewer topic. He said

 he’s on calls with folks that are really trying to help but this is a

 heavy lift. Talking about having another income survey done

 which is going to be really hard to do and the difficulty of this

 project. Discussion on starting over with perhaps another firm

 and evaluations of different sites and everything involved in this

 project.

18. Councilperson Morris said he finally was able to get ahold of

 Verizon about the line that had to be tied up on Park Street. He

 said how difficult it is to get ahold of them. They said they would

 get back to him.

**FINANCIALS**

TRANSFERS

**RESOLUTION NO. 44-23**

Motion to approve the Transfers for the end of 2022 offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

 Councilperson Allott

 Councilperson Morris

 Councilperson Reusser

SUPERVISORS REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. 45-23**

Motion to approve the Supervisors Report for the end of 2022 offered by Councilperson Reusser and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

 Councilperson Reusser

 Councilperson Allott

 Councilperson Morris

PAY ALL BILLS

**RESOLUTION NO. 46-23**

Motion to pay all bills for the end of 2022 offered by Councilperson Reusser and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew nays-0

 Councilperson Reusser

 Councilperson Morris

 Councilperson Allott

Resolved that the following bills be paid.

General Fund A-----------$ 5,888.88

Highway Fund DA--------$ 4,867.80

Water District SW3-------$ 890.00

NBRC Recreation Grant--$ 844.43

Trust & Agency TA--------$ 821.88

TRANSFERS 2023

No Transfers for 2023 so far.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. 47-23**

Motion to approve the Supervisors Report for 2023 offered by Councilperson Reusser and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

 Councilperson Reusser

 Councilperson Morris

 Councilperson Allott

PAY ALL BILLS

**RESOLUTION NO. 48-23**

Motion to pay all bills for 2023 which are included in the last pay all bills report offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Reusser. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-4 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

 Councilperson Allott

 Councilperson Reusser

 Councilperson Morris

This meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet E. Cross,

Town Clerk