**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING**

**TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

A Workshop/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 September 3, 2024, and the public was welcome to attend.

PRESENT: Cathleen Reusser-Supervisor

 Jeffrey Allott-Councilperson

 Adam Bailey-Councilperson

ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: William Wright-Councilperson

 Ben Morris-Councilperson

GUESTS: Greg Swart, Hanna Neilly, Jess Deslauriers, Matt Fuller, Michael Martin, Leslie Karasin and Patty Walsh.

Start time 1:30 PM

**RESOLUTION NO. 139-34**

Motion to engage with Surveyor Kevin Hall to do updated map for Bronson Way offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Bailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-3 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

 Councilperson Allott

 Councilperson Bailey

The Supervisor will get a quote to update the map.

-September 8, 2024, the State of Emergency will expire.

**RESOLUTION NO. 140-24**

Motion to extend the State of Emergency to October 7, 2024, offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Bailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-3 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

 Councilperson Allott

 Councilperson Bailey

-A decision and resolution will need to be made to decide if everyone in the district must hook up to the Sewer line, setting rates, accounts for vacant lots etc.

-Supervisor felt the meter system being used now is not good and is looking into a new system. The Water bills reflect a charge for the new system that must go in. In discussions to decide to re ban the $616,000.

-Discussed EDUs in various towns and what Etown wants to do.

-Hanna stated that regarding the Empire Zone, if they give Etown the Empire Zone they have to give to all towns. They do not want to do that.

-Introduced Michael Martin who has a background in Environmental Science and will help with the river sampling and documentation.

-Sampling was done at the Golf Course last week. Looks promising so far. Mostly sandy but there was a silty layer in some of the sample holes. It was a little concerning but it’s in the top layer that will be excavated off. When testing filtration, it was much higher than it needs to be. Next piece is to do full boring samples.

-Mr. Swart has reached out to APA to resubmit because the project is so old. Discussed the old submission and he’s done the new draft. Must avoid wetlands.

-As of 2011 SHIPO had okayed the Golf Course site but there is no more information after that. In 2023 the report said they needed to make modifications to match SHIPO. More discussion on this and what has been submitted.

-Discussed what to do for permitting. Mr. Swart will coordinate with Ms. Neilly to finish drafting the report and submit it.

-SEQUR was completed in 2010 for the Golf Course. In 2011 it was back to Woodruff St. and now back to Golf Course. The pump station might need to change but everything else is basically the same.

-Need to research the minutes to see what Resolutions have happened to be sure of the split of service areas, votes and SEQUR from before 2010. Also need to figure out what happened from 2011 to 2017. The Town Clerk will research what Resolutions have been done.

-Updates can be done if there were no boundary changes which would trigger a vote.

-More discussion on what needs to be done before moving forward.

-Would like to meet with DEC in October but want to get a bit more data. Also get a couple of septic systems that are in bad shape written up. Sampling protocol being worked on.

-Going to research to make sure do not have to go to another vote.

-Discussed the Hospitals SPEEDIES permit.

-Going to resubmit the DOH letter on St’D’s.

-Going to hold off on the PR of this till they know all the talking points and work on funding. Need a good write up of the economic hardship here and what buildings are vacant and can’t do anything with because of no Town wide septic. Also, different businesses can’t expand until a system goes in. Should get letters of support and/or business plans from these businesses for their need for a system.

-Discussed doing a survey.

-Talked about what the cap is on a rate fee.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Cross,

Town Clerk