**REGULAR MEETING**

**TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

**FEBRUARY 28, 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, Elizabethtown, NY on February 28, 2023 and the public could attend in person or via GoToMeeting.

The February 21st meeting was moved to the 28th because of a lack of a quorum.

PRESENT: Noel Merrihew-Supervisor

William Wright-Councilperson

Cathleen Reusser-Councilperson

ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: Jeffrey Allott-Councilperson

Ben Morris-Councilperson

GUESTS: Gordon Costin

The Supervisor called this meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

1. Minutes

**RESOLUTION NO. 49-23**

Motion to accept the minutes for January 17, 2023 offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Reusser.

All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-3 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Reusser

**BUISNESS**:

1. REQUEST 35 MPH CHANGE-COUNTY RT 10.

**RESOLUTION NO. 50-23**

Motion to submit to Essex County DPW a consideration of a MPH change on County Rt. 10 which would initiate at the NYSEG complex and continuing into Town. The request is for a 35 MPH sign. This would require an additional sign warning drivers of the upcoming speed change. Motion offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Reusser. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-3 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Reusser

Discussion on where the speed sign starts now and where a new one should go.

1. ACCEPT COURT RECORDS

We originally had only one of the Courts financial records at the Town Clerks office but the other has been in the Clerk’s office for the last 30 days.

**RESOLUTION NO. 51-23**

Motion to accept the financial records for both Town Justices offered by Councilperson Reusser and seconded by Councilperson Wright. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-3 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Reusser

Councilperson Wright

**COMMITTEES:**

1. WATER DISTRICT-The Supervisor said he is in weekly meetings regarding the water and sewer project. After the meeting next week, he should know if there will be a need for a survey.

Councilperson Wright said that it had been discussed previously about extending from Cobble Hill Lane going south. Is that still being considered. The Supervisor gave explanation on this and about the wells at the Foot Bridge. He feels that there should be enough after completing the redundant water supply for that extension.

1. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-Councilperson Wright said it needs to be addressed that all the fire hydrants have to be shoveled out to be accessible. Councilperson Reusser questioned if e-mails should be sent to the Highway Department for any requests so that we have a paper trail.
2. BUILDINGS & CODES-Busy
3. PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD-No discussion.
4. COBBLE HILL GOLF COURSE-No discussion.
5. YOUTH COMMISSION-No discussion.

10.TRIALS-No discussion.

11.GARBAGE-No discussion.

**FINANCIALS:**

TRANSFERS

**RESOLUTION NO. 52-23**

Motion to approve the Transfers offered by Councilperson Reusser

and seconded by Councilperson Wright.

Councilperson Wright questioned why we increased the payment to the Ambulance. The Supervisor explained that that line item for ambulance includes the $500.00 payment to LifeFlight. He said that there is a consideration because of the ongoing issue of payment disparity between Etown and Lewis, to having the Ambulance be a taxing entity similar to the Fire Department for the town of Elizabethtown. He said that the towns used to pay equally but is now at a $45,000.00 $75,000.00 split with Etown paying more. Councilperson Wright said should look at the town of North Elba’s set up to get an idea of what to do. More discussion on what can be done about this disparity and why this is happening.

All in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

AYES-3 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Reusser

Councilperson Wright

SUPERVISORS REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. 53-23**

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

AYES-3 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Reusser

PAY ALL BILLS

**RESOLUTION NO. 54-23**

Motion to pay all bills for the period 1/1/2000 thru 1/17/2023 offered by Councilperson Reusser and seconded by Councilperson Wright. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-3 Supervisor Merrihew NAYS-0

Councilperson Reusser

Councilperson Wright

Resolved that the following bills be paid.

General Fund A-------------$ 4,370.99

Highway Fund DA----------$14,321.32

Water District SW3--------$ 20.00

NBRC Recreation Grant --$ 202.00

Trust & Agency TA---------$ 600.74

COMMENTS:

-Councilperson Wright questioned the integrity of the Highway’s salt shed. The Supervisor discussed fixing and/or moving it. He said he would try to initiate contact with Community Resources for a grant to replace the shed.

-Councilperson Reusser said to save the date for the Adirondack Planning forum.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet E. Cross,

Town Clerk