**REGULAR MEETING**

**TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

**JULY 16, 2024**

A 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 July 16, 2024, and the public was welcome to attend in person or via GoToMeeting.

PRESENT: Cathleen Reusser-Supervisor

Ben Morris-Councilperson

Jeffrey Allott-Councilperson

Adam Bailey-Councilperson

GUESTS: Gordon Costin, Charlie Moisan, Mary McGowan, Gay Olcott, Rick Olcott, Kirtland King, Paige Saltamach, Paul Fenton, Dawn Fenton, Jeannie Frisbie, Jim Cunningham and Leslie Cunningham.

Via GoToMeeting: Harry Gough, Elizabethtown Resident.

This meeting started at 6:33 PM.

1. Gay Olcott spoke regarding a property on Water Street that is full of garbage, cars and open containers along with many other things. The house itself has broken windows with racoons living there. People are concerned about this property. They also realize the owners are not living there at this time so would like the town to do what it can to get this property cleaned up. Codes Officer Costin talked about what has transpired to date and what a delicate situation this is. The Supervisor said that she planned on going to visit the owners next week to see them. Discussion on using the court system and the difficulty of this. Others from the public spoke expressing their concerns. Councilperson Morris asked if the town should investigate the procedure to take on this issue. More discussion on this topic.
2. CODES-Codes Officer Costin spoke regarding one property that had started to get cleaned up but then the owner was in an accident, so it was on hold. The owner is doing better so will start cleaning up again.

-He gave information on another property that he will do a spot check after the incoming storm.

-As for another delinquent property, the owner does not seem to be there anymore, and he is a bit concerned.

-Discussed another property on Water Street and one on Meigsville Road.

**BUSINESS:**

1. MINUTES

**RESOLUTION NO. 125-24**

Motion to approve the minutes for the June 18, 2024, meeting offered by Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Bailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES- 4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Allott

**RESOLUTION NO. 126-24**

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024, Special Meeting offered by Councilperson Bailey and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

1. MEETINGS-The Supervisor explained about having a

meeting/workshop on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30 PM. There will also be other workshop(s) during each month.

1. 5. WATER-Supervisor Reusser has been working with County Attorney William Bill Tansey regarding the property needed for the redundant water system. She explained the process.

-The tablet that was used for the meter readings was not working properly when data was gathered the first time so there were errors on the first round of bills. This has been corrected so Water Superintendent Dickinson will be going back out to re-read the meters

6. WASTEWATER TREATMENT-Councilperson Bailey spoke

about the Workshops being open to the public. The Supervisor

reminded the public that the Town Website has a link so you

can sign up to be on the Wastewater e-mail list and get

updates that way. Councilperson Bailey spoke about this

round of financing & working with the Engineers. Should know the answer to funding in September-October. Attorney Matt Fuller has been very helpful, and it was felt that it was good to have brought him in on this project.

7. HIGHWAY-STORM BERYL, FEMA-It was explained that DPW Superintendent Pulsifer was very busy doing cleanup and repairs from the storm Beryl. Met today with FEMA. The preliminary report comes in at about 5.5 million in damages for the Town of Elizabethtown. The Supervisor gave a brief list of some of the damage. She wanted to give a shout out to Pribble Construction Company, Sheehan’s and Kubricky Construction who came to help us with some of the bigger repairs. The Town has met the local burden for a State of Emergency but still waiting on the Governor to declare a State of Emergency. If someone has damage to their property, they need to take photos and a description and send them to the Town Hall for submission to FEMA.

-Kirtland King spoke. He said he lives on Roaring Brook Lane. He gave a big shout out to Bill Wright and Hans Himelein for allowing a temporary road to go through the woods so he could get to his home. NYSEG and Spectrum did a great job. He is concerned about how this will be repaired moving forward. The DEC has been contacted and waiting to hear back from them.

8. COBBLE HILL GOLF COURSE-ROOF, E’TOWN DAY, MIKES REPORT-Mike Dunsmore sent in a report along with a letter of appreciation from Camp Dudley.

-Councilperson Wright and the Supervisor had put together a materials list that was sent to Curtis Lumber who gave a quote. Will contact Bob Wagner and get a group of volunteers together to repair the roof.

9. E’TOWN DAY-JULY 20TH-PARADE MARSHALL-Saturday is Etown Day. It starts with a town wide yard sale followed by the parade and then on to the Golf Course for food, music and games. At dusk is the fireworks.

10. ZBA-TRAINING COMPLETED FOR CEO, PLANNING & ZBA-There was a training session this week put on by Community Resources. Councilperson Bailey said it was a good meeting and helped clear up questions and misconceptions. There is an open seat on the Planning Board.

11. Moment of silence was held for former highway employee Curtis Mousseau who passed away this past week.

**COMMITTEES:**

12. BUILDINGS & CODES-The brick building on Water Street that burnt is coming down soon. Not as busy this week.

13. YOUTH COMMISSION-Summer Program has started and is going well.

14. TRAILS-Councilperson Allott spoke and said BETA is working on a new trail. There was a pop-up event Saturday. Working on trails and there is a volunteer work event on Etown day from 9-3. Bronson Road took a hit with the flooding but is temporarly repaired now.

-The Supervisor showed aerial views of the damage from the last storm. We are under a State of Emergency that started July 10th and goes for 30 days.

15. GARBAGE-The town employee who does the garbage collection might be retiring soon.

16. AMBULANCE-There was an affirmative vote to form a district. Need to decide how to do the Board for this. Can be appointed, the Town Board itself can be the Ambulance Board or can set up an election. Need a Local Law to form the district and board set up. The Board will decide next month how they will do this.

**FINANCIALS:**

TRANSFERS-None.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

**RESOLUTION NO. 127-24**

Motion to approve the Supervisors Report offered by Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Bailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Allott

PAY ALL BILLS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 128-24**

Motion to pay all bills for Abstract #7 ABS July 7-1 to 7-43 offered by Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Bailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Allott

Resolved that the following bills be paid.

General Fund $26,266.21

Highway Fund $ 6,746.43

Garbage District $ 76.17

Lighting District $ 2,678.79

Water District 1 $ 0.00

Water District 3 $11,631.28

Water Capital 2020 $ 7,294.89

Recreation Grant $ 0.00

-The Supervisor had a card for the Board to sign for the family of Curtis Mousseau.

This Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet E. Cross,

Town Clerk