**REGULAR MEETING**

**TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

**OCTOBER 15, 2024**

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 on October 15, 2024, and the public could attend in person or via GoToMeeting.

PRESENT: Cathleen Reusser-Supervisor

Ben Morris-Councilperson

William Wright-Councilperson

Adam Bailey-Councilperson

Jeffrey Allott-Councilperson

GUESTS: Charlie Moisan, Paige Saltamach, Bruce Pushee, Gordon Costin and Harry Gough. George Saltamach via GoToMeeting.

Start time: 6:33 PM

**RESOLUTION NO. 152-24**

Motion to accept the minutes for the Regular Meeting held September 17, 2024, offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Bailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

**RESOLUTION NO. 153-24**

Motion to accept the minutes for the Meeting/Workshop held October 1, 2024, offered by Councilperson Bailey and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright

**BUSINESS:**

1. EMS DISTRICT BUDGET 2025-RESOLUTION-A special Workshop was held to review the EMS proposed budget for 2025. It shows Etown pays 59% and Lewis 41%. Councilperson Allott said he would like to see Lewis paying more and asked why there was such a difference. The Supervisor explained that the equation was based on number of calls, population and exempt property. The total budget for 2025 is $527,240.00. The towns of Elizabethtown and Lewis are engaging an auditor to look over the EMS finances. The Board decided to wait until November’s meeting to vote on this budget.
2. REDUNDANT WATER-RESOLUTION TO REPAY ESSEX CO. $2,566.67 ABROGATION-This cost is to pay the County for the property at Footbridge Lane.

**RESOLUTION NO. 154-24**

Motion to pay Essex County $2566.67 offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Bailey

1. WASTEWATER TREATMENT-UPDATE-Councilperson Bailey gave an update on the Wastewater project. He said they tried to have the scores revised for funding for this year but were unsuccessful. He felt that more was learned from this and now knows what must be ready for next year. Feels that the town will have significantly more point for next year’s round of grants than what we have this year.

-Councilperson Allott spoke and said that he, the Supervisor and Shaun Gillilland the Chairman of Essex County Board of Supervisors, sat down with Alison Webbinaro from Gov. Hochul’s office to discuss the project. A decision needs to be made deciding if the Town should put more monies into this project knowing it’s possible the project might fail, and we end up with debt and no services. The Supervisor felt that the suggestion from Mr. Gillilland to work with the Comptroller’s Office for bonding was a good idea. A decision needs to be made by Nov. 5th.

-Councilperson Wright asked for more information regarding the costs of ground and river disposal. Was explained

That both are close in cost with ground disposal being preferred. Councilperson Allott explained.

1. HIGHWAY-STORM BERYL, FEMA, STATE OF EM DONE, ROARING BROOK LANE-The State of Emergency expired October 7th. Roaring Brook is done except for paving. Water Street will also be getting paved. The bundle of trees in the middle of Boquet river needs to be cleaned up.

**RESOLUTION NO. 155-24**

Motion to allow the Supervisor to enter into a contract with DA Collins to remove the wood debris in the Boquet River for a cost of $28,735.00 offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Morris

1. COBBLE HILL GOLF COURSE-ROOF IS ON! P&L-The Supervisor said that there was a great turn out on September 27th for re-roofing the Club House. The profit and loss report was given to the Board which showed a nice profit at this time. The numbers are not finalized yet as this report was only until the end of September.
2. MILITARY PLACARD-RESOLUTION-Resolution No. 148-24 was tabled at last month’s meeting so more information could be obtained regarding Resolution No. 67-15 re: the Military Placard for Mark Hildebrandt that was in the back meeting room.

**RESOLUTION NO. 156-24**

The motion to un-table Resolution No. 148-24 that would rescind Resolution No. 67-15 offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Allott

**RESOLUTION NO. 148-24**

Motion to rescind Resolution No. 67-15 and give the Mark Hildebrandt placard to his family offered by Councilperson Bailey and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Wright

1. H & T CHARLES TUTUNIJIAN-LOA BRAINARDS FORGE-Supervisor Reusser explained about what was being asked for regarding Professional Engineering Services. Looking at upsizing the culvert to the NYS codes and standards under FEMA. She said after this Thursday’s meeting she should have a better idea of what they will or will not cover. Mr. Tutunijian will be looking at the road and giving an idea of what needs to be done to repair the culvert permanently.

**RESOLUTION NO. 157-24**

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Tutunijian offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by councilperson Bailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Allott

1. DCO-ADVERTISE POSITION- Our Dog Control Officer is resigning at the end of 2024 so we will need to advertise for a new one.

**RESOLUTION NO. 158-24**

Motion to advertise for a Dog Control Office offered by Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Bailey

The Town of Lewis’ DCO, Glen Williams, has offered to help us out in the meantime.

1. BOQUET VALLEY YOUTH COMM RESIGNATION SHANNON BAUMANN-Shannon Baumann has resigned, and Elizabethtown needs to accept her resignation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 159-24**

Motion to accept Youth Commission member Shannon Baumann’s resignation offered by Councilperson Bailey and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Wright

10.TRAIL CENTER-OFFICIAL NAME-Discussed the e-town logo. The grant expired on the 30th of September. A couple of things to finish up. Considering a grand opening in the Spring. Would like to get all signage done and put up before that.

**COMMITEES:**

11.HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-Finishing up Roscoe Rd., ditching etc. Councilperson Bailey asked about the 6” drop on the upper end of Water Street and if it will be repaired.

12. WATER DISTRICT-Just submitted the lead line report to DOH. It is a report on what kind of pipes are being used.

13. BUILDINGS & CODES-Nothing new.

14. PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD-Nothing new.

15. COBBLE HILL GOLF COURSE-Discussed already.

16. YOUTH COMMISSION-Soccer season is ending. Looking for a new Board member. Basketball starts next month.

17. TRAILS-Councilperson Allott said the Lord Road parking area is to be fixed and putting more fill in. The annual Etown Beat Down ride is this weekend.

-Would like signage for the trails to clarify what trails are for what purpose.

-Councilperson Wright reminded folks that hunting season is starting and to be careful.

18. GARBAGE-No discussion.

-Councilperson Morris asked about the excavator.

19. TOWN BUDGET RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION NO. 160-24**

Motion to advertise the Town Budget Workshop that will be held Tuesday October 29th at 5:30 PM offered by Councilperson Bailey and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright

20. WELL DRILLING RFP-Went out for bid and the only company that responded was Layne Christensen Company. In the process of renewing the BAN for the redundant water supply so no rush to accept this. Considering going back out to bid to get more.

21. OVERIDE TAX CAP-Because of the necessity to fund projects at Addison Lane, Brainard’s Forge and Roaring Brook there is a high potential the town could exceed the 2% Tax Cap.

**RESOLUTION NO. 161-24**

Motion to introduce Local Law #1 of 24 entitled a “LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C and hold a public hearing offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded By Councilperson Morris. Roll call vote held.

Councilperson Wright-yes

Councilperson Morris-yes

Councilperson Bailey-yes

Councilperson Allott-yes

Supervisor Reusser-yes

-Councilperson Allott said he got a submittal for Star-link. He questioned if the town had received any bills for repayment and was told only one other.

**COMMENTS:**

-Councilperson Allott felt the Board should discuss the use of ATV’s and riding lawn mowers being driven in town.

-Bruce Pushee asked to have the profit and loss for CHGC shared.

**FINANCIALS:**

TRANSFERS

**RESOLUTION NO. 162-24**

Motion to approve the Transfers offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Wright. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Bailey

SUPERVISORS REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. 163-24**

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

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

PAY ALL BILLS

**RESOLUTION NO. 164-24**

Motion to pay all bills for Abstract #10 ABS 10-1 TO 10-48 offered by Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Wright. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Bailey

Resolved that the following bills be paid.

General Fund $ 28,372.87 Paid $5383.45

Highway Fund $ 18,477.02

Garbage District $ 56.83

Lighting District $ 1,337.25

Water District 1 $ 0.00

Water District 3 $ 7,043.27

Water Capital 2020 $ 89.89

Recreation Grant $ 47,361.58

This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Cross,

Town Clerk