**REGULAR MEETING**

**TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

**APRIL 23, 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 April 23, 2024, and the public was welcome to attend.

PRESENT: Cathleen Reusser-Supervisor

Jeffrey Allott-Councilperson

Adam Bailey-Councilperson

William Wright-Councilperson

Ben Morris-Councilperson

This meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

1. This meeting was called to discuss and vote on

lease/purchase golfcarts for CHGC. The Supervisor passed around a breakdown of the cost between the two options along with the cost of 3-, 4- or 5-year leasing. It was discussed about the town fixing any carts that might need to be repaired and about sprucing them up. It was felt there was a mostly aesthetic issue with the carts. W&B increased the purchase price from $600.00 to $900.00 per cart that the town might sell to them. This portion of the meeting was paused to start the Public Hearing for the Hale House Project at 4:45 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-24**

The motion to suspend this meeting at 4:45 pm was 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

**RESOLUTION 94-24**

Motion to re-enter the Regular Meeting at 4:52 pm 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 Bailey

Councilperson Wright

1. Northern Forest Center is in the process of purchasing the three Hale House buildings on Lawrence Way. Leslie Karasin from NFC spoke during the Public Hearing regarding the purchase and what the buildings will be used for. The Supervisor read the below statement of support.

WHEREAS the Town of Elizabethtown is eligible for grant funding under Round 8 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the Town Council has considered proposals that qualify for funding under the program and selected one project to be included in an application that will be submitted to Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) as follows:

Rehabilitation of the historic Hale House and Hale Law Library in the Town of Elizabethtown. The project will rehabilitate the vacant 6,572 square foot main house and vacant 1,400 law library, both at 14 Lawrence Way, into 5 units of middle-income housing.

WHEREAS this project is consistent with all existing local plans, the proposed financing is appropriate for the project, the project will facilitate effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources and the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the Town of Elizabethtown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby supports and will sponsor an application for Restore NY funding for 14 Lawrence Way and will administer the grant in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations established by ESDC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the applications and any agreements required by ESDC for grant funding that results from the application.

**RESOLUTION NO. 95-24**

Motion to support and sponsor NFC regarding the Hale House buildings and full text is above, offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor with a roll call vote held.

Councilperson Allott-Yes

Councilperson Morris-Yes

Councilperson Wright-Yes

Supervisor Reusser-Yes

Councilperson Bailey-Abstain

With 4 Yes votes and one Abstain, this motion carried.

1. After more discussion regarding leasing or purchasing golf carts, the Board voted on the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-24**

Motion to enter into a Lease Agreement with W&B to lease 8 golf carts for 4 years and keep all carts except 4 that will be sold, offered by Councilperson Allott, and seconded by Councilperson Bailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-5 Supervisor Reusser NAYES-O

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Bailey

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright

1. The Supervisor passed around a letter from Attys Miller & Mannix regarding the Bridge on Noble Terrace. Repairs will not be able to be done this year and the Board will discuss more at the next regular meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-24**

Motion to close this meeting was 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.

This meeting ended at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Cross,

Town Clerk