**REGULAR MEETING**

**TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

**MAY 21, 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 May 21, 2024, and the public was welcome to attend in person or via GoToMeeting.

PRESENT: Cathleen Reusser-Supervisor

William Wright-Councilperson

Ben Morris-Councilperson

Jeffrey Allott-Councilperson

ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: Adam Bailey-Councilperson

GUESTS: Paige Saltamach, Ken Fenimore, Charles Moisan, Mary McGowan, Carolyn Sicher, Patty Bashaw, Jack Pulsifer, Larry Bashaw, Jen Peck, David Reinmann, Matt Drew, Suzie Drew, Mike Dunsmore, Laurie House, and Bruce Pushee. Eric Weyand, George Saltamach, & Megan Hall attended via GoToMeeting.

Start Time: 6:30 PM

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-24**

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2024, Regular Meeting, the April 23, 2024, Regular Meeting, the April 23, 2024, Public Hearing and the May 7, 2024, Meeting/Workshop, was offered by Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Wright

**RESOLUTION NO. 100-24**

Motion establishing an Ambulance District for the Town of Elizabethtown offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion carried.

Roll Call vote held.

Councilperson Wright-yes

Councilperson Morris-yes

Councilperson Allott-yes

Supervisor Reusser-yes

With 4 yes votes this Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 101-24**

Motion to accept the ballot Abstract and ballot proposition prepared

by the Town Clerk regarding the Special Election to be held on June 25, 2024, or at such time as thereafter may be determined in submitting Town Resolution Dated May 21, 2024, entitled Resolution Establishing an Ambulance District in the Town of Elizabethtown to Special Election offered by Councilperson Morris, and seconded by Councilperson Wright. Roll call vote held. Councilperson Morris-yes

Councilperson Wright-yes

Councilperson Allott-yes

Supervisor Reusser-yes

With 4 yes votes this Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

1. LAURIE HOUSE-ARTS & OUTREACH COORDINATOR-WELCOME-The Supervisor introduced Laure House and explained that she is a shared position between the Social Center and the Town of Elizabethtown. Ms. House spoke and explained what she will be doing for the town and the Social Center. She explained her background. The Board welcomed her.
2. WATER (REDUNDANT)-UPDATE. TITLE SEARCH-Mr. Tansey is assisting the town in the process of getting all the information needed. A Resolution is needed to have a Title Search done on the property and get it to Doug Hoffman who will do the appraisal work.

**RESOLUTION NO. 102-24**

Motion to seek a company to do a Title Search on the potential redundant water supply property offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright

1. WASTEWATER TREATMENT-SPECIAL MEETING MAY 28TH 6:30 PM-This meeting will be held to determine the placement of the Plant.
2. HIGHWAY-SPRING CLEANING, RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT LINCOLN POND, NOBLE TERRACE BRIDGE VS CULVERT-DPW Superintendent Pulsifer spoke. He said most of the sweeping is done. Mowing, maintenance, and ditching are being done. The town has 4 solar speed monitoring signs to place. The Lincoln Pond Association would like one placed at the bottom of the hill. There is a permit form that must be done and given to Jim Dougan. Superintendent Pulsifer said he was going to be getting quotes on renting a screening plant as he feels this would save thousands of dollars. He is also getting a quote for a Street Sweeper for next year. He explained about cold patching Water Street this year.

-Councilperson Wright asked about research for a Salt Building and location. Pulsifer explained what has been done so far.

-Re: Noble Terrace, the Town has received a letter of Indemnity from the Egglefield’s for the time their property is being used.

**RESOLUTION NO. 103-24**

Motion to sign the Letter of Indemnity from the Egglefield’s to protect them and hold them harmless as to the public’s use of their property while the Town use’s their road because of the Noble Terrace bridge failure offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Wright. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Morris

-The Supervisor stated that the decision that must be made now regarding the Noble Terrace bridge is either to replace or put in a box culvert. If a bridge is done to the specs of the DEC and then transferred to the county, the cost will be more but will alleviate the long-term responsibility for the bridge. A Box Culvert can be done and be made into 2 lanes. It would be less costly, and it would remain the town’s responsibility. Councilperson Wright explained the work that needs to be done to put a bridge in and that it’s a lengthy process. The DEC decides where the bridge will be placed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 104-24**

Motion to determine whether we have a bridge or box culvert replacement at Noble Terrace offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Allott.

-Matt Drew spoke about the landowners concerns at Noble Terrace and asked if it will be more than a year for repair and was told yes. He also expressed concern about the Trailer Park and brick building and would like the town to push to get it cleaned up. More discussion on the difficulty of the emergency road that must be used.

-Resolution No. 104-24 decision is to put in a Box culvert at Noble Terrace. Roll call vote held.

Councilperson Allott-yes

Councilperson Morris-yes

Councilperson Wright-yes

Supervisor Reusser-yes

With for yes votes this motion carried.

1. MATTHEW FULLER, ESQ. CONTRACT-Matthew Fuller oversees all the infrastructure projects in Ticonderoga and other areas and is highly recommended.

**RESOLUTION NO. 105-24**

Motion to engage with Myer, Fuller and Stockwell to oversee our infrastructure project offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Morris.

Councilperson Allott said that the County also recommended this firm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright

1. BRONSON WAY-This roadway has jumped up in assessment from the town of Lewis. It is now $8,800.00. The Supervisor is thinking of going to grievance day about it.
2. GRIEVANCE DAY-It will be held May 29th from 4:00-8:00 PM here at the Town Hall.
3. LIBRARY-The Town has received a bill from the library because they had to fix an issue that was caused by repair work that was done for the town back in December 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 106-24**

Motion to pay the plumbing bill from the library for $1193.49 offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Wright. Councilperson Wright asked if we were going to bill the company that did the work for the town. He felt they should be paying for this. He was told there has been a discussion regarding this. Three in favor. One abstention. Motion carried.

AYES-3 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Wright

ABSTAIN-Councilperson Morris

1. LUNCHEON-Suozzo, Doty & Associates are having a luncheon in Lake Placid.

**COMMITTEES:**

10.HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-Discussed already.

11.WATER DISTRICT-Discussed already.

12. BUILDING & CODES-Discussed already.

13. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-No discussion.

14. PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD-No discussion.

15. COBBLE HILL GOLF COURSE-The manager of the course Mike Dunsmore spoke and gave a rundown of the new carts, membership, staff etc. He said that there is a new Golf Tournament that will be played at the Course. Slowly catching up with the mowing. Kitchen running well.

16. TRAILS- Councilperson Allott spoke and said that the Doc Lopez run had happened. They had 212 runners. All went well and was a smashing success. He said he was at a 2 ½ day community recreation summit in New Hampshire. Was a powerful meeting. Have restarted the Trail Committee. More information given. DPW Superintendent Pulsifer explained what the Town Highway is doing for the Blueberry Hill parking lot etc. Mr. Dunsmore asked if the bathroom is available at the new pavilion now and was told yes.

17. YOUTH COMMISSION-They have received a $10,000.00 grant from the County, and they will be using this mostly for baseball in the future. Want to build a baseball field next to the ice-skating rink and utilize the soccer fields better. Possibly more than one.

18. STARLINK-Have received 4 applications. The town will reimburse the applicant after installation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 107-24**

Motion to accept the 4 applications and reimburse them after proof of purchase offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright

**FINANCIALS:**

TRANSFERS

**RESOLUTION NO. 108-24**

Motion to approve the Transfers offered by Councilperson Allott

and seconded by Councilperson Wright. All in favor. Motion

carried.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Morris

SUPERVISORS REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. 109-24**

Motion to approve the Supervisors Report offered by

Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Morris. All

in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser NAYS-0

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

Councilperson Wright

PAY ALL BILLS

**RESOLUTION NO. 110-24**

Motion to pay all bills for Abstract #45 ABS May 5-1 to 5-49 offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion carried.

AYES-4 Supervisor Reusser Nays-0

Councilperson Wright

Councilperson Allott

Councilperson Morris

Resolved that the following bill(s) were paid.

General Fund $ 100.00

Resolved the following bills be paid.

General Fund $54,393.01

Highway Fund $12,492.59

Garbage District $ 121.65

Lighting District $ 2,795.17

Water District 1 $ 0.00

Water District 3 $ 7,142.33

Water Capital 2020 $ 89.89

Recreation Grant $ 383.04

**COMMENTS:**

-Bruce Pushee asked if the Noble Terrace bridge was gone and was told no but it has failed. He asked if you could walk across it and was told no one should as it is closed.

This meeting ended at 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet E. Cross,

Town Clerk