

VILLAGE OF ELBRIDGE
TREASURER'S REPORT
April 5, 2021

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>T & A</u>	<u>CAP FUNDS</u>
Bal 1/31/2021	475664.60	609109.69	6923.02	0.00
February Receipts	<u>90721.00</u>	<u>18726.02</u>	<u>14757.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	566385.60	627835.71	21680.68	0.00
February Disb	<u>27874.96</u>	<u>13095.53</u>	<u>16569.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Bal 2/28/2021	538510.64	614740.18	5110.82	0.00

These balances HAVE been confirmed by bank statements.

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village of Elbridge Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Municipal Offices, 210 West Main Street. Trustees present were Harris, Murray and Ely with Mayor DeCola presiding. Clerk-Treasurer Caron was also present. Trustee DeMarco was absent.

Resident/Budget Officer Frederick Weisskopf and Residents Robert Surdam and Ron Fesko were present.

Mayor DeCola led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2021-2022 BUDGET HEARING

A motion was offered by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Murray, and carried to open the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget at 7:03 p.m.

The legal notice was published in the March 17th issue of the Eagle News Press-Observer.

A motion was offered by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Harris, and carried to forgo the reading of the legal notice.

Deputy Clerk Kaylee Landers joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor DeCola asked once if anyone present wished to speak in favor of the budget.

Mayor DeCola asked twice more if anyone present wished to speak in favor of the budget; there was no one.

Resident Don Demo arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor DeCola then asked three times if anyone present wished to speak in opposition of the proposed budget; there was no one.

There was some discussion regarding funding the Village will receive for the Joint Water System Improvement Project.

All who wished to be heard were heard.

The hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Murray, and carried.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Murray, and seconded by Trustee Harris, WHEREAS, the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 was duly prepared and presented to the Board by the Clerk on March 18th, and a duly advertised public hearing was thereon held April 5th, RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508, Subdivision 4 of the Village Law, the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, be and hereby is adopted as the budget of the Village of Elbridge for the year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$569,428.00 for General fund and \$308,439.67 for Water fund for a grand total of \$877,867.67 with wages and salaries adopted as shown in Schedule 6 of the budget document. Upon roll call vote each voted as follows: Mayor DeCola, Yes; Trustee Ely, Yes; Trustee DeMarco, Absent; Trustee Murray, Yes; Trustee Harris, Yes. The question of the resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Mayor DeCola recognized Mr. Surdam who thanked the board for completing the work on the water line, however he was not happy it took so long. He would like the Board to consider reimbursement for the cost of a new water heater. Mayor DeCola stated that there is no precedent that the Village has ever done that. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain their water heaters.

Mr. Surdam left at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor DeCola recognized Mr. Fesko who inquired about the timeliness of Turbidity Violation Notices. Mayor DeCola explained that it typically takes about two weeks to receive notification from the Onondaga County Health Department after which time the notices are prepared and mailed to water customers. The Village is required to complete the process within thirty days of the violation date.

Mr. Fesko asked if there are alternative options to pay water bills besides a personal check. Water customers can pay by cash in the office, money order or credit card in person or by phone. Customers can utilize bill pay through their bank. There is no online option at this time.

Mr. Fesko wondered why Spectrum is the only available internet access. He has tried to get FIOS (Verizon), but has been told they are not in the area. Mayor DeCola explained that the County Executive has obtained funding to address this issue countywide in future months.

April 5, 2021 Village Board Meeting Cont.

Trustee DeMarco joined the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Mr. Fesko asked if a date had been set for the Public Hearing regarding amending Code - Chapter 48 to allow chickens. Mayor DeCola stated that he has had discussions with Attorney Armani regarding the safety of holding the hearing relative to COVID-19 issues. The Board wants the public to feel comfortable attending.

He also wondered if the Village had looked into solar programs. The Village has not, however the Town of Elbridge has.

He wanted the Board to know that he likes the extension of the turning lane through the village and the new street lights.

A motion was offered by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee DeMarco, and carried unanimously to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last regular meeting on March 1, 2021.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on March 1, 2021 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried unanimously.

A motion was offered by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Ely, and carried unanimously to forgo the reading of the minutes from the special meeting on March 18, 2021.

The minutes of the special meeting on March 18, 2021 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers and Committees –

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and approved it on a motion made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried unanimously.

Trustee Harris presented the Code Enforcement Report for March who moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried unanimously.

There was no Public Works Report.

Trustee Murray presented the Historian's Report who moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried unanimously.

The Historian is asking the Board's permission to use the Village's copier. The Board has no issue with her using the old copier as long as it runs and/or until toner is gone. DPW can move it to the Library for their use. The Board would like the Historian to attend a future meeting to discuss the process and her future plans. Why copies? Should historical records be saved digitally?

Trustee, Mayor and Attorney Reports –

Trustee Harris – DPW should begin the process of cleaning up yards throughout the village from plow damage.

Brush pickup is scheduled to begin on the second and fourth Tuesdays in May. There is quite a lot out already. The Board would like them to begin the fourth Tuesday of April.

Trustee Murray – He spoke with Vern Richardson regarding Memorial Day. Jordan is planning on having their parade. The Jordan-Elbridge Marching Band is participating. He would like the Village of Elbridge to hold its' ceremony and parade as in the past. Board Members have concerns about public safety. He will contact Ken Bush to discuss what they are doing.

A motion was offered by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried unanimously to reimburse the American Legion \$120.00 for one (1) box of grave marker American flags.

Trustee Ely – Nothing at this time.

Trustee DeMarco – He has tried to contact the Kingston Road property owner regarding the Joint Water System Improvement Project, but has not heard back from them.

Mayor DeCola – The Village has received our fiscal stress scores from the Office of the State Comptroller. The Environmental Stress score of 20.0 is the same as last year. The Fiscal Stress score dropped to 3.3. Both have No Designation.

Mr. Fesko left at 8:15 p.m.

Old Business

Trustee Ely offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Harris, and carried unanimously to adopt The Pandemic Operations Plan as presented by Mayor DeCola.

Mayor DeCola will present the annual sexual harassment training for Board Members on May 3rd prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

The Board discussed the employees request to adopt summer hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

A motion was offered by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Harris, to increase water rates effective June 1, 2021 for inside customers from \$18.50 minimum per one thousand cubic feet of water per unit and \$1.85 per one hundred cubic feet additional to \$20.75 minimum per one thousand cubic feet of water per unit and \$2.08 per one hundred cubic feet additional; for outside customers from \$37.00 minimum per one thousand cubic feet of water per unit and \$3.70 per one hundred cubic feet additional to \$41.50 minimum per one thousand cubic feet of water per unit and \$4.15 per one hundred cubic feet additional; and for Hartlot customers from \$35.00 minimum per seven thousand gallons of water per unit and \$3.50 per one thousand gallons additional to \$39.65 minimum per seven thousand gallons of water per unit and \$3.97 per one thousand gallons additional. The base fee for the quarterly UV/LT2 charge will remain at \$6.50 and \$.30 per one hundred cubic feet additional for inside and outside customers and \$.40 per one thousand gallons additional for Hartlot customers. Upon roll call vote each voted as follows: Mayor DeCola, Yes; Trustee Ely, Yes; Trustee DeMarco, No; Trustee Murray, Yes; Trustee Harris, Yes. The question of the resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

After review of the bills by the Board of Trustees, a motion was offered by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Ely, and carried unanimously, to approve payment of April Abstract 11, in the amount of \$60,531.61 for General Fund Vouchers A293-A334, Checks 14272 – 14313, including the invoice for \$90.00 from Lindsay Preston and \$29,888.61 for Water Fund Vouchers F157-F179, Checks 5150 – 5172.

Mayor DeCola introduced Deputy Clerk Kaylee Landers to the Board.

Mayor DeCola called Attorney Armani for discussion via speaker phone. The Board would like to assess a fee on the property tax bills for garbage/recyclables removal. Attorney Armani explained the process to add a special assessment on property tax bills. The Village would have to adopt a Local Law. They would have to hold a Public Hearing as well. Unfortunately, timing is a problem to accomplish for the June 1, 2021 billing. Nothing would go into effect until twenty (20) days after filing with the Secretary of State.

The Village will have to research if they can charge a uniform fee. What about multi-unit and commercial properties?

Fire Chief Paul Czarnecki arrived at 8:44 p.m.

Pending enactment of a Local Law what options does the Village have? Attorney Armani suggested sending a letter to all residents reiterating all the rules i.e. garbage stickers, garbage bag size and weight. It may be necessary to increase the price of the stickers to two (2) for ten (\$10.00).

Attorney Armani suggested holding a special meeting to discuss further. Steve Morgan; Dependable Disposal should be invited to attend.

The call ended at 9:07p.m.

Chief Czarnecki presented the Fire Department Report for March. Trustee Ely moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried unanimously.

Chief Czarnecki reported that the department will hold an open house for Recruit NY on April 24, 2021. There will be a couple demonstrations. They will check temperatures of those attending and all will have to social distance. The Department will also be holding their annual car show in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee M. Caron
Clerk-Treasurer