

Regular Meeting, Monday, August 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village of Elbridge Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Offices, 210 West Main Street. Trustees present were Ely and Murray with Mayor DeCola presiding. Deputy Clerk Kaylee Landers was also present. Trustee Harris, Trustee DeMarco, and Clerk Treasurer Caron were absent.

Resident/Budget Officer Frederick Weisskopf, resident Joe Zanchowski, and residents Laura and Ron Fesko were present.

Taylor Bottar, Jessica Martinez, and Alex Hess from Barton and Loguidice were also present.

Mayor DeCola led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor DeCola recognized Joe Zanchowski who addressed the board with concerns about the drainage pipes on Crossett Rd. He stated that just before Fred Weisskopf's house; 5496 Crossett Rd. the drainage pipe is overgrown and covered with weeds. Mr. Zanchowski stated that it's causing issues on Willow Lane due to water being unable to drain properly, and requested they be cleaned up. Mayor DeCola recognized his concerns, and stated he will do his best to have it cleaned within the week.

Mayor DeCola then recognized Mr. Fesko who inquired what the mask guidelines for Village Hall were. He stated he did not see a sign indicating if they were mandated or not. Mayor DeCola asked Deputy Clerk Landers if there was a sign on the window of the entry to the building, at which time Deputy Clerk Landers responded that it had been taken down but will be replaced with another.

Mayor DeCola then invited Barton and Loguidice to give an update on the Joint Water Project. Taylor from Barton and Loguidice gave a briefing about the Engineer's Report and operator workshop he attended with Pat Burns, Fred Dirisio, Brad Milton and Marty Williams. Taylor stated that it had been requested from the operator that more pipe be replaced than originally planned. 50,000 linear feet had originally been figured into the project. The operator is now requesting that 65,000 linear feet be allotted. Additional recommendations made included a chlorine booster station, and that the Crossett Rd. station that is buried in the field be moved closer to the road. Taylor stated that the project is currently at the amendment phase. Budget Officer Fred Weisskopf inquired about the possibility of stimulus money being available for the project. Taylor stated that he is hopeful that grants will be made available soon. He stated that we are in a good place to apply. Trustee Murray asked if water customers who had previously wanted to stay on wells would be able to tap into the new water system if they changed their minds. Taylor said that they were designing the new system to be able to live tap into the pipes if customers wished to hook up to the water system at a later date.

Trustee DeMarco and Fire Chief Paul Czarnecki arrived at 7:26 p.m.

Trustee Ely then proposed a date be set to have an informational Joint Water Meeting sometime in September. The Board decided to hold a special meeting on the Joint Water Project on September 15, 2021 at the Fire Hall meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

Taylor Bottar, Jessica Martinez, and Alex Hess left at 7:31 p.m.

Codes Enforcement Officer Howard Tanner addressed the Board about a current code that he believes creates a conflict between the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board.

He also discussed a current code that dictates the size of an additional structure being erected on a property is dependent on the size of the home on the property. He recommended that the Board look at both sections of the code as he believes they are outdated.

Howard questioned the ownership of Dr. Martin's office, as he has not been able to make contact with who owns the property, and Dr. Martin is said to be deceased. The yard is overgrown, and is causing the sidewalk to be a concern.

Fire Chief Paul Czarnecki presented the Fire Department Report for July. Trustee Ely moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee DeMarco and carried.

Chief Czarnecki reported that they will be following CDC guidelines while hosting the car show on August 14th. He stated that the library requested to borrow 30 chairs, and to have the Fire Department deliver them to Seymour Loft Park on the 13th. He asked that Brad deliver them on their behalf, as the Fire Department will be busy that day preparing for the car show. Chief Czarnecki stated that fire hose inspections were done, and that a couple of the hoses had failed and he said they plan to get them replaced. Chief Czarnecki then asked for the FEMA- GO Grant balance, at which time Deputy Clerk provided him with the balance, which was \$958.47.

A motion was offered by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Ely, and carried to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last regular meeting on July 6, 2021.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on July 6, 2021 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried.

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Reports of Officers and Committees –

The Treasurer's Report has not been completed because the clerks are awaiting information from the bank.

Trustee Ely presented the Code Enforcement Report for July who moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee DeMarco and carried.

There was no Public Works Report.

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

Trustee, Mayor and Attorney Reports –

Trustee Murray – Inquired about the speed sign, and if it had been fixed. Mayor DeCola said he consulted with Alex about getting the machine fixed, but they have been unable to get it in working condition. Mayor DeCola said he would follow up on the issue, and see if anything more can be done.

Trustee DeMarco – Nothing at this time.

Trustee Ely – He stated that they still need to work on weeding throughout the Village. The State Troopers Barracks and Fire House were areas of concern. Trustee Ely recommended that they remove all of the current landscaping around the sign at the State Troopers Barracks. He also suggested taking down the flag poles, so they can be repositioned, and repainted. He stated that the flag/ flag pole at the Village Office is still in need of a light. He also said that weed whacking needs to be done around the fire hydrants.

He then inquired about when sidewalks, and black top would be receiving necessary repairs throughout the village. Mayor DeCola said Village of Elbridge DPW would be working with the Town of Elbridge DPW to repair blacktop. Mayor DeCola said he would have the sidewalks looked at and addressed.

Mayor DeCola stated that the bush at the four corners would be getting pulled out and replaced with two new bushes. He said that the poison ivy at the library would be getting removed, as well as the weeds getting pulled, and then grass seed will be put down.

Budget Officer Weisskopf expressed concern regarding the short fall of revenue from garbage sticker sales. There was some discussion about increasing sticker prices. Mayor DeCola stated that the Board would be preparing a letter for residents on the issue.

Mayor DeCola stated that the Village has been working towards becoming a clean energy community. Two components remain. First a conversion to LED lights at Village Hall, the Fire Hall, and the Library. Second, installation of charging stations for electric vehicles.

Town of Elbridge Supervisor Vern Richardson stated that the Town would like to extend the Intermunicipal Agreement relative to managing Seymour Lofft Park. After some discussion it was decided that the agreement would be extended an additional 5 years.

After review of the bills by the Board of Trustees a motion was offered by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Murray, and carried to approve payment of August Abstract #3, with the addition of \$2151.25 for cleaning bills and the attorney's July invoice in the amount of \$33,895.42 for General Fund Vouchers A40-A67, Checks 14433 – 14460 and \$8,348.65 for Water Fund Vouchers F13-F25, Checks 5215 – 5227.

A motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray, and carried, to enter into executive session at 9:04 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Deputy Clerk Landers was invited to stay.

Trustee DeMarco offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Ely, and carried, to exit executive session at 9:08 p.m.

Trustee DeMarco offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried, authorizing the release of payment in the amount of \$800.00 to Robert Surdam upon receiving the executed Release and Permanent Easement Agreement, Settlement Agreement and Confidentially Agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee DeMarco and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaylee Landers
Deputy Clerk