

VILLAGE OF ELBRIDGE
TREASURER'S REPORT
May 8, 2023

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>T & A</u>	<u>CAP FUNDS</u>
Bal 2/28/23	171,045.73	183,044.04	15,424.47	224.72
February Receipts	<u>8,760.54</u>	<u>23,016.01</u>	<u>28,996.54</u>	<u>21,619.89</u>
Total	179,806.27	206,060.05	44,421.01	21,844.61
February Disb	<u>53,990.79</u>	<u>103,675.59</u>	<u>31,259.17</u>	<u>00</u>
Bal 3/31/2023	125,815.48	102,384.46	13,161.84	21,844.61

These balances HAVE been confirmed by bank statements.

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 8, 2023

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 Trustee DeMarco, Trustee Ellingworth, Trustee Ely, and Trustee Harris with Mayor DeCola presiding. Clerk-Treasurer Kunz was also present.

Also in attendance was County Legislator Ken Bush Jr., Budget Officer Fred Weisskopf, Fire Department Chief Ryan Peters and Bob Chuff.

Mayor DeCola led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor DeCola recognized County Legislator Ken Bush Jr. who awarded the Village of Elbridge a Certificate of Recognition for the Village of Elbridge 175th anniversary. Mayor DeCola and Board expressed their gratitude and thanks.

Mr. Bush left the meeting at 7:03.

A motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Ely, and carried to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last regular meeting on April 3, 2023.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on April 3, 2023 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Ellingworth and carried.

A motion was offered by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee DeMarco, and carried to forgo the reading of the minutes from the Special Meeting April 25, 2023

The minutes of the Special Meeting on April 25, 2023 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee DeMarco and carried.

Reports of Officers and Committees –

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

Trustee Harris presented the Code Enforcement Reports for March and April who moved for acceptance of both, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried.

Trustee Ely presented the Public Works Report who moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried. Fred Weisskopf wanted to add that DPW Brad Milton had been notified of some issues at the library and took care of them immediately, namely a carpet that had become a trip hazard and window caulking to prepare for painting. These items were in addition to the Public Works Report.

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

Fire Department Chief Ryan Peters presented the Fire Department Report and Trustee Ely moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee Ellingworth and carried.

Discussion between Board and FD Chief Peters re: Computers, mail, sink, orders, and fuel. FD has been given 4 AUD's, they just need to pick them up. Board discussion and the Board will allow a mileage reimbursement for FD member who picks them up. FD sign discussion. Chief Peters asked if FD President Dale Burl could have access to add and update information on the digital sign. Board approves either President or Chief can work on sign information. FD purchased two laptops for Chief and FD use and are requesting reimbursement. Trustee Ely explained that ideally, Board approval would be obtained ahead of time and any Village computer equipment should go through our IT department. If they wish to obtain reimbursement, the Village needs to have IT look at the laptops, add appropriate antivirus and protection software, catalog them as part of Village assets and add to insurance. If they wish to do this, the computers will be Village property and not Fire Company property. Chief Peters would get back to the Board with a decision on the computers.

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Mayor DeCola recognized Bob Chuff who had questions about his suspension and would like a resolution. Board discussion with Mr. Chuff followed.

Bob Chuff left the meeting at 7:58

Trustee, Mayor and Attorney Reports –

Trustee DeMarco – Nothing at this time.

Trustee Ellingworth- Nothing at this time.

Trustee Harris – Trustee Harris – 175th Anniversary update; medallion, logo, banners etc. June 28th is the Summer kickoff, July 23rd ice cream social and historic walk around Village, August 12th is large parade and event at Seymour Lofft Park. Committee is also hoping to bury a time capsule.

Motion offered by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried to award \$175 to Emma Leiker, Art Student at JEHS for submitting the winning logo design and an additional \$175 to the winner of the medallion hunt.

Trustee Harris also mentioned that the Library is in need of a new ladder. Trustee Ely will look at what they have an order a new one that will suit their needs.

Trustee Ely – More mulch is needed at Semour Lofft Park, especially in the play area. Mayor DeCola will discuss with the Town. Budget Officer Weisskopf mentioned that Garbage fees should also be paid by the Town and Mayor DeCola said he would address that as well. Discussion was had on the work that DPW has been doing at the Park; new toilets, ceiling, leaks repaired and new pipes put in.

Mayor DeCola – Read communications re: CHIPS update and invitation to Jordan Memorial Day Parade.

Mayor DeCola read communication from the American Legion. Who has requested help with the purchase of Memorial Day grave marker American flags for the local cemeteries. They will be putting them out on May 19th.

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

Board discussion – Four corners progress, permits, Planning Board information.

Mayor DeCola brought information to the Board from B&L regarding funding and the WIA grant that is available. The Village of Elbridge was already awarded \$3 Million but there is now \$5 million available. The Village would have to “give back” the \$3 million to be eligible for the \$5 million. If the \$3 is kept, there is no chance of \$5 million. Board reviewed what they know, pros and cons and information they have been given regarding grant “scores” and the likelihood of being awarded the \$5 million during a lengthy discussion.

A motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Ellingworth and carried after a roll call vote, to forgo the WIA grant in the amount of \$3 million to allow for the application for the \$5 million WIA grant. Upon Roll Call vote, each voted as follows:

Mayor DeCola	Yes
Trustee DeMarco	Yes
Trustee Ellingworth	Yes
Trustee Ely	Yes
Trustee Harris	No

Discussion between Mayor DeCola and the Board re: B&L’s request for a Bond increase. The Board unanimously agrees not to increase and for the Bond to remain at the current previously approved amount of \$30.4 million.

Mayor DeCola read an email request with accompanying information from Joint Water Project attorney Richard Andino regarding expenses related to easements necessary to move forward with the project. He included a list of all properties and breakdown of costs associated with each.

Motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Ellingworth and carried approving the pre-approval request as outlined in the April 25, 2023 by Attorney Richard Andino.

Addition Joint Water Project Update – Marty Williams will be taking over for Pat Byrnes

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as lead operator beginning June 1, 2023.

Additional Village updates and discussions: Library is currently being painted. Deputy Clerk Godfrey is working on the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade. Mayor DeCola would like to gather a committee to work on updating the Comprehensive Plan.

New Business

Mayor DeCola read the following resolution to Levy Tax and Authorize Execution of the Tax Warrant.

A resolution levying the total taxes and other charges extended and levied against each parcel of real property shown on the roll prepared and verified by the Town Assessor on July 1, 2022, subject to reduction of special franchise assessments, court orders and removal of exemptions, for our Fiscal Year 2023-2024, was offered by Trustee Harris and seconded by Trustee Harris, WHEREAS, a budget hearing was held on April 3, 2023 and the budget was finalized and adopted on April 3, 2023, be it RESOLVED, that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Elbridge a tax rate of \$3.38 per thousand of assessed valuation and other charges (i.e., unpaid water rents, unpaid fire inspection fees, and omitted taxes) for village government purposes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk shall execute the Tax Warrant on or before May 19, which warrant shall expire on November 1, following the levy of the tax.

Upon roll call vote each voted as follows:

Mayor DeCola	YES
Trustee DeMarco	YES
Trustee Ely	YES
Trustee Ellingworth	YES
Trustee Harris	YES

The question of the resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

A motion was offered by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Ely to relevel unpaid water bills to Onondaga County to be included on the June 1st tax bills.

A motion was offered by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Ellingworth, and carried authorizing Clerk-Treasurer Kunz to pay bills through year-end on Abstract #13 and complete all necessary budget adjustments to year end.

After review of the bills by the Board of Trustees, a motion was offered by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Harris, and carried unanimously, to approve payment of May Abstract 12, in the amount of \$29,017.09 for General Fund Vouchers A308-A340, Checks 15118-15150 and \$6040.88 for Water Fund Vouchers F138-F155, Checks 5534-5551 and \$13,917.53 for Joint Water System Vouchers H54-H56, Checks 254-256

A motion was offered by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried, to enter into executive session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation. Clerk-Treasurer Kunz and Fire Department Chief Ryan Peters were asked to stay. The Board exited executive session at 9:34 p.m.

The Board directed letters to be sent from Clerk-Treasurer Kunz to Attorney Armani for review before sending to affected parties upon approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee DeMarco and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Kunz
Clerk-Treasurer

VILLAGE OF ELBRIDGE
May 1, 2023

As posted throughout the Village of Elbridge, on the Fire Department Sign, on the active Village of Elbridge Facebook page and also submitted notification to the Eagle Observer on May 1, 2023; the regularly scheduled meeting for Monday, May 1, 2023 was cancelled due to a lack of quorum and rescheduled to Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Kunz
Clerk-Treasurer