

Budget Meeting, Monday March 11, 2024

Notice having been given to The Eagle Observer on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, the Budget meeting of the Village of Elbridge Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Offices, 210 West Main Street. Trustees present were Trustee DeMarco, Trustee Ely, Trustee Harris and Trustee Ellingworth, with Mayor DeCola presiding. Also present was Budget Officer Fred Weisskopf and Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Kunz.

The Board reviewed appropriation figures for the 2024-2025 budget.

There was no action taken.

Next Budget meeting scheduled for March 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Clerk-Treasurer Kunz will advertise.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee DeMarco, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Kunz
Clerk-Treasurer

VILLAGE OF ELBRIDGE
TREASURER'S REPORT
March 11, 2024

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>T & A</u>	<u>CAP FUNDS</u>
Bal 12/31/2023	155,280.07	115,891.10	13,175.09	6,018.42
January Receipts	<u>5,327.99</u>	<u>20,230.30</u>	<u>23,507.54</u>	<u>70,140.08</u>
Total	160,608.06	136,121.40	36,682.63	76,158.50
January Disb	<u>42,043.98</u>	<u>16,653.50</u>	<u>24,013.40</u>	<u>43,433.78</u>
Bal 1/31/2024	118,564.08	119,467.90	12,669.23	32,724.72

These balances HAVE been confirmed by bank statements.

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Village of Elbridge Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Municipal Offices, 210 West Main Street. Trustees present were Trustee Ellingworth, Trustee Ely and Trustee Harris and Trustee DeMarco with Mayor DeCola presiding. Clerk-Treasurer Kunz and resident/Budget Officer Frederick Weisskopf were also present.

Residents Lindsey Striffler, Carol Rossman and IT professional Frank Clarke were also present.

Mayor DeCola led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor DeCola recognized Lindsey Striffler who, along with her neighbor Carol Rossman, expressed extreme concern about the speeding and accidents along Route 5. In a discussion with the Board, several proposals and questions were asked such as, more police patrol, lights continuing down Route 5, moving the speed sign around the Village etc. Discussion on accidents and what the Village can do vs what needs to be taken to a higher level. Trustee Ely and all Board encouraged them to speak with State Representatives. Discussion on previous successes, such as the blinking sign in front of Elementary School, and how those were accomplished. Mayor DeCola said he would speak to Sgt. Amy again at the police barracks, just to keep it on their radar but he does know they have been trying to increase patrols in our area.

Ms. Striffler and Ms. Rossman left at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor DeCola recognized IT professional Frank Clarke. Mr. Clarke went over some security changes for Village emails. Discussion with Board on how those changes affect every day operations and what costs will be incurred moving forward along with options to reduce costs. No action at this time, the Board will review mailbox options and further cost saving measures when subscription services need to be renewed.

Frank Clarke left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

A motion was offered by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Harris, and carried unanimously to forgo the reading of the minutes from the special meeting on February 5, 2024.

The minutes of the special meeting on February 5, 2024 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried unanimously.

A motion was offered by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Harris, and carried unanimously to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last regular meeting on February 5, 2024.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on February 5, 2024 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried unanimously.

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 Ellingworth and carried unanimously.

Trustee Harris presented the Codes Reports for February along with the Uniform Codes Report as submitted by Howard Tanner and moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried unanimously.

Mayor DeCola presented the Public Works Report for February and Trustee Ely moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee Ellingworth and carried unanimously.

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

Trustee Ely presented the Fire Department report who moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Kunz presented the Planning Board report, Trustee Ely moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Kunz will present the Tentative Budget at a special meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

The Clerk will publish notice of the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget to be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 9, 2024

Trustee, Mayor and Attorney Reports –

Trustee DeMarco – Nothing at this time.

Trustee Ellingworth – Nothing at this time.

Trustee Harris – Nothing at this time.

Trustee Ely – Clerk-Treasurer Kunz received a request from a local 4H group leader, Lindsey Preston, who also works at the library. Ms. Preston would like to hold meetings in the Community Room 2 Wednesdays a month. Board approves the use of the Community Room free of charge for the group. Trustee Ely will begin using the Community Room on alternate Wednesdays for Lacrosse Club meetings. As this is also a community group, room use will be free of charge.

Mayor DeCola – Mayor, Clerk and DPW will be attending CHIPS training with several other municipalities on April 5th in Camillus.

Time for Harassment training, Clerk has begun collecting certificates for those who've completed training and will arrange training opportunities for others.

Board discussion re: Dr. Martin's office and current occupants have been turned over to the County legal department, per County.

Board discussion re: Elbridge Plaza parking lot continues to be in severe disrepair. Codes Enforcer Tanner has been in contact with owner about repairs. Mayor will get update.

Board discussion re: Joint Water Project loan repayment. Board would like to hold off for one year on putting the project on taxes. Would like bidding to be in place and final numbers be more secure before instituting payments. Board will continue to pay yearly principal payment without adding to taxes. Will review again for next years budget.

Board reviewed the Financial Advisory Services Agreement and had discussion.

Motion made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried unanimously, authorizing Mayor DeCola to execute the Financial Advisory Service Agreement.

After review of the bills by the Board of Trustees, a motion was offered by Trustee Ellingworth, seconded by Trustee DeMarco, and carried unanimously, to approve payment of March Abstract 10, in the amount of \$31,235.64 for General Fund Vouchers A275-A314 Checks 15464-15503, and \$15,695 for Water Fund Vouchers F97-F115, Checks 5703-5721 and \$1,161.00 for Joint Water Project Voucher H84 check 284

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Ellingworth and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Kunz
Clerk-Treasurer

Budget Meeting, Monday March 25, 2024

Notice having been given to The Eagle Observer on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, the Budget meeting of the Village of Elbridge Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Municipal Offices, 210 West Main Street. Trustees present were Trustee DeMarco and Trustee Ely, with Mayor DeCola presiding. Also present was Budget Officer Fred Weisskopf and Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Kunz.

The Board reviewed appropriation figures for the 2024-2025 budget.

The Board made the following changes; garbage charge on taxes will remain unchanged for residents at \$275.00. Our garbage cost is increasing, this will be covered by a combination of other revenues and a reduction in expenditures. A motion was made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried allowing for garbage costs to remain unchanged.

In addition, the Board decided to allow water rates to remain unchanged at this time. Costs are increasing, however, the Board determined that, for now, the shortfall can be absorbed through the combination of other revenues and a reduction in expenditures. Both garbage and water rates will have to be revisited for the next budget cycle.

Next Budget meeting scheduled for April 9 at 7 p.m. Clerk-Treasurer Kunz will advertise.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m. on a motion made by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee DeMarco, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Kunz
Clerk-Treasurer