

Budget Meeting, Monday February 2, 2026

Notice having been given to The Eagle Observer on Monday, January 26, 2026 and posted on the Village website as well as physical locations, the Budget meeting of the Village of Elbridge Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Municipal Offices, 210 West Main Street. Trustees present were Trustee DeMarco Trustee Ely and Trustee Harris, with Mayor DeCola presiding. Also present was Budget Officer Fred Weisskopf and DPW employee Dawson Dunham, Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Kunz, DPW and Planning Board Chair Grant Whitford and residents, John Murray and Judy Strazzere

The Board reviewed appropriation figures for the 2026-2027 budget.

Discussions re: Water rates, Fire Department needs, General Fund, Water Fund, Employees, Streets/CHIPS, buildings, parks and Garbage contracts, among other items.

John Murray left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mary Jo Davis arrived at 6:38 p.m.

Fire Chief Ryan Peters arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Next Budget meeting scheduled for March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., before the regularly scheduled meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Kunz will advertise.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee DeMarco, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Kunz  
Clerk-Treasurer

VILLAGE OF ELBRIDGE  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
February 2, 2026

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>T &amp; A</u>	<u>CAP FUNDS</u>
Bal 11/30/2025	88,513.12	86,683.17	14,093.62	695.53
December Receipts	<u>138,159.72</u>	<u>46,391.92</u>	<u>16,552.20</u>	<u>284,433.40</u>
Total	226,672.84	133,075.09	30,645.82	285,128.93
December Disb	<u>122,209.87</u>	<u>38,265.94</u>	<u>26,831.05</u>	<u>256,521.61</u>
Bal 12/31/2025	104,462.97	94,809.15	3,814.77	28,607.32

These balances HAVE been confirmed by bank statements.

**Regular Meeting, Monday, February 2, 2026**

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 Ely and Trustee Harris, with Mayor DeCola presiding. Also present was Budget Officer Fred Weisskopf and DPW employee Dawson Dunham, Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Kunz, DPW and Planning Board Chair Grant Whitford and residents, John Murray and Judy Strazzere and, Hon. George Betts.

Mayor DeCola led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor DeCola recognized Hon. George Betts, who introduced himself to the Mayor and Board as the Town Justice and thanked them for their service on the Board. The Board accepted the thanks with appreciation and Hon. Betts left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

A motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco seconded by Trustee Ely, and carried  
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unanimously to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last regular meeting on January 2, 2026

The minutes of the last regular meeting on January 2, 2026 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee Harris seconded by Trustee DeMarco 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 Ely and carried unanimously.

There were no Codes, Public Works or Historian reports. The 2025 Uniform Code Administration and Enforcement Report was submitted by Howard Tanner, Codes Enforcer, and a copy given to the Mayor and Board as well as office for filing.

Grant Whitford submitted the Planning Board report and Trustee Harris moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Peters submitted the Fire Department report and Trustee Ely moved for its acceptance, seconded by Trustee DeMarco and carried unanimously.

Fire department needs and discussions including; new Town FD liaison is Councilor

## **Regular Meeting, Monday, February 2, 2026, cont.**

Todd Platten, contract year with Town and Fire Chief Peters requested budget information from the Board to help prepare, Budget Officer Weisskopf gave requested information, update on gas leak at Library, all repaired. Discussion on logistics of sale of Rescue 5.

A motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Ely to declare the 1997 Freightliner heavy rescue (aka Rescue 5) as surplus. It will be offered for sale or auction. Chief Peters left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

### **Trustee, Mayor and Attorney Reports**

Trustee DeMarco – Nothing at this time.

Trustee Ely – Nothing at this time.

Trustee Harris – Nothing at this time.

Mayor DeCola – Two trustee positions up for election in November, Trustee Harris and Trustee Striffler. Trustee Harris will gather information and help Trustee Striffler through the election process.

Discussion on circumstances surrounding water account #9470. Given the unique circumstances, the Board agrees that the account can be closed and all fees waived.

A motion was offered by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried unanimously to shut off service to account #9470 at 5335 Kingston Road and remove fees totaling \$440.21. No further charges will occur until the home is occupied.

Trooper contract due for renewal, Mayor DeCola will reach out to Supervisor Bush at the Town.

Discussion: County tree replacement program.

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 February Abstract 9, in the amount of \$135,212.00 for General Fund Vouchers A208-A252, Checks 16246-16291, and \$14,597.13 for Water Fund Vouchers F76-F83, Checks 6001-6008 and including Joint Water Project vouchers totaling \$23,683.02 Vouchers H357-H358, Checks 308-309.

The Board went into executive session at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried, purpose is to discuss litigation and personnel. Invited to stay were DPW Dunham and Whitford, Clerk- Treasurer Kunz and Budget Officer Weisskopf.

DPW Dunham, Whitford and Clerk Kunz all left at 9:10 p.m. and the Board continued with executive session.

Executive session ended at 9:19 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried unanimously with the following actions taken:

A motion to approve a new non-competitive civil service position titled Superintendent of Public Works was offered by Trustee DeMarco and seconded by Trustee Ely and carried unanimously. This position is a full-time position.

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A motion to appoint Grant Whitford as Supervisor of Public Works was offered by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Ely and carried unanimously. This position will be full time at a rate of \$21.00 per hour and begin on February 4, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Ely seconded by Trustee Harris, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Kunz  
Clerk-Treasurer