

VILLAGE OF ELBRIDGE
TREASURER'S REPORT
May 2, 2022

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>T & A</u>	<u>CAP FUNDS</u>
Bal 2/28/22	203369.97	96652.97	14779.90	73048.50
February Receipts	<u>54020.10</u>	<u>52897.94</u>	<u>18752.41</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	257390.07	149550.91	33532.31	73048.50
February Disb	<u>76998.85</u>	<u>11196.90</u>	<u>17860.69</u>	<u>38480.61</u>
Bal 3/31/2022	180391.22	138354.01	15671.62	34567.89

These balances HAVE been confirmed by bank statements.

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 2, 2022

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

Resident/Budget Officer Frederick Weisskopf, Alex Hess of B&L and Joe Buffa of Superior Waste were in attendance. Also in attendance were residents Michele and Bob Fedigan, Steve Kreydatus, Gary Ellingworth, and Robert Surdam,

Mayor DeCola led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor DeCola recognized resident Michele Fedigan re: water bills. Conversation between Mr. and Mrs. Fedigan and the Board regarding estimate bills and overpayments with future minimum bills. Mayor DeCola stated the Board will look into the situation and he will reach out to them soon after.

Resident P. Simmons arrived at 7:07

Mayor DeCola recognized resident Gary Ellingworth re: recyclables not picked up again. He did state that he puts them in a plastic bag, which he was told that recyclables have to be loose in the blue bin.

Mayor DeCola answered resident concern about mowing in the Village and when clean up starts. Mowing has started within the Village and brush pick up will be the same as previous years, second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Mayor DeCola recognized resident P. Simmons who had questions on codes, specifically sheds, ramp and stone by barbershop. Board addressed her concerns and expressed that Code Enforcer Howard Tanner is very responsive to complaints and currently has several letters out, some issues have already been remedied after he spoke to residents.

Mayor DeCola recognized Alex Hess of B&L who provided an update on the Joint Water Project and announced that the Village was awarded a \$3 Million Grant to help fund the project. They are researching more Grants and Mayor DeCola has put in a request with John Katko last week for more funding and possible Grant availability.

Mr. Hess introduced a Resolution Authorization to Standardize Aqualogics Systems Inc.

Mayor DeCola addressed the Board and residents explaining connection issues with LT2 and Aqualogics Systems. He read an email from IT specialist Frank Clarke. They were able to fix the issue, costing the Village \$1,500 but the fixes will save over \$1,700 in yearly subscriptions.

Mayor DeCola read Resolution #7-2022.

A motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried, authorizing the Standardization of the integrated SCADA controls for the Joint Water System to Aqualogics Systems, Inc. (See Resolution #7-2022 attached)

Residents Whitton and Heck arrived at 7:35 p.m..

There was further discussion between Mr. Hess, the Board and residents regarding logistics of water project.

Alex Hess left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

A motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray, and carried to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last regular meeting on April 4, 2022.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on April 4, 2022 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried.

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Resident Carol Burritt arrived at 7:49.

Mayor DeCola read the minutes from the Bid Opening on April 20, 2022.

The minutes of the Bid Opening on April 20, 2022 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried.

A motion was offered by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee DeMarco, and carried to forgo the reading of the minutes from the Special Meeting April 20, 2022

The minutes of the Special Meeting on April 20, 2022 were accepted on a motion made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried.

Resident Rynkiewicz arrived at 7:53 p.m.

Reports of Officers and Committees –

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

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

There was no Public Works Report.

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

Trustee, Mayor and Attorney Reports –

Mayor DeCola – Updated CHIPS – New total balance as of April 26, 2022 - \$72,515.00.

Reiterated that the Village received a WIIA Grant totaling \$3,000,000 for the Joint Water Project.

Addressed the Board re: Water Safety Training on June 8, 2022. Cost is now responsibility of the Village - \$45 per ticket.

A motion was offered by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried, authorizing Brad Milton to attend the Central New York Water Works Summer Meeting at a cost of \$45 for his ticket.

Residents Marcia Pierson, Judy Strazzere and Andrew Davis arrived at 7:57

Public Hearing – May 2, 2022

A motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Ely, and carried to open the Public Hearing for the purpose of any objections to the assessing map/apportionment/assessment regarding the previous adoption of an Amendment to a Local Law of the Village of Elbridge for the year 2022 entitled "Amendment to Local Law, Chapter 113 of the Village of Elbridge Code, entitled "Solid Waste," Establishing a Special Assessment for Residents Residing in Refuse and Garbage District."

The legal notice was published in the April 20th issue of the Eagle News Press-Observer.

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

Mayor DeCola offered an explanation as to why the changes to the Village current garbage and recycling program are necessary, reiterating points from letter sent to residents on April 21, 2022.

Mayor DeCola asked once if anyone present wished to speak in favor of the Refuse and Garbage District assessments and apportionments.

Trustee Ely and Trustee Murry spoke in favor. Joe Buffa from Superior Waste also spoke in favor of moving from a sticker system, stating logistical issues from the viewpoint of a hauler.

Several residents spoke in favor citing reasons such as; ability to put anything (nonhazardous) in the bins and it will go, esthetically more pleasing, no more blowing garbage, less bins to worry about, can put out weekly even if you don't have a full bin. Resident Surdham stated he goes away every winter and will be paying more, but he sees how it will all even out and be a positive in the long run. Resident Rynkeiwicz stated that she too will be paying more but can see how it will be better overall. She pointed out that she understands the "hidden" cost

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of the garbage beyond what they pay for stickers, such as excess wear and tear on the roads. She stressed that she, and all other residents, already pay those additional charges so they are really paying more already, moving to the new system really isn't raising the price much once you factor in all the costs residents already pay, not just the stickers.

Several residents had questions on logistics; days/times, how to deal with large items, how often, Village limits etc. All questions were answered by the Board and/or Joe Buffa.

Mayor DeCola asked twice more if anyone present wished to speak in favor of the Refuse and Garbage District assessments and apportionments. There was no one, all questions had been addressed.

Mayor DeCola then asked if anyone present wished to speak in opposition of the Refuse and Garbage District assessments and apportionments.

Resident Crews stated that the assessment is a large jump in fees, especially for someone like her who only puts out garbage once a month. Resident Burritt agreed.

Resident Burritt asked for information on the Section of Law that allowed for "Enforcement; Penalties for Offenses". Clerk-Treasurer Kunz gave Ms. Burritt information from Village Attorney Armani on 3 separate laws that applied and allowed for this section in the new Local Law; Municipal Home Rule Law §10(4)(b), Penal Law §80.05 (Fines for Misdemeanors and Violations), and Village Law §4-412(1)(a).

Mayor DeCola asked two more times if anyone wished to speak in opposition to the Refuse and Garbage District map/assessments and apportionments. There was no one.

All who wished to be heard were heard.

A motion was made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray to determine the map and assessment/apportionment is fair and in the best interest of the public health and safety of the residents and is final.

Upon roll call vote each voted as follows:

Mayor DeCola	YES
Trustee DeMarco	YES
Trustee Ely	YES
Trustee Murray	YES
Trustee Harris	YES

The question of the assessment/appropriation was thereupon duly adopted.

The hearing was closed at 8:58 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray, and carried.

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All residents left at 8:58 with the exception of Ms. Rynkiewicz

Mayor DeCola – Old Business

Discussion between Mayor, Board and Mr. Buffa re: garbage logistics.

Ms. Rynkiewicz addressed the Board, thanking them for their hard work on the Garbage contract.

Clerk-Treasurer Kunz updated the Board on new phone system

Board Discussion re: Sandbank Road drainage

Board Discussion re: Dobbin Road – Driveway and drainage/swamp

Board Discussion re: Auburn Furniture invoice – Repair of Library table damaged during light install.

A motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Murray and carried, allowing Clerk-Treasurer Kunz to deduct the total amount of the invoice from Auburn Furniture, \$707.50, from the bill for the light installation when it is received from NYSEG.

Board Discussion re: Summer Help

A motion was offered by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Harris and carried, to hire

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Kevin Chiaramonte, beginning May 16, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour. Hours will be as needed, weather dependent, and not to exceed 32 hours per week. Employment contingent upon completed paperwork and drug screen.

Trustee DeMarco – Nothing at this time

Trustee Ely – Discussion of sign at Fire Department. Trustee Ely will forward necessary information to Clerk-Treasurer Kunz.

A motion was offered by Trustee Ely, seconded by Trustee Harris allowing Clerk-Treasurer Kunz to go through Sourcewell to order the new sign.

Trustee Murray – Preparation for Memorial Day Parade, he will meet with Deputy Clerk Godfrey to go over details.

Trustee Harris – Update on resident Lukins and water bill.

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, 2021, subject to reduction of special franchise assessments, court orders and removal of exemptions, for our Fiscal Year 2022-2023, was offered by Trustee Harris, and seconded by Trustee DeMarco, WHEREAS, a budget hearing was held on April 4, 2022 and the budget was finalized and adopted on April 4, 2022, be it RESOLVED, that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Elbridge a tax rate of \$3.35 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 2022-2023; 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 Murray	YES
Trustee Harris	YES

The question of the resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

A motion was offered by Trustee DeMarco, 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 DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Ely, 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 \$22004.16 for General Fund Vouchers A339-A364, Checks 14738-14763 and \$10057.48 for Water Fund Vouchers F169-F183, Checks 5371-5385 and \$24603.51 for Joint Water System Vouchers H28-H31, Checks 228-231

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee DeMarco and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Kunz
Clerk-Treasurer