

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 28th, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met on Thursday, March 28th, 2019 at 7PM at the Town Municipal Building, 5 Route 31, Jordan, NY.

Supervisor Vern Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Councilor Doug Blumer, Councilor Floyd Duger, and Supervisor Vern Richardson

ABSENT: Councilor Rita Dygert, and Councilor Mike Caron

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Clark, Abundant Solar; Jillian Blake, Barton & Loguidice; Jim White, Highway Superintendent; Scott Chatfield, Town Attorney; and Clerk Deb Stapleton.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Blumer the minutes from March 14th, 2019 were approved.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: On a motion of Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Duger, General Bills Abstract #3, Vouchers #116-170, in the amount of \$92,151.40 were ordered paid, and Highway Bills, Abstract #3, Vouchers #1038-1052, in the amount of \$18,770.20 were ordered paid with a total disbursement of \$110,921.60.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) A request to town officials from the Association of Towns to contact our local Assembly and Senate regarding preserving local government aid.
- 2) A proposal from Speedy's Landscaping for the continuance of mowing cemeteries and Lock 51.

GUESTS: Melissa Clark from Abundant Solar Energy, and Jillian Blake from Barton and Loguidice came before the board to review the solar project at the closed town landfill . Councilor Blumer asked (at a previous meeting) if the lease option was feasible, and Ms. Clark said that NYSERDA incentive blocked up and Public Service Commission the lease looks better. Ms. Clark had a lease agreement for Attorney Chatfield to review. A letter was also given to the Supervisor regarding conflict of interest concerns as the town is currently a client of B&L (groundwater sampling & reporting at the landfill), and they also represent Abundant Solar, but B&L will recuse themselves if engineering consulting services are needed.

Ms. Clark and Ms. Blake exited the meeting at 7:25.

OLD BUSINESS:

On a motion of Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Duger the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 3 AYES Blumer Duger Richardson
0 NAYS

Resolutions 60/19

RESOLVED: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to adopt a new permit fee schedule on the recommendation of Codes Officer Howard Tanner, effective April 1st, 2019.

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On a motion of Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Blumer the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 3 AYES Blumer Duger Richardson
0 NAYS

Resolutions 61/19

RESOLVED: the Elbridge Town Board resolved to determined that the proposed Town of Elbridge Community Solar Farm Project is a Type II Action and will not require further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

WHEREAS, Abundant Solar Power, Inc. is proposing the Town of Elbridge Community Solar Farm Project, located at the closed Town of Elbridge Landfill, Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of the installation of a solar energy array involving 25 acres or less of physical alteration on a closed landfill; and

WHEREAS, per 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(14)(i) a project meeting these requirements is considered a “Type II Action”; and

WHEREAS, Type II Actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental conservation Law, article 8, per 6NYCRR Part 617.5(a):

SO BE IT RESOLVED that, the Elbridge Town Board hereby establishes itself as Lead Agency for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based upon the information provided herein, the Elbridge Town Board hereby resolves that no further environmental review shall be required to satisfy the requirements of SEQRA.

On a motion of Councilor Duger, seconded by Councilor Blumer the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 3 AYES Blumer Duger Richardson
0 NAYS

Resolutions 62/19

RESOLVED: the Elbridge Town Board resolves that no conflict of interest is attached to the Abundant Solar project with Barton and Loguidice and having knowledge of the Town of Elbridge Landfill site as well as overall landfill expertise to ensure the project is protective of the existing landfill capping system.

On a motion of Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Duger the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 3 AYES Blumer Duger Richardson
0 NAYS

Resolutions 63/19

RESOLVED: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to hire Casey Westby as Webmaster for the Town of Elbridge, effective April 1st, 2019, with her pay prorated.

On a motion of Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Duger the following resolution was

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ADOPTED: 3 AYES Blumer Duger Richardson
0 NAYS

Resolutions 64/19

RESOLVED: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to contract with Speedy's Landscaping for mowing the cemeteries and Lock 51 for a fee of \$9,000.00 for the 2019 year.

On a motion of Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Duger the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 3 AYES Blumer Duger Richardson
0 NAYS

Resolutions 65/19

RESOLVED: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to approve the new billing rates for Old Erie Emergency Services, Inc. for the Town of Elbridge Ambulance district, effective April 1st, 2019, as per letter dated March 26th 2019 from Casey Brim, Director of Operations.

On a motion of Councilor Blumer, seconded by Councilor Duger the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 3 AYES Blumer Duger Richardson
0 NAYS

Resolutions 66/19

RESOLVED: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to increase the hourly rate for the Town of Elbridge Justice Court Bailiff services from \$25.00 to \$35.00 effective immediately.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Dygert: absent

Councilor Duger: discussed the Comprehensive Plan, the trash program, and the Native Garden the Commission on the Environment maintains and will move by May 27th.

Councilor Blumer: discussed the historian's report, met with Dan Kowalski re: SOCPA, and a Valley Drive trail could connect with the Empire Trail.

Councilor Caron: absent

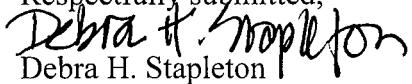
Supervisor Richardson: had water meeting with two villages regarding the pressure on Kingston Road and issues with Jordan water lines. Considering a study by B&L for water on the east end of town. Talked to Chris Hannon regarding new servers. Considering LED streetlights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Councilor Blumer seconded by Councilor Duger the board entered into executive session at 8:18PM to discuss a contract.

On a motion by Councilor Duger seconded by Councilor Blumer the board returned from executive session at 8:50PM.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Blumer seconded by Councilor Duger the meeting was adjourned at 8:51.

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Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton
Elbridge Town Clerk