

REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 17, 2012

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elizabethtown, County of Essex, in the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7563 Court Street, Elizabethtown, N.Y. on the 17th day of April 2012.

PRESENT: Margaret Bartley- Supervisor
Kenneth Fenimore- Councilperson
Joseph Martin - Councilperson
Ben Morris- Councilperson
James Phillips- Councilperson
Debra Brooks- Town Clerk
Michael Drew- Highway Superintendent
John Hudson- Code Officer

OTHERS PRESENT- Chelsea Merrihew, Ron Testa, Bruce Pushee, Patti Doyle, Sharon Gold, Allison Buckley, Marsha Fenimore, Helen DeChant, Catherine Clark, Laura Fuchs, Gwendolyn Venesie, George Salg, Anita Deming, Gary Chilson, Julie Martin, Elena Borstein, Lloyd Curry, Philip Jackson, Bob Hafner.

Supervisor Bartley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

RESOLUTION -89-12

ACCEPT MINUTES FOR MARCH 20, 2012.

On a motion of Councilperson Fenimore, seconded by Councilperson Phillips, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes-5 Bartley, Fenimore, Martin, Morris, Phillips
Nays-0

Resolved, that the minutes of March 20, 2012 be accepted.

GUESTS-

Julie Martin gave a presentation about the Water Shed Management Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLUTION -90-12

FILE COMMUNITATIONS.

On a motion of Councilperson Martin, seconded by Councilperson Phillips, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes-5 Bartley, Fenimore, Martin, Morris, Phillips
Nays-0

Resolved, that all communications be filed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS-

1. Highway-they have had a jump on spring cleaning. They have also been doing and have been asked to do favors (Put up banners, remove sandbags, put together garbage cans). The superintendent believes that there is money in the budget for a new highway employee and would like to put this out as soon as possible. They have been working with a man short for a year and a half. They are also in desperate need of a new dump truck. Drew will check into specs and contract prices.
2. Water-Dickinson reported to the Supervisor that the hydrants have been flushed and numbered. He is reading water meters. Fenimore asked if he had submitted a log of his activities. Bartley has not received one as of yet. She will ask him.
3. Codes- has not had much activity in the last month just a couple of projects. The SPCA will be submitting a down sized plan for their building they did not get enough funding for the original project. There will be a new project on Garondah Way.
4. Animal Control-Bernard is at fire house tonight for a rabies clinic and dog enumeration. He reported 3dog calls with no trips to the SPCA.
5. Planning Board-at their monthly meeting they made minor changes to the Bi-laws. They had their first workshop with the new consultant Nan Stolzenburg. Next meeting will be May 2nd in the Town Hall at 3:30pm.
6. Youth-Baseball is getting started and they are working on the summer program in which the hours will change. The program will be for 5 weeks starting July 5th. Hours are 9am to 4pm. PJ Pulsifer will be resigning from the Board to be the Director of the summer program.

RESOLUTION -91-12

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM PAUL PULSIFER.

On a motion of Councilperson Morris, seconded by Councilperson Fenimore, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes-5 Bartley, Fenimore, Martin, Morris, Phillips
Nays-0

Resolved, that the Town Board does accept the resignation from Paul (PJ) Pulsifer as Chairman of the Board for the Youth Commission effective May 15th 2012.

RESOLUTION -92-12

ACCEPT DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

On a motion of Councilperson Martin, seconded by Councilperson Phillips, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes-5 Bartley, Fenimore, Martin, Morris, Phillips
Nays-0

Resolved, that the Town Board does accept the recommendation to hire Paul (PJ) Pulsifer as Director of the Youth Commission Summer Program and Brian Gay as the Assistant Director for the 2012 year.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. Barton and Loguidice Contract-after discussion the board will have to get more specific information on the amended contract they would like to Town to sign.
2. Reserve Accounts-

RESOLUTION -93-12

TRANSFER RESERVE ACCOUNTS TO GENERAL FUND.

On a motion of Councilperson Martin, seconded by Councilperson Phillips, the following resolution was after discussion

TABLED Ayes-5 Bartley, Fenimore, Martin, Morris, Phillips
 Nays-0

Resolved, that the Town Board has tabled the transfer of the Reserve accounts.

3. Transfer Station-just a reminder of some of the changes no construction debris or refrigerators. They will be adding an electronic waste area at no charge.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. Golf Membership refund & rental of facility- the Board has decided to rent the Golf Course and Pavilion and will come up with a rate schedule. In the mean time the Elizabethtown Community Hospital will rent with the following rate:

RESOLUTION -94-12

RENTAL OF PAVILLION TO ELIZABETHTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL-

On a motion of Councilperson Martin, seconded by Councilperson Phillips, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes-5 Bartley, Fenimore, Martin, Morris, Phillips
 Nays-0

Resolved, that the Town Board will rent the pavilion to the Hospital at a rate of \$25.00 for the first hour and \$10.00 per hour after that on June 1st.

RESOLUTION -95-12

REFUND PRIOR NON-RESIDENT'S MEMBERSHIP PURCHASES-

On a motion of Councilperson Morris, seconded by Councilperson Martin, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes-5 Bartley, Fenimore, Martin, Morris, Phillips
 Nays-0

Resolved, that the Town Board will refund the difference paid for non-resident's membership prior to the new rate schedule for the 2012 season.

2. Surplus furniture & equipment-the Town has accumulated various items and would like to get rid of it. Supervisor Bartley was given a few ideas.
3. Memorial Day Parade & Fishing Derby-Councilperson Martin will get things ready for the fishing derby and wanted people to know that they will be stocking Deep Hollow Friday 27th if anyone who wants to may help.
4. Youth Commission change-done earlier.

5. Rental Contract for Woodruff St. Property-after discussion about the current renter and the proposed renter the Board decided on the following:

RESOLUTION -96-12

RENTAL OF WOODRUFF-

On a motion of Councilperson Fenimore, seconded by Councilperson Martin, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes-5 Bartley, Fenimore, Martin, Morris, Phillips
Nays-0

Resolved, that the Town Board will rent the property to Scott Patzwhal with a two year lease at \$650.00 a month.

6. Meters- Some of the water meters need to be replaced. We have money left in the water capital project which will pay for them. We will have to talk to Jack Dodson to get more specific details on the situation.
7. Elizabethtown Benefit Fund-

RESOLUTION -97-12

ACCEPT THE GIFTS FROM THE ELIZABETHTOWN BENEFIT FUND-

On a motion of Councilperson Martin, seconded by Councilperson Morris, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes-5 Bartley, Fenimore, Martin, Morris, Phillips
Nays-0

Resolved, that the Town Board will accept the gifts received from the Elizabethtown Benefit fund a copy of which can be found in the Town Clerk's office.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS-

1. Martin-asked about the electric bill at the skating rink still thinks it is too high. The breaker will have to be turned off.
2. Morris-would like to know if the soccer field can be mowed on a regular basis this summer. He would also like to know if the highway department would be able to get the parking lot for the Blueberry Hill Trail System would be done before the Bike race in June. He would also like to discuss how to handle the logging sometime in the future.
3. Bartley-just wanted to mention she read in the paper that the State has set aside \$500,000.00 for kingdom dam. And the Bells have been returned.
4. Fenimore-said he didn't attend the meeting with the Town attorney Bob Hafner because he wasn't sure about the open meetings law. And he would also like to know if the meetings could be posted sooner.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

1. Gwendolyn Venesie-talked about the new type of water meter and possible low interest loan for installing meters if it came to that. She also made a suggestion about having a green-up day town-wide.

2. Allison Buckley- the community garden is up and running and they have a few plots available.

RESOLUTION 98-12

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Councilperson Martin, seconded by Councilperson Phillips the following resolution was with a Roll Call Vote

ADOPTED Ayes-5 Bartley, Martin, Morris, Phillips Fenimore,
Nays- 0

Resolved, that the bills be paid for the Abstract period 02/24/2012-03/22/2012: in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$29,784.31
Highway	\$2,375.10
Garbage	\$805.87
Lighting	\$1,566.47
Sidewalk District	\$0
Water District SW1	\$50.00
Water District SW3	<u>\$1,114.31</u>
TOTAL	\$34,890.19

RESOLUTION 99-12

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

On a motion of Councilperson Phillips, seconded by Councilperson Morris the following resolution with a Roll Call Vote was

ADOPTED Ayes-5 Bartley, Martin, Morris, Phillips, Fenimore
Nays- 0

Resolved, that the Supervisor's Reports for January, February and March are accepted.

Supervisor Bartley adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra R. Brooks
Town Clerk