Members of the board present: Doug Shelmidine, Don Goodnough, Joel Bovee, Kurt Gehrke, Mike Hubbard

Member of the board absent:

Others present: Debbie Payne, Bob Corron, Cindy Shaw

Public: (per sign in sheet): Lynn Shaw, Corey Reid from Bernier, Carr & Associates,Terrance McGraw, Lynn Shaw, Matt Owen, Jim Matthews and Greg Lake from Village of Ellisburg.

Regular Meeting called to order in the meeting room of the Town Hall at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Shelmidine.

Mike Hubbard made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, Don Goodnough seconded, and all board members present voted in favor –Shelmidine, Goodnough, Bovee, Gehrke, Hubbard (5-ayes)

Supervisor, Town Clerk and Tax Collector’s monthly reports were submitted to the board for review.

Floor opened to the public:

* Jim Matthews, Mayor of Village of Ellisburg addressed the board with inquiry about the corner property owned by the Town. He will submit a purchase offer of $1.00 and all legal/transferring fees for the property.
* Greg Lake addressed the board with Fire/EMS changes and asked the board to keep their ears open.

No public comment, floor closed.

Proposed Water District: Supervisor gave update on possible water supply from Mannsville. Corey Reid reviewed SEQR part II and Part III.

**Resolution # 11**

Conditional Negative Declaration (SEQR) for Creation/Formation of Town of Ellisburg Water District No. 3

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Ellisburg, New York has undertaken steps to create Water District No. 3 in the Town of Ellisburg; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ellisburg has reviewed a Long Form Environmental Assessment Form for the purpose of assisting the Town board in making a determination of significance in respect to whether the Project would have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town has reviewed the criteria for determining significance of an action that is set forth at 6 NYCRR §617.7(c); and

WHEREAS, having considered the action consisting of the creation of an improvement district and the potential environmental impacts associated with such action the Town Board has determined to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ellisburg finds that the proposed action is subject to SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action constitutes a Type 1 action under SEQR 617.4(b)(6); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board is the agency with jurisdiction by law to fund, approve, or directly undertake this action,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board has received approval from other involved agencies to serve as lead agent for coordinated review of the action under SEQR and/or the 30-day period in which to object.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ellisburg, New York;

1. Based upon the examination and consideration of the Long Form Environmental Assessment Form and comparison of the proposed action and criteria set forth at 617.7, no significant adverse impact on the environment is known by the creation/formation of Water District No.3.
2. The Supervisor for the Town of Ellisburg is authorized to execute the Long Form Environmental Assessment Form to the effect that the Town Board is issuing a “conditional negative declaration” under SEQR.
3. The Town Clerk is herby directed to file and circulate Part 3 in accordance with the requirements for a Type I action of the Long Form Environmental Assessment Form.
4. The Negative Declaration is conditioned upon the thirty (30) day coordinated review period expiring without any objection by an involved agency.
5. A complete copy of the EAF including its negative declaration shall be maintained in the Town Clerk’s office in a file that will be readily accessible to the Public. Further, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to publish a notice to that effect in the Environmental Notice Bulletin. All subsequent notices regarding the undertaking of the project as set forth in this report shall state that a negative declaration has been issued.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Joel Bovee, and seconded by Board Member, Donald Goodnough and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor, Doug Shelmidine - Yes

Joel Bovee - Yes

Kurt Gehrke - No

Michael Hubbard - No

Donald Goodnough - Yes

Dated: March 9, 2023 Debra L Payne, Town Clerk

Corey Reid and Supervisor Shelmidine reviewed the Amendment to the Engineer Agreement for Proposed Water District No. 3.

Joel Bovee made a motion to approve the agreement amendment with Bernier, Carr and Associates and the Supervisor is authorized to sign the same. Donald Goodnough seconded with voting as follows (4-ayes, 1-nay)

Bovee- aye Goodnough-aye Shelmidine-aye Hubbard-aye Gehrke-nay

Building Infrastructure: Hyde-Stone was here and fixed the heating units. Everything is working good at this point.

Supervisor’s Report:

* Supervisor advised that he had attended a meeting about the Solar farm, part of which is in Town of Ellisburg, and Town of Adams will be Lead Agency for the project.
* Supervisor Shelmidine also gave the board copy of possible amendments to the Solar Law.
* Reviewed various correspondences.
* Reviewed with the Board the increased prices for new water hookup materials.
* Reviewed Transfer Station fees and expenses.

**RESOLUTION # 12**

WHEREAS, the cost of materials and parts has increased significantly pertaining to new service water hookups;

BE IT RESOLVED, the cost for new hookups for water services will be increased from

* $1250.00 no meter pit to $2000.00
* $1850.00 with a meter pit to $3100.00

Offered by: Kurt Gehrke

Seconded by: Mike Hubbard

Voting aye: Bovee, Goodnough, Shelmidine, Hubbard, Gehrke

Voting nay:

Absent:

Abstained:

Highway Superintendent’s Report:

* Leak detection is recommended every 5 years for the water districts. Cost is $3200. Will get it set up.
* James Matthews is going to Lake Placid to get his re-certification for water operator.
* Highway work force will be down by one man due to shoulder surgery.
* PESH (Dept of Labor) came for inspection of Water Department only. Few minor violations that need addressing.
* Gave report on the trucks
* Discussed mowers.

Assessor/Zoning Officer report:

* Gave a report on the violations that have been addressed
* Gave update on the Pierrepont Manor House (unsafe building)
* Discussed the Senior Exemption based on income levels. The Town level is $15200.

Supervisor Shelmidine made a motion to enter into executive session for legal matters. Mike Hubbard seconded and board entered executive session at 8:43pm

Board returned from executive session at 8:53pm with no action taken.

The board audited and signed the prepared vouchers for:

Abstract No. 2023-3

Voucher # 98-157 $449851.45

With nothing further, Councilman Hubbard made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Seconded by Councilman Goodnough, all those present voting in favor-Shelmidine, Goodnough, Bovee, Gehrke, Hubbard (5 ayes)

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Payne

Debbie Payne, Town Clerk