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

Member of the board absent: Kurt Gehrke

Others present: Debbie Payne, Bob Corron, Cindy Shaw

Public: (per sign in sheet): Toni & Mike Duffy, Terrance McGraw, Diane & Brian Worden, Lynn Wendell, Alec Wendell, Gerald Chilton, Anne Marie DeGraff, Christopher Robl, Tammy Castor, Susan Ondrasek, Douglas Welbourn Jr.

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, Donald Goodnough seconded, and all board members present voted in favor –Shelmidine, Goodnough, Bovee, Hubbard (4-ayes-1 absent)

Supervisor and Town Clerk monthly reports were submitted to the board for review.

Floor opened to the public: 7:05pm

* Lynn Wendell addressed the board with more information on NYS Citizens Audit. Alec Wendell addressed the board as well. NYS Citizens Audit is asking for the Board to pass a Resolution.
* Diane Worden addressed the board with concerns about the corner of County Route 79 and County Route 78 traffic problems that could possibly cause an accident. Would like to have something done with these corners.

No further public comment, floor closed at 7:20pm.

RESOLUTION # 19

RESOLUTION FOR WATER STORAGE TANK(S) REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Offered by: Councilman Hubbard

Seconded by: Councilman Goodnough

WHEREAS, the Town of Ellisburg wishes to enter into a contract with Aquastore for needed repair and maintenance on the Water Storage Tanks located at Cobb Place and County Route 85; and

WHEREAS, the Town has reviewed the recommendations and the contract;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor for the Town of Ellisburg is hereby authorized to sign the contract for repair/maintenance of the Water Storage tanks.

Vote:

Supervisor Douglas Shelmidine - aye

Councilman Joel Bovee - aye

Councilman Donald Goodnough - aye

Councilman Michael Hubbard - aye

Councilman Kurt Gehrke – absent

RESOLUTION # 20

RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO DRAFT AND ENACT LEGISLATION REGARDING A VOTER’S IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Resolution for Town Board Meeting Dated: July 11, 2023

The following Resolution was offered by: Councilman Hubbard

and seconded by: Councilman Bovee

WHEREAS, this Country was formed on the principles of democracy and our forefathers fought for our right to elect our representation; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the state in the U.S. require a voter’s identification to increase the public’s confidence and ensure a fair election process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections may not get notification of a voter registering in another location or of a death of a registered voter; and

WHEREAS, in an economy where the Board of Elections may not have sufficient funding or staffing to purge voters rolls of individuals who no longer live in each election district or county, as required; and

WHEREAS, in a day and age where the ability to work does not necessarily need to be where you live, this allows for more individuals to be transient in nature and the addition of voter’s identification will assist in keeping all voter rolls current; and

WHEREAS, in the State of New York the requirement is to compare the signature on file, this doesn’t necessarily help maintain current voter registration, as name and address changes are not necessarily communicated in the current process, also this would assist in the purging of the roles of individuals who are no longer active voters in that county; and

WHEREAS, the subject of the resolution is not an action as defined by 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.2 (b), and therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ELLISBURG HEREBY REQUESTS the New York State Legislature and Governor Hochul to draft and enact legislation to allow for a voter’s identification process to assist with maintaining voter’s registration rolls; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, New York State Senator Mark Walczyk, New York State Assemblyman William Barclay

Vote:

Supervisor Douglas Shelmidine - aye

Councilman Joel Bovee - aye

Councilman Donald Goodnough – aye

Councilman Michael Hubbard - aye

Councilman Kurt Gehrke – absent

RESOLUTION #21

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Ellisburg, New York is the owner in fee of a parcel of vacant real property located at 4546 NYS Route 289 (East side NYS Route 289 and intersection with NYS Route 193) in the Town of Ellisburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, the subject premises was acquired by the Town of Ellisburg previously and is identified as Tax Parcel No.: 117.83-1-38; and

WHEREAS, the subject premises constitutes vacant, unwanted, unneeded real property and is not necessary for any current or anticipated Town use or purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ellisburg has evaluated the subject property and investigated its potential value as normal but may be helpful for Village Purposes; and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Ellisburg has expressed an interest in purchasing the subject property for $1.00 to further public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ellisburg, upon due deliberation, has expressed a desire to sell the subject property “AS IS” to the Village of Ellisburg upon certain terms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to permissive referendum, Doug Shelmidine, as Supervisor of the Town of Ellisburg and on behalf of the Town, be and hereby is authorized to sell the subject premises described above and consisting of 75+

X 113+ to the Village of Ellisburg in “AS IS” condition by quit claim deed for $1.00; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village shall have the subject property surveyed at the Village’s expense if needed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conveyance shall be contingent upon:

1. The purchase price shall be in U.S. Funds payable at closing;
2. The purchaser is responsible for all costs, fees, disbursements and recording charges associated with the conveyance; and
3. No subdivision, or changes in use, of the subject property will be permitted absent compliance with applicable land use regulations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Doug Shelmidine, as Supervisor of the Town of Ellisburg, is hereby authorized to execute all documents which may be required to effectuate the sale and transfer of all rights, title and interest of the Town of Ellisburg in said property subject to the above.

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

Supervisor, Doug Shelmidine – aye

Joel Bovee – aye

Kurt Gehrke – absent

Michael Hubbard – aye

Donald Goodnough – aye

Dated: July 11, 2023 Debra Payne-Town Clerk

Building Infrastructure:

* The thermostatically controlled fan has been installed in the maintenance room.
* Spectrum is all installed at all locations and is working good.

Supervisor’s Report:

* Supervisor Shelmidine and Councilman Hubbard attended a meeting at South Jeff Rescue Squad with other Towns on the proposed Ambulance District.
* Supervisor gave the board an update on various reports from 2011 on Former Judge Jansen’s November and December 2011 reports. He also advised of current correspondence from the State regarding the same.

Highway Superintendent Report:

* The Highway is working on the Baldwin Road
* Paving is set to begin the beginning of August for Balch and Hagen Roads.

Assessor Report:

* Cindy gave a report to the board on a meeting with DEC, CEHA and members of the Town board on the Coastal Areas.

Town Clerk advised the board of a meeting of the Jefferson County Clerks and Collectors with a presentation from the State on FOIL and Committee on Open Government on July 21st at Garland City in Watertown. All board members are invited to attend.

The board audited and signed the prepared vouchers for:

Abstract No. 2023-7

Voucher # 277-314 $137387.36

With nothing further, Councilman Bovee made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Councilman Goodnough, all those present voting in favor-Shelmidine, Goodnough, Bovee, Hubbard (4 ayes)

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Payne

Debbie Payne, Town Clerk