

**Town of Elba
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2025**

Supervisor Hynes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Those in attendance included:

Supervisor Hynes
Councilman Chamberlain
Councilman Coughlin
Councilwoman Marshall

Others Present:

Town Clerk Werth
Superintendent of Highways Yungfleisch
Denton Murphy, Hecate Energy, left meeting at 7:16 p.m.
Seth Knoll, Primoris Renewable Energy, left meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Absent:

Councilman Augello

Minutes of January 2, 2025 Organizational Meeting

MOTION Councilman Chamberlain, second by Councilman Coughlin to approve the minutes as written.

Ayes: Chamberlain, Coughlin, Hynes, Marshall

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote (4-0)

Minutes of January 2, 2025 Town Board Meeting

MOTION Councilman Coughlin, second by Councilwoman Marshall to approve the minutes as written.

Ayes: Chamberlain, Coughlin, Hynes, Marshall

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote (4-0)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Denton Murphy with Hecate Energy and Seth Knoll with Primoris Renewable Energy were in attendance to discuss the Hecate solar project. Mr. Knoll stated he spoke with Dan Stanley, NYSDOT, regarding the entrance on State Route 98, it will be approximately 500 feet from where it currently is. Waiting for Hecate's engineers to provide the proper paperwork to the State. Regarding signage, the State provides approval for any signs within 500 feet of that intersection. The County would need to approve any signs on Lockport Road. He stated they would be visible from the road. They are renting from the Zambito family, and they have given them permission to put signs on their property. This would be off the road right of way. Mr. Knoll said they are trying to find loopholes without getting in trouble. He stated deliveries will start up the first week of April. He met with a property owner at Route 98 and West Saile Road who gave them permission to potentially use his property as a staging area. Mr. Knoll will email Supervisor Hynes the traffic plans once they receive approval from ORES, NYSDOT and DPS. The other plan will be a proposal for the County. There will be signs that state "No Solar Traffic" past these signs. Councilwoman Marshall asked if he spoke with the Village Mayor regarding no traffic on the Village streets. They are in discussion. Mr. Murphy stated they will have a logistics team with pilot cars who will coordinate deliveries into town. Councilwoman Marshall asked about security, they shared that they would contract with Site Metric and Site Hawn who will drive by the sites. Material will be fenced in, and cameras will be strategically placed. Councilman Chamberlain asked if they would hook up to water. Mr. Knoll said they will request a meter in the spring. They also plan to drill a well at the intersection of Albion and Lockport Roads. Councilman Coughlin questioned the use of temporary signs. Mr. Knoll stated they have plans for several temporary signs that will be off the right of way and in their permitted boundaries.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2025

Supervisor Hynes offered the following:

REAPPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

RESOLVED, that David Scott be reappointed to the Elba Joint Town/Village Planning Board effective January 1, 2025, term ending December 31, 2029.

Second by: Councilman Chamberlain

Ayes: Chamberlain, Coughlin, Hynes, Marshall

APPROVED by unanimous vote (4-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2025 - TABLED

After discussion, Councilwoman Marshall made a **MOTION** to **TABLE** Resolution No.7-2025, entitled “Approve Proposed Easement Grant to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation”.

Second by: Councilman Coughlin

Ayes: Chamberlain, Coughlin, Hynes, Marshall

TABLED by unanimous vote (4-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2025

Councilwoman Marshall offered the following:

CLOSING OF ROADS FOR ARC GLOW FRIENDS & FAMILY 5K

WHEREAS, the Arc GLOW Friends & Family 5K, has scheduled a 5K race to take place on Saturday, September 20, 2025, 8:50 A.M.-10:50 A.M. in Elba, New York.

WHEREAS, the proposed race will start on Barrville Road, Elba, New York and includes portions of Bridge Road and Luddington Road and ends at the Genesee ARC facility on Barrville Road,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Elba has determined that it is necessary to close portions of Barrville Road, Bridge Road and Luddington Road in the Town of Elba, New York as described herein in order to adequately protect the health, safety and welfare of the participants in the race and spectators along said route, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Town Clerk of the Town of Elba, New York shall post a copy of this Resolution and Order on the signboard maintained at her office on or before August 1, 2025, and shall remain posted until Monday, September 22, 2025.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF ELBA**

Trisha Werth
Town Clerk

RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Elba does hereby adopt this resolution in support of closing roads within the Town of Elba for the Arc GLOW as part of the “2025 Friends & Family 5K” race, this 6th day of February, 2025.

CC: Sandy Konfederath, Community Relations Coordinator, Arc GLOW
Mike Heale, Elba Fire Chief
Mark Yungfleisch, Town of Elba, Superintendent of Highways

State of New York)

County of Genesee)
Town of Elba) ss.

I, Trisha Werth, Town Clerk of the Town of Elba in the County of Genesee, State of New York, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Board on the Town of Elba held on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the required necessary votes of the members to approve this Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Town of Elba, Genesee County, New York this 6th day of February, 2025.

Second by: Councilman Coughlin

Ayes: Chamberlain, Coughlin, Hynes, Marshall

APPROVED by unanimous vote (4-0)

ABSTRACT 2-2025

MOTION, Councilman Chamberlain second by Councilman Coughlin approve the following:

General Fund	14-44	\$329,688.87
Highway	2-18	\$89,098.71
WD1	1-2	\$81,784.02
WD2	1	\$2,573.20
Total		\$503,144.80

Ayes: Chamberlain, Coughlin, Hynes, Marshall

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote (4-0)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds

No report.

Zoning Board

Councilman Chamberlain stated Mark Caparco is now the Chairman and Max Torrey will remain the Secretary for this committee. There was no meeting in February.

Planning Board

Councilman Coughlin shared that Brad Mudzynski as Chairperson, Frank Kowalski, Vice Chairperson and Aaron Piskorowski as Secretary. They also discussed solar a bit.

GAM

No report.

Cemetery

Waiting to hear back from Perry's Lawn Maintenance regarding their 2025 contract. Will reiterate to Mr. Perry that they are responsible for seeding and leveling sections after burials. It was discussed to hold the last payment of each year once it is verified that everything is completed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Mr. Yungfleisch ordered 500 tons of salt. The Town takes part in the County bid so there have been no issues obtaining salt. Also, the mower is done, need to pay and pick up. Still waiting on trucks.

Assessor

Mr. Flansburg's report was emailed and is also available in the Town Clerk's office.

ZEO/CEO

Mr. Morris' monthly report was emailed and is also available in the Town Clerk's office.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Werth reported that she took in \$2,130.33 and remitted \$1,607.08 to the Supervisor for local share, \$32.00 to NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program and \$491.25 to NYS Comptroller's Office for the Bingo and bell jar licenses.

Tax collection went well in January. The Town was fully paid by January 29th, and we have sent the County one payment to date. We will continue collecting through the end of March.

Supervisor

Supervisor Hynes shared the following:

- NYCLASS report was passed around. Interest was up to 4.23% last month. Will move money to pay for chassis, mower and 10 wheeler.
- Will audit the judges on February 19th at 2:30 p.m.
- M&T stated this ATM is not productive and wanted to know if we are interested in keeping it on site. The consensus was yes as it is used by a lot of our residents. Supervisor Hynes will touch base with her contact at M&T and ask them for an insurance binder. She will also ask if they are willing to pay for the new lights that the State requires all ATM's to have.

Councilpersons

Councilman Chamberlain shared that a resident attended the Zoning Board meeting and has an interest in joining a Board. Town Clerk Werth shared that Mr. Jason Meyer is interested in joining the Planning Board. She will have Mr. Meyer fill out the application first.

Councilman Chamberlain would like to send Governor Hochul a letter in regards to protecting farm land. Supervisor Hynes encouraged Mr. Chamberlain to write the letter and then we would put it on letterhead for him to sign.

Councilwoman Marshall saw an article on a NYS town that was not going to allow solar in their town. NYS overrode their decision.

Councilwoman Marshall also shared that Mr. Earl Roth, Town Historian recently share an article in the school newsletter regarding a book entitled "The Forgotten Reapers of World War II". The McHugh family contacted Mr. Roth as they were looking to publish Mr. McHugh's personal memoirs from a diary he kept. He was born in Jamaica and came to Elba in 1944 to work in the onion fields here during WWII. The book can be found online, and our local museum was gifted a copy to be used as a reference.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was offered from Councilman Chamberlain second by Councilman Coughlin to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Ayes: Chamberlain, Coughlin, Hynes, Marshall

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote (4-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Werth
Town Clerk