

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 12th, 2011

The Town of Elbridge Town Board met in regular session on May 12th, 2011 at 7PM at the Town of Elbridge Municipal Building, 5 Rte. 31, Jordan, NY.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and Historian Jack Horner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilor Rita Dygert, Councilor Vern Richardson, Councilor Bill Kuhn, Councilor Doug Blumer and Supervisor Ken Bush.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudemool, Town Attorney; Robert Herrmann, Codes; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; David Gonyea, Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker, Jack Horner, Historian; Gretchen and Dan Leary, David Kochman, Beth Miccio, and Clerk, Deb Stapleton. Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator entered the meeting at 7:07 PM.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson the minutes from the April 28th meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) An invitation from the Village of Elbridge to participate in the Memorial Day celebration on Monday May 30th, at 10:30 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dave Gonyea, of 6336 Bay Road, Jordan, addressed the Board regarding the history of his property, and that many large trucks working on the NYS Thruway are traveling over his well and that the well head is actually across the road. There was discussion on rectifying this issue with the town, and the construction company.

REPORTS:

Assessor: report on file.

Highway Superintendent: discussed Crossett Rd flooding, mulch, and parking lot striping, report on file.

Code Enforcement Officer: report on file. Finished training sessions for Code credits (for the year) and went over Superior Walls, and manufactured home installation. Fire inspections are moving along. Burn ban will be lifted by DEC on the 15th.

Dog Control Officer: report on file. Discussion on dog seizure.

Senior Program Director: report on file. This is National Older American month.

Outreach Worker: report on file.

Historian: report on file.

Recreation Director: report on file.

Planning Board: two new members coming on board.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

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On a motion by Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson the following resolution was:

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Dygert Richardson Kuhn Blumer Bush
Nays 0

Resolution 84-11

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board hereby appoints Floyd Backes to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals member effective May 18th through December 31st, 2013.

On a motion by Supervisor Bush, seconded by Councilor Blumer the following resolution was:

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Dygert Richardson Kuhn Blumer Bush
Nays 0

Resolution 85-11

Resolved:

Be it resolved that in accordance with a resolution unanimously adopted by the Town of Elbridge Planning Board on its recommendations for appointment to the positions of Planning Board Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Elbridge Town Board hereby appoints Daniel Leary, Chairman; and John Stevenson, Vice Chairman effective May 12, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Dygert: Transportation Committee met yesterday, and decided to purchase a camera for drivers to see behind them more easily while backing up the JET vehicle. Volunteer recognition day is July 19th.

Councilor Richardson: Busy in Court office with traffic from the NYS Thruway. Sad to say the Community Summer Theater will not be participating this year (after 4 years).

Councilor Kuhn: talking with the architect, and helped elderly neighbors with our trash service.

Councilor Blumer: Discussed mowing and repairs at the cemeteries re: flags and fences. Attended a round table discussion with American Farmland Trust this week- it was very informative and this town is not the only one facing challenges with zoning in agricultural and separation issues with other areas that don't go well with agriculture.

Supervisor Bush: also attended round table discussion and learned there are hobby farms, recreational farms, corporate farms and some that are in-between. We are a mixed community and need to be aware of the economics. Nancy Hourigan has been in contact re: hoping to set up a meeting with the town board and the American Farmland Trust.

Supervisor also spoke with Drew Deapo re: taking a sabbatical from the summer Community Theater as it's been a trying year at the school, but Drew appreciated Councilor Richardson's past support, as the theater program is under the town's recreation department. A meeting will be held next Tuesday with the director of Onondaga County's purchasing division to put together a program where we can get the

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best price for any items the town may need to buy. It's not mandatory, but it's an opportunity to save money.

Meet the candidates, for school board elections, will be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce at the JE Community Center on Monday night at 7PM.

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Water Superintendent, Codes, Outreach Worker, Dog Control, Historian, Recreation, Senior Program Coordinator, Assessing, and Highway Superintendent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Historian Jack Horner mentioned the newly placed sign for the Town of Elbridge building looks very nice. Councilor Kuhn asked that we send Bruce Ralston a card of thanks.

On a motion by Councilor Kuhn, seconded by Councilor Richardson the following resolution was:

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Dygert Richardson Kuhn Blumer Bush
Nays 0

Resolution 86-11

Resolved:

Be it resolved the Town of Elbridge Town Board thanks Bruce Ralston for the donation of the stone sign at the front of the building.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Kuhn, seconded by Councilor Richardson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton
Town Clerk