

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
February 24th, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Supervisor Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked everyone to remain standing for a moment to remember Ronald E. Atwell, longtime public servant of the Elbridge Community.

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

**ABSENT:** Councilor Vern Richardson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dan Leary, Dan Conroy, Todd and David Rinaldo, Dave Kochman, Beth Miccio, Attorney Dirk Oudemool, and Deb Stapleton, Clerk.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge held a Public Hearing on February 24, 2011 at 7:07 PM at the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York for the purpose of considering any 2011 Community Development Proposals.

Legal notice that appeared in the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Eagle Observer was available and was posted at the Town Clerk's Office, Jordan and Elbridge Post Offices, Elbridge M&T Bank and Jordan Lyons Bank.

Supervisor: Does anyone wish to present any proposals? No one.

Supervisor: Does anyone wish to speak in favor of any proposals? No one.

Supervisor: Does anyone wish to speak against any proposals? No one.

Supervisor Bush declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:08 PM.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Supervisor Bush, the amended minutes of February 10th were approved.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Kuhn made a motion that General Bills Abstract #2, Vouchers # 69-132, in the amount of \$ 285,367.18 were ordered paid, and Highway Bills, Abstract #2, Vouchers #18H- 31H, in the amount of \$ 41,035.56 were ordered paid with a total disbursement of \$ 326,402.74.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) A 5 year agreement with Onondaga County Board of Elections regarding the use of the Jordan- Elbridge Community Center for primary and general elections.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Community Development application due by Friday, March 11, 2011 for the Hart Lot Water line replacement.

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Resolution 55-11

Resolved:

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

ADOPTED:

WHEREAS: on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 it pleased the Almighty God to remove from this community Ronald E. Atwell and

WHEREAS: Ronald E. Atwell served the Town of Elbridge faithfully as Deputy Codes Officer, Codes Officer, and Town Councilman from 8/5/83-12/31/2002,

WHEREAS: he has left a commendable record of loyal service as well as citizen and

WHEREAS: in his death, this township has lost a valuable citizen and past servant of government, and believing that a fitting tribute should be paid to the memory of a revered friendship and association, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that this Board express its sorrow by a rising tribute and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the bereaved family of the late Ronald E. Atwell and a copy be spread upon the permanent record of this Board.

Resolution 56-11

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

ADOPTED:

Resolved: That the Elbridge Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign amended agreement with Onondaga County Department of Transportation for plowing the Erie Canal Towpath in the area of Schaap Road for the 2010-2011 season.

Resolution 57-11

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

ADOPTED:

Resolved: That the Elbridge Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign 5-year agreement with Onondaga County Board of Elections for continued use of town's facility during Primary and General Elections.

Resolution 58-11

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

ADOPTED:

Resolved: That the Elbridge Town Board authorize the Supervisor to borrow from Lyons National Bank the sum of \$94,000.00 at 2 1/2% interest to be repaid over two (2) years. The purpose of the borrowing is to purchase a 2011 Six Wheel Truck Sweeper for the Highway Department.

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Resolution 59-11

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

**ADOPTED:**

Resolved: The Elbridge Town Board resolved to approve the request from the Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency (SOCPA) to allow for an extension of sufficient duration for completion of their review of the proposed code at their March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Resolution 60-11

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

**ADOPTED:**

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to send a letter to the State DOT to request a speed limit reduction on Route 5 East from the Village of Elbridge line to Sunview Drive posted at 35 MPH and from Sunview Drive to Champion MHP posted to 45 MPH.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Kuhn: Still no dog report. Brought in Drawings from the architect and would like everyone to look at them. One is a drawing that Bob Herrmann originally worked on.

Councilor Richardson: Absent

Councilor Blumer: Just returned from NYC and the Association of Towns conference.

Very worthwhile for him as a new board member. Attended classes on meetings regarding procedural things and entering motions. Two classes on hydrofracking and this is a topic of great concern. Another area of great concern is the sales tax cap issue. Attended a couple assessing classes re: various exemptions- one issue is buildings such as churches and schools that have closed and technically should be on tax rolls.

Councilor Dygert: Dirk and I have completed our work on the proposed zoning map- working with Penny and Celeste, and making sure data is correct- sending letters out next week to residents where changes have been made in their proposed zoning- about 50 residences. Catie O'Toole called and would like to do a front-page Neighbor's West story on the JET transportation program- sending a photographer out tomorrow.

Supervisor Bush: stopped up at the basketball camp and about 70 kids were participating- going quite well. In regard to the Elbridge Fire Department, this is an uncharted area for the town, and would like to reassure residents, especially on the southern end of the township, that there is fire coverage. Mottville and Camillus have both stepped up to assist Jordan, if needed. Will be having Executive Session regarding fire contracts, and Attorney Oudemool has agreed to sit in with us and see what some of our options are.

Councilor Kuhn: wanted to mention that he went to the legislative breakfast for Onondaga County Fire Departments (Councilor Dygert also attended) and it was a good meeting.

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Dan Conroy of Sandbank Road asked if there was a fire call will they use the assets at the Elbridge Fire house, or maybe you don't know yet? Councilor Kuhn responded that until March 15<sup>th</sup>, nothing will change. Both Jordan and Elbridge FD's are notified at the same time, and if Elbridge comes, they're in command, like they always have been, in their district. Short discussion followed.

Dan Leary: in the last couple months, there have been accidents along Rte. 5, and the detour has been for drivers to go down Sandbank Road, and the ten wheelers are a real problem, and for strangers to find their way back to Rte. 5 is an issue. Dan Conroy thought it was the Elbridge Fire Police sending them down there and the trucks don't go the speed limit, and there was a lot of traffic, approx. 300 cars and trucks. Dan Conroy wondered how many accidents before they lower the speed limit by Dollar General. Supervisor received a call regarding the speed limit along there, and this man suggested it be lowered to 35 from 45. There was discussion on the stretch of road in front of Tessy, and then again as you're coming into Elbridge from the west. Will fire off another request to the state DOT.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Resolved to enter into Executive Session at 7:50 PM for discussion on Fire Contracts.

Motion by Councilor Kuhn, seconded by Councilor Blumer to adjourn the Executive Session and return to regular session at 10:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Supervisor Bush, seconded by Councilor Dygert, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton  
Town Clerk