

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 1ST, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

**PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilor George Betts

**PRESENT:** Councilor George Betts, Councilor Bill Kuhn, Councilor Rita Dygert, Councilor Vern Richardson, and Supervisor Ken Bush.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Kochman, Beth Miccio, Doug Blumer, Dave Rinaldo, Todd Rinaldo, Dan Conroy, Robert Herrmann, Codes Enforcement Officer; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Jack Horner, Historian; and Danielle Karlik, Deputy Town Clerk.

**ABSENT:** Town Attorney Dirk Oudemool, and Deb Stapleton, Town Clerk.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson, the minutes from November 17<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** On a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Kuhn, Abstract #11, General Amount \$ 38,919.22, General Voucher #'s 684-738, and Highway Amount \$ 29,256.55, Highway Voucher #'s 184H- 199H, for a total amount of \$ 68,175.77 were ordered paid.

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:**

On a motion of Councilor Kuhn, seconded by Councilor Betts, the following Budget Modifications were approved:

From: B8010.4 Zoning- Contractual 500.  
To: B8010.11 Zoning-Asst.-Pers. Serv.

From: A1990.0 Contingency 150.  
To: A5010.4 Supt. Of H'way- Contractual

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) A formal request and petition from some neighbors on Halfway Road requesting their property remain agricultural regarding the rezoning issue.

**GUEST:** 1) Timothy Langdon, of Jordan re: hunting on Town owned property (Landfill) Mr. Langdon was not present.

2) David Kochman of Sandbank Road brought two separate issues before the Board; one being the tree that needs to be removed for a permitted driveway. The tree had been deemed a "site hazard". Mr. Kochman had discussed this issue with Highway Superintendent Pelmeur in 2009. He claimed Highway Superintendent Pelmeur agreed to remove the tree and grind the stump. The tree still remains and Mr. Kochman would like this agreement to be honored. Supervisor Bush stated that the Town Board cannot respond to this issue until obtaining further knowledge and will have a discussion with Highway Superintendent Pelmeur and Code Enforcement Officer Robert Herrmann. Supervisor Bush also stated that the issue is outside the purview of the Town Board.

The second issue being that of the petition submitted to the Town Board during the last Town Board meeting, on November 17, 2010. Mr. Kochman had a

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discussion with Town Attorney Oudemool. Residents of Sandbank road would still like to remain zoned as Agricultural.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**REPORTS:**

Assessor: on file. Assessing office had a busy month with mailings of letters and applications.

Highway Superintendent: on file. Highway Superintendent Pelmear said he had a meeting with a Verizon representative and by combining the 9 cell phones currently being used into the same program with Verizon there is a possible savings of \$432.00 per year. Superintendent Pelmear has plans to replace Town pick-up truck.

Code Enforcement Officer: on file. Code Enforcement Officer Robert Herrmann stated it had been a light month and there is one new house going up on Hamilton road. Supervisor Bush asked how many new houses had been given permits in the past year. Mr. Herrmann said perhaps five for the 2010 year and this was a low average. Mr. Herrmann also stated that building permits had gone up in the last quarter.

Dog Control Officer: no report on file.

Senior Program Director: Councilor Dygert said a representative from the Office of Aging had come to speak on Medicare changes parts A and B. A newsletter and calendar have been put together for November and December. Fit for the Next Fifty has begun, 29 people have signed up. High School has agreed to provide entertainment for the Christmas party

Outreach Worker: report on file. Leo Cooper and Mark Grasmeyer attended the 4<sup>th</sup> annual HEAP summit, received new application forms. A few new clients had signed up for HEAP

Historian: report on file. A box of pictures and papers from Ramona Redman house was given to Jack Horner by Dan Conroy.

Recreation Director: report on file. Basketball begins December 4<sup>th</sup>. Both the Elbridge Elementary and the Ramsdell gymnasium will be used. 130 participants are registered and more are coming in. The Code of Conduct will be read to participants, parents and volunteers.

Planning Board: Doug Blumer stated that there are a few subdivisions are being worked on. Tessy has been finalized and approved to expand. This expansion will fill up the industrial park and is proposed to be approximately 99,600 sq. ft.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Councilor Kuhn read changes made to Chapter 54 regarding the Dog Law.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush  
1 ABSTAIN Betts  
0 NAYS

Resolution 119-10

**Resolved:** The Elbridge Town Board resolves to adopt Dog Control Chapter 54.

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

ADOPTED: AYES 5 Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush  
NAYS 0

Resolution 120-10

**Resolved:** the Elbridge Town Board resolves to hire Harold Meaker, Aaron Bouchard, and Robert Herrmann as seasonal winter highway workers, with a rate of pay MEO level at \$ 16.07 an hour.

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

ADOPTED: AYES 5 Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush  
NAYS 0

Resolution 121-10

**Resolved:** the Elbridge Town Board agrees to extend the moratorium on the exploration of land for natural gas by horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing from November 30, 2010 –December 31, 2011.

On a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Betts, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: AYES 5 Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush  
NAYS 0

Resolution 122-10

**Resolved:** Whereas, the Supervisor pursuant to a letter dated October 29, 2010 duly notified all agencies involved in the construction of the proposed transmission and replacement water mains for the Hartlot water District that the Town of Elbridge proposed to name itself as lead agency pursuant to SEQRA; and

Whereas, more than 30 days have elapsed and none of the involved agencies have objected to the Town of Elbridge designating itself lead agency;

Now, therefore the Town of Elbridge hereby designates itself lead agency for the Hartlot Water District Main Improvement Project; and

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The Town Board hereby upon review of the long form EAF dated October 28, 2010 determines that there will be no unmitigated adverse environmental impacts as a result of this project; and it is hereby

Resolved, that a negative declaration be made as to the said Hartlot Water District Improvement Project.

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

ADOPTED: AYES 5 Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush  
NAYS 0

Resolution 123-10

**Resolved:** The Elbridge Town Board resolves to purchase a 2011 Ford F250 XL extended cab pick- up truck at a cost of \$32,583.38 on a recommendation of the Highway Superintendent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Betts: started classes for taking the bench. Councilor Betts expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Town.

Councilor Kuhn: has three new lamps to replace the ones at the Community Center. The lights in the front parking lot are all working but he needs to change the reflectors to a “forward throw”. Councilor Kuhn met with the building architect and has given his proposal to the Town Board. He would like to bring him in to meet with everyone after checking availability. A resolution will be needed.

Councilor Dygert: had the JET open house. Two new residents are interested in the service. No new volunteers signed up. Councilor Dygert would like to hold this event quarterly with more early advertisement and signage. She would like to check to find out where the JET banner is located.

Attorney Oudemool met with Councilor Dygert and a number of farmers to discuss changes made to the new zoning proposal. Future meetings are planned, one with Hanson Aggregate. A 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the zoning map will be available soon. 200 copies are being made by the County at \$0.25 a copy.

Councilor Richardson: discussed with Unison Management the interest in buying of the cell tower lease. Councilor Richardson said the offer was not close to that of Nextel and that he suggests we stay with what we already have in place.

Supervisor Bush: read an e-mail regarding three Route 5 traffic studies. Supervisor Bush informed that the December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting at 7:00pm would be the end of the year meeting to pay bills and the organizational meeting would be on January 5, 2011 and the Board would discuss proposal to change the Town Board meeting nights. Supervisor Bush offered his thanks to Councilor Betts for seven years of service.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Code Officer Herrmann spoke briefly about an article he had provided the Board members with regarding the dangers of discussions on Internet social sites.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Kuhn, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Karlik  
Deputy Town Clerk