

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 2nd, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Councilor Ralston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Councilor George Betts, Councilor Bruce Ralston, Councilor Rita Dygert, Councilor Vern Richardson, and Supervisor Bush

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Dirk Oudemool, Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Todd Rinaldo, Dave Rinaldo, Bill Kuhn, Dan Conroy, Tom McGuire, Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Doug Blumer, Ami Olson, Eagle Observer; Robert Herrmann, Codes Enforcement Officer; and Deb Stapleton, Clerk. Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator entered at 7:07, and Joe Patrick, Recreation Director entered at 7:25.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Betts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of November 18, 2009 and adopt minutes as written. UC

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS & BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:** Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Richardson made a motion that General Bills Abstract # 11, Vouchers # 667- 720 in the amount of \$54,166.85 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract #11, Vouchers # 141H- 166H in the amount of \$17,719.49 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$71,886.34.

And authorized the Supervisor to transfer the following monies into the designated accounts:

FROM: A1110.12	Justices-Pers.Serv.- Asst.Clk.	\$2000.
TO: A1110.4	Justices- Contractual	

**REPORTS:**

Assessor: Report is on file and Celeste Karakas, Assessor, said the coordinated assessment (with the Town of Camillus) has officially been approved by NYS Office of Real Property Services and is finalizing the details for the six-year agreement with the State. She thanked Ami Olson for the article she wrote in the Eagle Observer and has been taking phone calls for appointments.

Highway Superintendent: report is on file and Dennis discussed with the Board and had discussed with Attorney Oudemool regarding trucks and a standardization resolution for purchasing, bids, and equipment.

Code Enforcement Officer: report on file, and Bob said most of rental inspections are complete for the year. Also, Allred broke ground.

Dog Control Officer: report on file

Senior Program Director: report on file. 96 people for the Senior Holiday luncheon. Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, we'll go on a trip to Syracuse for Lights on the Lake. Discussion on the Community Center rental numbers.

Outreach Worker: report on file. As the price of fuel has gone up, there are more HEAP applications. Supervisor Bush thanked Leo for helping a couple recently moved here from Cayuga County having difficulty receiving assistance.

Historian: report on file.

Recreation Director: report on file. Meeting at the Ultimate Goal in Marcellus- good feedback. Soccer will start earlier next year. Wrestling and Basketball are starting up.

Planning Board Chairman: two minor subdivisions.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

Resolution 95-09

**Resolved:** the Elbridge Town Board agrees to waive the Subdivision fee for the Jordan Elbridge School District for its acquisition of property on Hamilton Road.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

Resolution 96-09

**Resolved:** The Elbridge Town Board approves the contract for shared Codes Enforcement services with the Village of Jordan. Contract attached.

Attorney Oudemool included a provision regarding legal counsel for the Code Enforcement Officer, and the Village Attorney will be required to prosecute all violations cited.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

Resolution 97-09

**Resolved:** The Elbridge Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract with Onondaga County for the snow removal on Towpath East for the 2009-2010 seasons. Contract attached.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

Resolution 98-09

**Resolved:** the Elbridge Town Board approves the increase of Justice Office petty cash by \$40.00 to \$75.00 to facilitate making change for fines.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

Resolution 99-09

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge agrees to reimburse the Jordan Elbridge School District \$1,061.00 for the Home-School- Community Worker and then submit a request for up to that amount in State Aid to the New York State Division for Youth, as outlined by the Youth Service Project Application.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

Resolution 100-09

**Resolved:** that the usual rental fee for use of the Community Center be waived for the upcoming wedding reception to be held there on December 26<sup>th</sup> as a token of this community's appreciation for the groom's service to this country.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

Resolution 101-09

**Resolved:**

**Whereas:** the Town of Elbridge Highway Department has three 10 wheel dump trucks, all of which are presently outfitted with Henderson dump bodies and associated hydraulic systems; and

**Whereas:** the Highway Superintendent is of the opinion that it would be more cost effective to standardize this equipment such that replacement parts can be inventoried and readily installed when needed.

**Now therefore:** be it resolved that pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, the Town of Elbridge hereby adopts a standardization resolution as to the said three 10 wheel dump trucks thereby permitting the Town to specify the Henderson product line for purposes of competitively bidding the purchase of replacement parts for said vehicles

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Betts: next fire department consolidation meeting is on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, and as this is the last regular Board Meeting of the year, he wanted to thank Councilor Bruce Ralston for the last four years of service to the Board, and the Town.

Councilor Ralston: His pleasure to serve on the Town Board, and welcome Bill Kuhn.

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Councilor Richardson: Justice Office will be starting interviews for people applying for the court clerk position. High speed Internet delayed – Verizon FiOS is all around us, no grants have been issued- maybe in 2011 for FiOS in Elbridge area.

Councilor Dygert: insurance enrollment forms are coming in and hopefully will be in quickly. Meetings for the JET committee have been meeting biweekly since May, and it's a dedicated group of volunteers. Involves much more than ever imagined, but it's going well.

Supervisor Bush: monthly reports are on file.

**MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE:** Supervisor, Town Clerk, Water Superintendent, Highway Superintendent, Zoning Officer, Senior Program Coordinator, Dog Control Officer, and Assessing.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Tom McGuire of Towpath East, wanted to thank the Board, Supervisor Bush, Superintendent Pelmear, and Attorney Oudemool, for the resolution regarding plowing Towpath East. "Even though it's temporary, it's been on the books for over 45 years, nineteen of which I've been a part of, so on behalf of all the residents there, we thank you, and it will be the best Christmas present we ever got."

Supervisor Bush wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked Bruce Ralston for four years. Councilor Dygert also thanked him.

Leo Cooper commented that he hoped everyone (at the luncheon) noticed how nice the building looked, and what a great job Donna's Cleaning Service does.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Ralston the meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton  
Town Clerk