

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 4, 2007

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on April 4, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York.

Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:05PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudermool, Attorney; Duane Milton, Dan Conroy, Kenneth and Joan Barrigar, Debra Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk and Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 21, 2007 and adopt minutes as written. UC

MOTION TO PAY BILLS & BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Betts made a motion that General Bills, Abstract #3, Voucher # 167 -220 in the amount of \$36,049.42 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 3, Voucher 46H -59H in the amount of \$16,258.25 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$52,307.67.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

From: A1990.0 Contingency	\$2000.00
To: A1430.0 Personal – negotiations, etc.	
From: A1990.0 Contingency	\$300.00
To: A3620.1 Safety Inspection – Personal Services	
From: A1990.0 Contingency	\$600.00
To: A5010.4 Supt. Of Highways – Contractual	

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Report on file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) Town of Brutus/Village of Weedsport- Joint Planning Board Meeting re: Application ID We Care Organics
- 2) Jeffrey Bartoszewski – re: letter of resignation.
- 3) Office of the State Comptroller-re: LOSAP (length of service award program)
- 4) Office of Board of Elections-re: lever machines will be used this fall and probably Feb.5, 2008 presidential primary so need town to store and deliver machines.
- 5) Town of Camillus-re: suggested town board resolution on STAR information.
- 6) Environmental Commission: re: Minutes of their Feb. 27, 2007 meeting.

Guests: Erica Meaker re: speeding on Brutus Road. Not present

Kenneth Barrigar of Elbridge Meadows, Elbridge.- He has purchased a mobile home in Elbridge Meadows. He gave the background of the home and gave copies of pictures and his report to the board. He planned to rebuild the unit and took occupancy the November 30, 2006. Has had to have fill brought in to make it level. Received and filled out a set of park rules and regulations. Someone came in to trim branches over the mobile home and there are power lines over the mobile home and he stated it is hazardous and dangerous. It is illegal and feels it’s the Town of Elbridge’s responsibility for this to be corrected. . He stated the code officers dating back to before Larry Gray and up to now have ignored this dangerous situation. He is sitting on an illegal lot and is paying for an illegal lot. If the park doesn’t have a permit how can they allow new

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tenants? What's the purpose of the permit if they are still allowed to operate? Discussion continued with Councilor Dygert stating this is the first she has been made aware of the power lines over mobile homes. Supervisor Bush said that since our conversation this weekend he has contacted NYSEG and they will be inspecting this situation and needs to hear from them.

Many remarks continued by Mr. Barrigar and he said he is not going to pay rent for an illegal lot

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Betts, seconded by Councilor Dygert the following was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that this board moves into Executive Session with Legal Counsel to discuss personnel at 7:21 PM.

Ken and Joan Barrigar left at 7:40PM.

Returned to Regular Session:

Returned to regular session at 7:42 PM with all members present.

REPORTS:

Assessor: No report. The Town Clerk reported on Penny Ceratt after her surgery and she is coming quite well except for some dizziness

Highway Superintendent: Report On file.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report on file

Dog Control Officer: Report on file.

Outreach Worker: Absent.

Recreation Director: Report on file. Councilor Richardson said there are 183 registered for baseball. Also preparing a flyer for the summer recreation program which is coordinated with the Learn to Swim Program, for July 9 –13 and July 16 – 20. Do need bus transportation from the pool to the school.

Planning Board Chairman: Councilor Dygert noted that Allred is moving forward on this project. Allred is going to need another piece of property from Tom O'Brien and he will need to do another sub division.

Supervisor Bush noted there was a picture in the paper of the construction at Allred

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OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge has received a resignation letter from the Code Enforcement Officer effective June 6, 2007.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

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Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge approve the Site plan Agreement with Allred Real Property LLC and authorize the Supervisor to sign it. (Agreement attached including a letter of credit)

Councilor Betts noted that the price did increase from last year as it was more work and thus cost more than DeMarco had thought plus now have the increase in gasoline prices.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge accepts the mowing proposal from Anthony DeMarco for the contract price of \$6,500 for the 2007 season.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Upon the recommendation of the Town of Elbridge assessor, the Town Board offers the following:

Whereas, Governor Spitzer proposed real property tax reform in the Executive Budget for years 2007-2008 by providing relief from school district taxes, known as “middle class STAR”, and

Whereas, such proposal is welcome and needed, and

Whereas, such proposal contains provisions of confidentiality that will impose costly requirements of altering assessment and real property tax collection programs, and of additional personnel, and dislocation and confusion in furnishing tax collection records, and

Whereas, such needed program of tax relief and be implemented through a direct credit against State income taxes.

Now Therefore, Be it

Resolved: that Governor Spitzer and the Legislature are urged to amend the “Middle Class STAR” proposal by eliminating the costly confidentiality provisions, or in the alternative that the program be revised by providing a credit against the STATE INCOME TAX.

Discussion of Code Enforcement Position:

For inquiries, Supervisor Bush noted that it is a Civil Service position and the salary range is \$28,000 - \$33,000. Bruce and Rita will be on the interview committee.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board advertises the Code Enforcement Officer position with applications to be into the Town Clerk’s Office by April 18th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Councilor Betts: In regard to the invitation from the Elbridge Land Company, Councilor Betts and Councilor Richardson visited the park to review the 1988 mobile home. It is nicely done with all fire safety in place. Solid construction and did a nice job rehabilitating. Champion has a good standard for maintaining homes in the park.

Received a call from business owner in the Elbridge Water District regarding the quantity of employees and the unit charge and offered some considerations to be looked at.

Councilor Betts noted he was glad the mowing contract was in place.

Councilor Ralston: gave board members a copy of his report. Has met with Plumley Engineering on the initial review on highway garage. Will give an analysis of different roof applications and to tell us the prudent application for the next 50 years.

Have continued searching for grants and there is one possibly through Homeland Security for a security fence and lights and cameras, -- will put that together.

Trash Day is May 12th. Am working with Appleton and Jack Lee for details, so the advertising can go out next week.

Last budget amounts from February abstract here have been added to my program if anyone needs any report.

Technology Committee met last week. Still working on upgrades on the server equipment. April 18th the computers will be shut down to do all this work.

Have reviewed the documents that Rita supplied some policies stating the use of Town computers. The generic one seemed most favorable.

Councilor Richardson: Will be having a work place safety film for the office to view.

Linda, court clerk is back after her illness and trying to catch up. Have been attending court---most interesting and eye opening.

Councilor Ralston said he has spoken to Jim Shannahan of Unified Court regarding the security audit on April 11th and it includes architectural plans of redoing court office.

Equipment is available sometimes to towns from downtown court office.

Supervisor Bush noted the audit could be very expensive for small towns.

Discussion followed on the plus and minuses of having a town court.

Councilor Dygert: Leo Cooper, Mark Grasmeyer and myself are working on new ideas for seniors such as yoga, senior picnic and fishing day, card club, weekly coffee & donuts mornings.

At the last senior meeting there were representatives from the regional transportation authority: Call a bus is for people with disabilities or health conditions.

Centro bus service is limited. Still no real answer for out here in rural area.

Gave board members a copy of chapter 26 that Dirk has done a complete rewrite. This chapter deals mainly with building and rentals properties. Would like everyone to review and possibly call for a public hearing at the next meeting.

Advisory Committee met earlier tonight. Have nearly completed the parking regulations. New copies should be ready this week.

Supervisor Bush: Mark Grasmeyer would like to do a newsletter and maybe eventually become a town board letter too.

An income survey was sent to Hart Lot Water District with a self-addressed envelope to return to the County. Hart Lot Hotel residents were hand delivered to those four residents as well as the house owned by Dan Conroy. They were delivered as the mail went to the owner and not the actual residents who live there.

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Michael Richardson is working on our updated personnel manual. Hope it is to us in a couple weeks.

Route 31 property north of Jordan is finally looking better. There are new owners. One part is an antique place and office, the other is a muscle car repair shop done as a hobby and then sold on e-bay. Attorney Oudemool said he also inspected the properties and Jamie Murray was warned to clean up his property and agreed with the Supervisor that the property is certainly improving.

Councilor Ralston noted that the Lollipop property is improving too.

Supervisor Bush discussed the electrical wire situation at the park is more complicated than what just what Mr. Barrigar brings before us. Checked with legal counsel and then contacted NYSEG for a ruling on these wires, and if truly illegal. Can go forward after their report. If there is a safety issue we want to be responsive to this request.

Checking on the licensing and housekeeping issues also.

April 27 & 28th are county clean up days. Discussion followed.

Dan Leary sat in on the meeting on review of what is going on in repairs of building and roof etc and gave us interesting advice.

Plumley was the lowest bidder which included plans to DEC, control around fuel island requirements and roof repairs.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dan Conroy said he felt that Plumley as the lowest bidder, was still expensive.

He also noticed the Broztek sign at Smith Trailer Park area. It has lots of tires and sheds still up there. Supervisor Bush said a responsible owner would have to take of the housekeeping. The house in front of that property has the electrical service, which controls the water, and the electricity has a notice of disconnection.

The mobile home park in Jacks Reef is operating without a license. The homes are very old there.

Gordy Franz of the Elbridge Fire Dept. - Elbridge Fire Department had their elections last night and he is now the fire chief. Carl Oman is Car 2 and Paul Czarnecki is Car 3.

Thanked George and Vern for coming to Champion Park to look at the rehabilitated park home and appreciated the comments.

He also asked about the issuing of the park permit at Champion Park. Attorney

Oudemool said the park should be properly inspected, individual pads and lots and need a report. He also asked Gordy if he could have the owner contact him again and Gordy said he would be talking to him.

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Dog Control Officer, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Water Superintendent, Environmental Commission, Recreation, Zoning Officer and Court

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Supervisor Bush seconded by Councilor Ralston the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk