

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD REGULAR
MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2007

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on August 1, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM 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 Oudemool, Attorney; Jack Horner, Historian; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Richard Ottman, Debra Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk and D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Councilor Richardson seconded by Councilor Dygert, made a motion that General Bills, Abstract # 7, Voucher # 428 –498 in the amount of \$ 22,808.95 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 7, Voucher 111H – 125H in the amount of \$ 24,832.78 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$ 47,641.73. UC

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: Councilor Dygert seconded by Councilor Ralston that the board authorized the Supervisor to transfer the following monies into the designated accounts:

FROM: A1990.0 Contingency \$6000.00

TO: A7610.1 Sr. Citizen – Pers. Service (Mark G.)

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SUPPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT: On File.

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) URS-re: Verizon Jordan Site, 801 Peru Road, Jordan, New York 13080.
- 2) Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County-re: water chestnut hand pull on August 7th from 5:00PM – 7:00 PM at Cross Lake Park, Dugar Road, Cato.
- 3) Senator DeFrancisco – re: helping Allred with curb cut application.

Guests: William Dibbern-various items. His first concern was that an extra fee was charged to residents on Sandbank Road for hydrants that have never been installed. Councilor Betts responded that the Village of Jordan have had much work and didn't have time to put them in; so he would take responsibility, find another contractor to do it and is in the process of obtaining estimates. It would have been a cost savings if the Village could have done it.

2nd. Concern was that he asked for a traffic light at Sandbank and Route 5 sometime ago and nothing was done until Councilor Dygert asked that a light be there. Have much information and would like to have some input as to the seriousness of the problems. Let him know if he could help give information to anyone.

Another concern that a doublewide or modular or any new home should have a garage for storage. Is that true? Has a neighbor that, because he is a contractor, has at any given time, a boat, 2 seadoos, dump truck with lowboy, construction trailer, dumpster, etc. at his property. Is there something that can be done, as he is tired of looking at it?

There is a holding pond at Cobblestone that had citations and wonder who is responsible. Hope it's not the taxpayer.

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Another issue is with his neighbor who owns property across from his and when the neighbor mows, debris is blown onto his property. Items were placed on the board table as examples, cans and metal. Needs the board's help.

Attorney is going to check into the town's codes as to right of way and to the town's responsibility.

Supervisor Bush said this might be out of the town's jurisdiction but more a neighbor situation.

REPORTS:

Assessor: Report is on file and Councilor Ralston said not much else to report. Penny is at school today and tomorrow in Utica. Trash Day is September 15, 2007.

Highway Superintendent: Report is file.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report is on file. Councilor Dygert reported that the building permits total \$628,928 plus a status report on the number of projects. Also investigating how to handle properties that have been abandoned.

Dog Control Officer: Report is on file. Picked up quite a few strays and taken to the SPCA.

Outreach Worker: Leo Cooper reported that on the 3rd Tuesday we had a picnic at the Fish Hatchery and they provided poles and bait for the seniors. Gary Jock was the only one to catch a fish that was a keeper and he took it home for dinner. Received many calls this month from people that have someone coming to their home who need a walker or other health item. I have delivered and picked up. Councilor Dygert, Mark and myself have been discussing the budget and a grant for a weight lifting exercise class. Still working on the FISH program. Meeting with people in Fayetteville-Manlius as they have a handbook and a very successful program.

Planning Board: No report

Recreation Director: Two week summer program was successful with 154 children participating. The musical theater program at Ramsdell on Thursday was very good for just two weeks to put together. Soccer camp with 57 kids attending is going on now and finishes tomorrow.

August 17th and 18th is the play "Into the Woods" at the high school put on by the J E Community Theater.

Senior Program Coordinator: Report is on file. Councilor Dygert discussed the report. 75 newsletters were mailed or hand delivered.

Had a speaker from Iroquois Health Center on fall prevention, boat tour on Canandaigua Lake. Tai Chi classes are half way through the 10 classes with 20 participants. New copier in office.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion of Councilor Dygert, 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 adopts amendment to subdivision regulations providing for a lot realignment procedure as follows:
Amend Section IV of Subdivision Regulations to add a new definition:

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Lot Line Realignment – the transfer of land between contiguous lot owners, which does not create a new lot.

Amend Section V, Subdivision “R” by re-designating it “B” and adding to it a new paragraph 4, which will read as follows:

4. A lot line realignment application shall first be considered as a rough sketch. At the next meeting the applicant shall submit a survey, which shows the parcel to be transferred and the residual lot from which it is removed and the expanded lot to which it is to be added. All buildings and structures on the residual lot shall be shown. No public hearing shall be required. The new expanded lot owner shall execute a request to the Assessor that the transferred parcel be merged into the expanded lot.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Whereas Mark Grasmeyer’s name has fallen within reach for permanent appointment to the position of Senior Citizens Program coordinator on civil service list #63275-322

Be It Resolved: that Mark Grasmeyer’s provisional appointment, 20 hours per week, is herewith being changed to permanent and made subject to satisfactory completion of a six month probationary period effective July 2, 2007 at a pay rate of \$12.50/hour.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

WHEREAS: Robert G. Herrmann, Jr.’s name has fallen within reach for permanent appointment to the position of Code Enforcement Officer on civil service list #63312-224

Be It Resolved: that Robert Herrmann’s provisional appointment is herewith being changed to permanent and made subject to satisfactory completion of a six month probationary period effective July 18, 2007 at a pay rate of \$30,000/ year.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the town Board set the salary of Justice Gale Mitchell at \$9985.00 annually pro rated for rest of this year, effective July 27, 2007.

Historian - Jack Horner – The town historians are working on a brochure meeting at the Town of Onondaga researching libraries on all the museums in the county being produced by the County. Funding is by John Marcellus for \$5000. Each town will only receive 1 brochure. So more money is needed. All places in the county are included as well as the Jordan Museum.

Still needs signs for California area. Discussed the development of the hamlets, such as Hart Lot.

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Developing a walking tour in Jordan of the historic district. Jeanette is developing one for the Village of Elbridge. Using the books of Jordan and Elbridge. Making a brochure for people that will be in the libraries and village offices. Jordan's walk is about 1.7 miles. Would like to do the town too. Need to develop a trail from here to hook up with the Skaneateles Short line trail. We have many interesting places in these hamlets such as in Hart Lot, Jack Reef etc. Borodino has done a great job with their area. Councilor Betts asked if the brochure could be posted on the Onondaga County website. Jack said it is on the Syracuse Chamber website. It's been a tremendous project. There are 28 museums in the county.

Discussed the \$2000 Grant application that Mark Grasmeyer is applying for and may need a board resolution. The deadline is very soon. Leo and Mark have spoken to Megan Blumer and she is already trained for this and possibly she could help.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the application for applying for the Totally Fit for the Next Fifty Grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Dygert: Bob Herrmann will be attending training on August 9th.

The welcome signs in the town need updating. Councilor Betts will check with Dennis Pelmeur.

Councilor Richardson: The J Cap grant was submitted. Gale Mitchell has finished an intense week of classes in Potsdam, NY for Judge. Received a lot of paperwork. Next week Monday he will have court with just traffic tickets.

Councilor Ralston: The application to DeFrancisco for \$50,000 was mailed in.

Waiting for Attorney Oudemool to finalize the roofing contract.

Plumley will have documentation for the oil separator, to be ready for bid.

Meeting tomorrow with Dennis, Duane, Sonny and Plumley's Engineer on drainage for the parking lot on the north side.

September 15 is trash day. Since we will have a security fence we may consider a change of venue for trash next year.

Technology meeting was last Wednesday and have ordered 2 re-conditioned computers so we can keep with the upgrading each year.

Met with Penny and Larry Fitts on budget.

Councilor Betts: Have had very good communication with the codes office.

Rolling Hills Trailer Park manager has contacted me requesting for public water. Would like to tie into the line that Dollar General is using. It would need a bigger service line.

Much discussion followed as to the costs that would be involved. The water line is across the road. Rolling Hills originally rejected joining the water district.

Councilor Betts said he hoped to have estimates for the hydrants for the next meeting.

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Discussed employee handbook.

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Dog Control Officer, Supervisor, Town Clerk,
Water Superintendent, Recreation, Justice and Zoning Officer.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at
9:24PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten