

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bush called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudemool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Debra Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk; Dan and Leary, Carl & Avis Tompkins and D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge held a Public hearing on August 15, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the own Municipal building, 5 Route 31, Jordan, New York to consider repealing existing section 30.44 and replacing with a new section 30.71 article VII to the Municipal Code to be entitled signs; the purpose of which is intended to create a more attractive physical appearance of the town and promote public welfare and safety.

Legal notice that appeared in the August 6, 2007 Post Standard 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 speak in favor? Dan Leary of 5644 River Rock Drive, Elbridge spoke in favor and encouraged the board to proceed with this. He asked a few questions - assuming it is comprehensive for the Town but excludes the Villages and is that correct. Yet seems to very strongly zone the Village of Elbridge sign ordinance. Residential set backs might need to be cleared up. Information for professional sign size is missing. Discussed pole signs and monument signs and asked that the different types be considered, as both can be favorable. In all this is a good ordinance.

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

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

REGULAR MEETING: Regular meeting began at 7:09 PM with all members present.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 11th, 18th and August 1, 2007 and adopt as written. UC

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) Onondaga co. Health Department-re: Reminder that rabies clinic at Elbridge Fire Department is August 20, 2007 between 5:00PM – 7:00PM.
- 2) Village of Jordan-re: 7 notices of intention to discontinue water service.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge acknowledges that the Justice Court audit was completed and presented at the July 18, 2007 meeting.

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Attorney Oudemool asked that the board not move on this following resolution. I would like to review this some more and Verizon should sign it first. Plus we need a couple other resolutions, one a surplus property resolution and a SEQR resolution. Will research these resolutions and have hope to have ready for the next meeting. Spoke with Coleman Burke and he will pick up and have them signed and then bring to the board.

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

ADOPTED: AYES
NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorized the Supervisor to sign the Land Lease Agreement between the Town of Elbridge, municipal corporation with its principal office located at Route 31 West, P.O. Box 568, Jordan, NY 13080, Tax ID# 15-6000939, hereinafter designated LESSOR and SYRACUSE SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP d/b/a Verizon Wireless, with its principal office located at One Verizon Way, Mail Stop 4AW100, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920, hereinafter designated LESSEE. The LESSOR and LESSEE are at times collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Parties" or individual as the "Party". Formal document on file.

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 reappoints Lawrence E. Fitts, Assessor for Town of Elbridge effective October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2013.

Councilor Dygert asked if everyone had a copy of the letter received from Megan Schader resigning as secretary of the Planning Board at the end of the year, December 31, 2007. Attorney Oudemool said a motion is not necessary but just acknowledge the letter. Resignations are effective when received by the Town Clerk. She has done a tremendous job. Discussed whether she will step down as alternate member and will ask her.

Supervisor Bush noted that he had a letter from the Planning Board from their last meeting regarding the Planned Industrial District.

Attorney Oudemool said we should have the traffic report by the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts: Received only one of three estimates requested for the hydrants on Sandbank Road. It was quite high and will continue to pursue. Will be meeting Monday with Dennis, Ken and Tom Brennan regarding consideration replacing the Town of Elbridge signs on Route 5. Would like to make them a little nicer.

Councilor Ralston: Have the documents for the oil separation project by Plumley estimated at \$20,000. Need a resolution for the advertisement to put out for bid. It's a considerable project.

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ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board proceeds with the advertisement for bids for the oil separator project as provided by Plumley Engineers.

Councilor Ralston said he received a letter from Pete Alberti and the Department Emergency Management of Onondaga County regarding the NIMS Project. It's a mass gathering shelter survey. If we don't have a plan, Emergency Management would take over. Does the Town already have a plan with the schools/fire departments and said Bruce he didn't know of one? He would be willing to check with the schools and fire departments. Does the town want to have an organized center for mass gatherings? Right now the Code Officer is the only contact person listed for the Town of Elbridge. It should be the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent and Code Enforcement Officer. Supervisor Bush asked Councilor Ralston to do an inventory for facilities and everything necessary such as generators and manpower that would be available in the town. "Into the Woods" by the JE Community Players is on this weekend at the JE High School.

Received Duane's report with the spill prevention plan and the inspection of the fuel tanks all detailed and he will be doing the inspections.

Also have quotes for the highway break room door and Penny's door. Waiting for another quote. The swing on the door will be changed so it is a true exit door.

Councilor Richardson: Spoke with Sarah Hunter as to the "Into the Woods" rehearsals and all is going well. It has been well advertised.

Next week starts soccer camp.

Seymour Loft Park will be starting the press box with the funds they have and hope to have it up and closed in before winter.

Councilor Dygert: Expanded on the letter from the Planning Board; it states that all the requirements have been met by Tessy Plastics for the Industrial Park District and when the traffic study is done the board will be able to act on this for a zone change.

While at the Planning Board meeting Tessy presented some changes, has added two more additions beyond the previous additions, one is for 40,000 and 11,200 square foot.

Storm water plan with all future growth considered, was approved by Barton & Loguidice.

Received a notice from Onondaga Planning stating the fall training will be offered in September for Planning Board members especially those who didn't were not able to attend previously.

Mark sent the grant application to the Office of Aging. A decision will be made August 31st.

The advisory committee met last Wednesday night and is working on fencing.

Having received comments at the Public Hearing and written comments regarding the signage, this will be taken into consideration.

Supervisor asked if the town should have another public hearing on signage since there could be some changes. Attorney Oudemool said it's the town's call but felt that if there were no major changes and is just minor tweaking, they can do without another public hearing. Supervisor Bush noted that the items brought up tonight were minor changes.

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Discussion followed on signage, home occupation signage, pole signs and monument signs.

Supervisor Bush:

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Carl Tompkins of 6454 Laird Road regarding a dirt track located in his neighbor's back property. There is a huge amount of dust that comes over to our yard and looks like heavy fog. They are racing at 9-10 o'clock at night. They say it is just for family and friends use yet they have a sign at the entrance that says track entrance. We need to have a noise ordinance. Ron Metz owns property and the Rothenbergs live there. We have called the sheriffs and troopers and they told us because the town has no noise ordinance they aren't able to do anything. The dust and noise of the loud engines make it so we can't open windows and are able to hear it even with the air conditioner on.

Attorney Oudemool said the activity is illegal and improper in normal residential use. Motor cross is not an incidental activity. The code officer was asked to tell them to stop and if not a ticket will be issued.

The town may need a noise ordinance.

The Tompkins said this is the 3rd. year of activity and it has gotten worse each year.

Dan Conroy of Sandbank Road entered at 7:49PM. He said that he saw that they have advertised in the paper for lessons to ride dirt bikes and 4-wheelers.

Supervisor Bush said it seems to be an unauthorized activity.

Dan Conroy reported that he did purchase the extension for the Cobblestone hydrant.

Supervisor Bush said he appreciated what he has done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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 this board moves into executive session with Legal Counsel to discuss possible legal litigation at 7:54PM.

Returned to Regular Session:

Returned to regular session at 8:39 PM with all members present.

Councilor Ralston said Plumley did an initial review of the parking lot.

Spoke with Rich Mastin and explained to him that he didn't seem to be doing what the town expected.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten
Town Clerk