

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD
MEETING
DECEMBER 26, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on 7:00 at 7:00 PM in the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York. Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Deb Stapleton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Denton, Eagle Newspapers; Deb Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk; Dan Conroy and Dana Anthonson.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Betts, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 5, 2007 and adopt minutes as written. UC

Correction to December 5, 2007 minutes, motion was made by Councilor Richardson and not Councilor Ralston as he was absent to adopt minutes as written.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS & BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Ralston made a motion that General Bills, Abstract # 12 Voucher #749 - 778 in the amount of \$92,609.42 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 12 Voucher #198H – 212H in the amount of \$44,649.67 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$137,259.09.

Also resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to appropriate and transfer the following monies into designated accounts.

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| From: A1990.0 Contingency | \$1550.00 |
| To: A7610.4 Sr. Citizens – Contractual (weight program) | |
| From: B8010.4 Zoning – Contractual | \$ 70.00 |
| To: B9040.8 Work. Comp. (Jeff & Bob overlapped) | |
| From: A1110.11 Justice Clerk – Personal Services | \$1500.00 |
| A1990.0 Contingency | \$1500.00 |
| To: A1110.12 Justice Clerk Assistant – Personal Services | \$3000.00 |
| (Extra help needed) | |
| From: A1355.4 Assessor’s – Contractual | \$ 300.00 |
| To: A1355.12 Assessor’s Clerk Assistant – personal services | |
| (Paige working for Penny) | |
| From: B9010.8 Zoning – Retirement | \$ 25.00 |
| To: B9031.8 Medicare (payroll) (Jeff & Bob overlapped) | |
| From: DA5130.2 Machinery – Contractual | \$1000.00 |
| To: DA5130.1 Machinery – Personal Services | |
| From: A1990.0 Contingency | \$ 37.82 |
| To: A5010.1 Highway Superintendent – Personal Services | |
| From: DA5140.1 Brush & weeds – personal Services | \$ 700.00 |
| To: DA9030.8 Snow Removal – Soc. Sec. | \$ 500.00 |
| To: DA9031.8 Snow Removal – Medicare (O.T.) | |
| From: B8010.4 Codes Enforcement Contractual | \$ 620.00 |
| To: B8010.1 Codes Enforcement Personal Services | |
| (Jeff & Bob overlapped) | |
| From: B9010.8 Retirement | \$ 820.00 |
| To: B9060.8 Medical Insurance (Jeff & Bob overlapped) | |
| From: A9010.8 Retirement | \$1500.00 |

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| To: A9060.8 Health Insurance | |
| From: A1990.0 Contingency | \$ 105.00 |
| To: A1510.4 Highway Superintendent – Contractual | |
| From: DA5130.2 Machinery – Equipment | \$9100.00 |
| To: DA5130.4 Machinery – Contractual | |

Robert Herrmann, CEO entered at 7:07PM.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the Supervisor to sign consent Declaration supporting the establishment of the school being the Lead Agency for Coordinated Review Under SEQRA/SERP for the Proposed Jordan Elbridge High School Expansion and Other Actions Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York. S&W No.71129.11.0500.

Supervisor Bush noted that this is part of their 5-year project for renovations, which includes the athletic fields and for addressing the high school septic system. These changes are in a pamphlet that will ultimately be brought before the public for a vote.

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 authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement with 1100 Elbridge LLC (Family Dollar Development) for the Covenant to Run with the Land for Inspection and Maintenance of the Private Storm Water Management Facilities.

Councilor Dygert advised the board that she had been contacted as all the retirees had received a letter from Blue Cross/Blue Shield that their insurance would be cancelled December 31, 2007. After many calls by Wendy and herself they finally reached Jonathon Wixson and it was a computer error. A follow up letter is being sent that all is OK. Naturally people were very upset!
Supervisor Bush said he would like a copy or both letters that were sent.

Committee Reports:

Councilor Betts: Discussed the Sunview Waterline engineering feasibility studies for Hart Lot transmission Line and Sunview Waterline. Would like to award the feasibility study tonight.

Nine letters were sent out to nine different engineering firms with only three responses. Have spoken to Miller Engineering and they are very interested in doing business out here. Ken Kaufman gave a \$1100 quote, the lowest for the feasibility study on Sunview and a total for \$22,000.

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Miller Engineering gave a \$1520 quote for the feasibility study with an overall total for \$15,510.

Sent out requests to nine engineering firms but only heard from four.

For Sunview Drive:

Miller Engineering was \$15,510.

Dunn & Sgromo was \$20,000.

Plumley Engineering was \$21,790.

Kaufman PC was \$22,790.

Supervisor Bush said this is a two-step process, feasibility study for cost estimates to bring to the residents and then if agreeable a final commitment with all the parts made available.

On a motion of Councilor Betts, 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 hire Miller Engineering for \$1520 to start the feasibility studies for the proposed Sunview Drive water district.

Councilor Betts noted that tests would be done according to weather conditions.

Also the Hart Lot Water Proposal needs more information and it could be more complicated so will wait to award that project.

Councilor Ralston: Oil separator project is done except for what can't be done until good weather.

3 B Tree Farm will move the trees to the ditch in the spring to screen the Town Center from the highway yard.

Haven't heard anything on the grant money for the security fence project.

Councilor Richardson: In the Justice office, Marie Bush will be putting in more hours after the first of the year. Becoming much more automated in the office.

Rita and myself did interviews for Recreation Supervisor on Wednesday and Thursday. Two people removed their names. Waiting to hear from the person selected and will appoint at the January 2, 2008 meeting. All were qualified persons and appreciate their interest.

Supervisor Bush: The Organizational Meeting will be January 2, 2008 with the swearing in at 6:45PM for Councilor Betts, Councilor Dygert, Justice Mitchell and Highway Superintendent Pelmeur.

Gave board members lists of committee assignments and having not heard from anyone I am assuming all are satisfied.

Elbridge was in the news for a couple of economic issues. Land trust announcement from Spitzer Office and gave you all a copy.

The furnace problem has been addressed.

Jeep problems will have to be addressed in the New Year as it is a 1995 with 50,000-55,000 miles.

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AUDIENCE:

Dan Conroy of Sandbank Road – said he had a question, as he was curious if the town allows the Highway Superintendent to use town equipment to keep his driveway plowed. Councilors responded that historically, the previous highway superintendent, James Manley always plowed his driveways with the town truck and they have to be able to respond by getting out of their driveway. Also the highway superintendent plows the parking lot out here and for the town center. He also checks roads in the night and often knocks down drifts. There are two employees that have trucks that go home with them, the highway superintendent and the deputy highway superintendent. Dan Conroy said he doesn't feel it is legal to do that and doesn't feel that it is right. It was noted that it was always done before with the previous highway superintendent.

Supervisor Bush said he would check into this.

Dana Anthonson of Pine Street: Said he feels the board is doing a good job.

Bob Herrmann, CEO: told the board what he did in the three days of training classes. The instructor kept it interesting. Another 6 classes coming up and after the March course he will be certified. Much information obtained. Report is on file.

Supervisor Bush noted that Bob did very well on the test.

Said he would see if everyone next week and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Ralston the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten
Town Clerk