

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2007

REGULAR 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 7:10 PM and Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Councilor Bruce Ralston.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudemool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Debra Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk; Doug and Meghan Blumer, Dan Conroy, Dana Anthonson and Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Betts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of November 5 and November 20, 2007 and adopt minutes as written. UC

MOTION TO PAY BILLS & BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: Councilor Betts seconded by Councilor Richardson made a motion that General Bills and Abstract #11, Voucher # 687 -748 in the amount of \$ 37,171.45 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 11, Voucher 176H – 197H in the amount of \$ 20,862.88 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$58,034.33.

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

From: A1990.0 Contingency	\$300.00
To: A7510.4 Historian – Contractual	
From: A1110.11 Justice Clerk – Personnel Services	\$1000.00
To: A1110.12 Justice – Clerk Asst. Personal Services (Linda’s absence/asst. needed)	
From: A1990.0 Contingency	\$ 161.00
To: A1450.1 Election – Personnel Services (Highway men moving machines)	
From: A1620.2 Building & Grounds – Capital Project	\$2500.00
To: A1620.1 Building & Grounds Pers. Serv. Hwy men working on capital project	
From: B8020.4 Planning – Contractual	\$ 400.00
To: B8020.1 Planning – Personal service (Meg Schader as Alternate member)	
From: DA9060.8 Health Insurance	\$ 750.00
To: DA5148.1 Service to other Gov’ts. –Personal Service	
From: A1990.0 Contingency	\$ 300.00
To: A7510.4 Historian – Cont. (to cover rest of replacement of sign)	
From: A8090.4 Environmental	\$9000.00
To: A1620.2 Bldgs.& Grounds – Capital Project (for drainage, etc. project)	
From: B9010.8 Retirement	\$ 200.00
To: B9060.8 Health Insurance	

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **FROM:** State Comptrollers office –re: Teleconference December 13, 2007 for those just elected.
- 2) Highway Department – re: Christmas trees may be recycled at the Town highway Department starting December 26, 2007 through January 31, 2008.
- 3) Codes office will be closed on December 4,5 and 6th as CEO is at training.
- 4) Office of the Board of Elections –re: Certificate of Determination of the Board on town offices voted on at General Election on November 6, 2007.

Supervisor Bush reported there would be no meeting on the 19th and the next meeting is December 26th to pay the year-end bills.

REPORTS:

Assessor: Report is on file.

Highway Superintendent: Report is on file. Highway Superintendent Pelmeur gave the board pictures of Campbell Road Railway underpass showing the many icicles leaking through. Had spoken with the Railroad & Federal Transportation earlier this year and they responded saying they would be monitoring it and repairing. Nothing so far, thus will contact them again. Councilor Betts said he might want to contact Senator Schumer's Office for help as he helped the Village of Jordan greatly.

Also is checking on cell phones for a better price.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report is on file.

Dog Control Officer: Report is on file.

Outreach Worker: Leo Cooper was not able to be present but his report was put in with Mark Grasmeyer's (Senior Program Coordinator.) The Christmas luncheon was cancelled on Tuesday due to weather and rescheduled for tomorrow, Thursday. December 5th is a trip to Beck's Grove. December 11th is Christmas Concert at the school with lunch and a bus will be provided. Already visited the Everson Museum Trees. Also plan to visit the canal museum with the gingerbread houses. HEAP applications are available.

Senior Program Coordinator: We received from the Onondaga County Office of Aging the \$4000 grant for transportation. Monday begins the weight lifting program for seniors.

Recreation Director: Report is on file. 148 children registered for basketball. CCYO league has updated their schedule but only two weeks at a time. Twenty-six have registered for wrestling. Councilor Richardson said they are still receiving resumes for the Recreation Supervisor, which are due by Monday, December 10, 2007.

Planning Board: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilor Dygert reported that the Advisory committee has been reviewing the noise law. Considerable debate was heard at tonight's meeting especially from the farm personnel regulating farm hours with the operation of farm equipment. Would like them exempt from this.

Councilor Dygert called for a Public Hearing on this Local Law.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
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Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge set January 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM to a hold Public Hearing to hear comments on Local Law #1 of 2008 regarding noise. (It was noted that it is based on Camillus's Noise Law.) Attorney Oudemool noted it gives law enforcement a tool to address noise complaints and also a help to the code enforcement officer.

Dana Anthonson entered at 7:35PM.

Attorney Oudemool discussed the Town's Chapter 66 Public Assemblies Article I Title and Purposes and that it should be amended. It is in regard to mass assemblies. Should be changed from 1000 persons to 250 persons. Regarding paid events like rock concerts in a field as that has noise involved too. Special permit would be required. Nothing to do with private events, more to commercial.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge set January 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM to hold a Public Hearing to hear comments regarding amending Chapter 66 of Municipal Code to reduce the number of attendees from 1000 to 250 persons for a public event. A special permit would be required.

Councilor Dygert also brought up the problems with abandoned or vacant homes and asked Attorney Oudemool to explain. It was to hire someone to cleanup a property that has become unsightly and there is no one to contact. It is then added it to the taxes. Much discussion continued.

Dana Anthonson at first questioned this proposed law and at the end understood the problem. It's not the neighbor that never mows or cleans but the abandoned homes left unkempt that can cause a problem for public health and safety.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge set January 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM to hold a Public Hearing to hear comments on adding clean up costs to property taxes.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge appoints Elizabeth (Liz) Foster as the secretary/alternate member of the Planning Board effective immediately for training purposed until December 31, 2007. Effective January 1, 2008 she will be appointed one year as secretary and 2 years as alternate planning board member.

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Supervisor Bush noted there are three Public Hearings for January 16, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts: Commended the Highway Department for the response on the first snowfalls.

Public safety committee will meet in January.

Sent letters out requesting for proposals on the transmission line for Hart Lot Water Line and Sunview Drive Water. Received 4 proposals back out of nine being sent out.

Will table this to discuss with Doug Miller and Ken Kaufman. Need more information and can possibly make a decision on December 26, 2007.

Councilor Richardson: Having a person come into the Justice Office on December 14, 2007 to train so that more can be done on computer. Marie is doing well and the gal from the Lysander office that has been helping has been good. Marie will be available more as she has given the Village of Jordan her resignation notice effective December 27, 2007. Haven't heard from Linda Faulkner as to her health.

Councilor Dygert: Advisory Committee met tonight on land use.

Sat in with Councilor Ralston on the part time maintenance interviews. Need time to review. Could possibly do a contract. Councilor Ralston had e-mailed info to the board on this.

Highway Superintendent Pelmeur asked if this included mowing and with their own equipment or the town's as that could make a difference.

Councilor Betts said that the janitorial side has been very good with Donna's Cleaning Service. Maintenance person is another decision.

A snow blower would be very good to have. Discussion followed.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
 0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge hire for janitorial services Donna Fadden's Cleaning Services effective immediately.

Supervisor Bush: Brought everyone up to date on the Tony Argese problem with the speeding on Whiting Road in Memphis. Sent letters to the Supervisors of Town of Van Buren, Camillus, Onondaga County transportation, State DOT and Sheriff's offices. State DOT is checking, the county replaced one sign and not the other. The county has no intention of putting up. Also sent a letter to the County Legislator.

Received a letter from Elbridge Mayor regarding the trooper barracks. Asking for a response. May address this later. Building is not adequate. Village of Elbridge owns the building now. They want to enlarge the building. Troopers have not contacted my office. Need a letter of support from this board. Will put this on the agenda for December 26th.

The substation was built 13 years ago at a cost of \$68,000 and nothing is paid to the Village. A 1.2 million dollar building is desired. Sharing services and funds was discussed. Maybe just need a letter of support to have the barracks remain in the Town of Elbridge.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
 0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge strongly supports the trooper barracks with a continued need to have them remain located in the Town of Elbridge.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dana Anthonson of Pine Street, Jordan - Asked the board especially Councilor Richardson if, when a new recreation director is hired, could his studio be considered again for pictures for the Little League baseball and basketball teams. He and the current director had a falling out some 10 years ago and had said that she would never use his Studio. Would like to be considered again with the new director and program.

Doug Blumer of Whiting Road – stated opposition from the Agriculture Committee as to the concerns they have on the noise ordinance. He presented a letter to the board members that he had drafted that shares their concerns. Most of these concerns were brought up at their committee meeting. This is to explain to the board to understand their concerns.

Megan Blumer is ready to start the senior fitness program on Monday, December 10.

The ankle weights are in and hopes the hand weights will be here soon.

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

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk