

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2007

**REGULAR MEETING:** The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on February 21, 2007 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dirk Oudemool, Attorney; Dick Clarke, Syracuse Newspapers; Richard Ottman, Dan Conroy, Allen Gilmore, Deb Stapleton, Deputy Clerk and Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion of Councilor Betts, seconded, by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 7, 2007 and adopt minutes as written. UC.

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:**

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 approved the following budget modifications:

From: A1990.0 Contingency \$770.

To: A1430.0 Personnel, Negotiations (Michael Richardson)

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**FROM:**

- 1) Greater Jordan-Elbridge Chamber of Commerce-re: re-establishing the "Welcome Neighbor" package.
- 2) Onondaga County Supreme Court-re: Foreclosure and Sale on March 27, 2007 at 10:00 AM of premises at 17 N. Hamilton St., Jordan.
- 3) OCCRA 2007-re: revised Municipal/Non-Profit Fees.
- 4) Cortland County Planning Dept.-re: NYS Dept. of State Training for Local Officials on March 15, 2007.
- 5) CNY Regional Planning & Development Board-re: Local Census Address informational workshop being hosted in your County in March.
- 6) Onondaga Co.Dept of Emergency Management-re: have requested a Federal disaster declaration for NYS that includes Oswego and Onondaga County.
- 7) P.E.A.C.E., Inc.-re: Project R.O.S.E. semi-annual report covering July-December 2006.
- 8) NYS Office of Real Property Services-re: Residential Assessment Ratio 83.31.
- 9) Onondaga Pomona Grange-re: encourage building inspectors to inspect a farm building using the new regulations.
- 10) Finger Lakes SPCA-re: contract.
- 11) OCCRA-re: Fuel Surcharge and Environmental Fees.

Supervisor Bush welcomed everyone.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract between the Town of Elbridge and the Finger Lakes SPCA of CNY for the provision of boarding services for stray dogs effective January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007.

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 has set March 7, 2007 at 7PM at the Town of Elbridge Municipal Building for a Public Hearing to consider a local law amending Chapters 26 and 30 of the Elbridge Municipal Code to impose a 3-month moratorium on the issuance of building permits for or the allowance of wind power electrical generation, Residential Accessory Uses and Home Occupations.

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 of Elbridge applies for Community Development Funding to construct a new water transmission line from Gorham Road to the Hart Lot Water District Line on Jordan Road.

Discussion of the Towns Association Meeting in New York City. Councilors George Betts and Rita Dygert plus Highway Superintendent, Dennis Pelmeare attended. They attended many different sessions and the seminars were very helpful.

Attorney Oudemool noted there should be a second resolution regarding the Public Hearing on March 7, 2007.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH  
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**Resolved:** Refer to SOCPA and the Elbridge Planning Board the proposed amendments to Chapter 26 and 30 of the Elbridge Municipal Code.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Betts: Spoke on the sessions that he and Rita attended at NYC conference. They covered areas of energy, planning, court, which were very good. It makes it good for networking and to hear concerns of other towns. They heard Governor Spitzer and the new comptroller. Highway Superintendent Pelmeier also found a mixed variety of information. Extremely important for state mandates, such as work place violence and other documentation. Also is good to have records on-line. Minutes should be on-line. It also covered much information on budget.

Councilor Ralston: Letters have gone out to prospective engineers. Have heard from all except Barton & Loguidice and Ken Kaufman. Met with most of them on the past Monday. Encouraged with the information.

Also had many inquiries as the highway garage roof. An engineer will need to provide the specs for the bidding process as to what kind of roof etc.

Keeping an eye on the leaks in the garage.

Technology committee is working on licensing renewal with Lou Barbaglia and Duane. Robin Smart is doing updates on the website.

Councilor Dygert: Mark Grasmeyer is visiting other senior's centers and seems to be doing well.

No other report, having been at the conference.

Councilor Richardson: Basketball camp ends tomorrow, had 75 participants.

Dog control had 2 or 3 situations.

Councilor Betts: commended the highway department for the work during this winter season.

There was a water break in Hart Lot, which cost \$19,500 plus \$800 charge from Skaneateles. Would like to have a grant to reduce pressure in Hart Lot Water District.

Supervisor Bush: Asked the Attorney and Clerk if any information to report. None.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Richard Ottman of Elbridge: Need clarification on the wind towers. Councilor Dygert said there are large and small towers and we have no regulations in place for any installations.

Also questioned as to needing a water line from Gorham Road rather than Skaneateles. Need a water line east of Elbridge.

Dan Conroy said it would more beneficial down Hamilton Road.

Dan Conroy of Elbridge: Had a question for Councilor Richardson as to the basketball camp—are the coaches paid? Asked were they high school students or adult? Where does the summer recreation money go? Does it stay with the recreation department?

Councilor Richardson said the coaches are paid \$10/hr. At end of year any money left goes into the general fund. After camp is finished we will have a report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Ralston the meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk

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