

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
& REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2007

Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Oudermool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Dick Clarke, Syracuse Newspapers; Penny Ceratt, Assessor's clerk; Susan Young, Dan Conroy, Richard Ottman, Maureen Doyle, Debra Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk and Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge held a Public Hearing on February 7, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York for the purpose of considering any 2007 Community Development Proposals. Legal notice that appeared in the February 3, 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 present any proposals? No one.

Supervisor: Does anyone wish to speak in favor of any proposals? No one.

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

Supervisor Bush declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:04PM.

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on February 7, 2007 at 7:04 PM in the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudermool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Dick Clarke, Syracuse Newspapers; Penny Ceratt, Assessor's clerk; Susan Young, Dan Conroy, Maureen Doyle, Debra Stapleton, Deputy Town 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 January 3 and January 17, 2007 and adopt minutes as written. UC

Councilor Dygert seconded by Councilor Betts made a motion that General Bills, Abstract # 1, Voucher # 1 – 87 in the amount of \$97,971.26 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 1, Voucher 14H –20H in the amount of \$98,831.18 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$196,802.44.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: On file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **FROM:** Jordan Historical Society -re: Yearly report on use of monies
- 2) Village of Jordan – re: water rate increase.
- 3) NYS DOT- re: Route 5 in Elbridge plus a further response on Feb. 6th.
- 4) NYMIR-re: new enhanced Muni Pac endorsement.
- 5) Empire State Development-re: 2010 Census newsletter.
- 6) Office of Board of Elections-re: assistance in voting machines for the Village's elections on March 20, 2007.

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- 7) Onondaga County Dept of Aging & Youth-re: announcing a Request for Proposal for Transportation alternatives in localities.
- 8) Crown Castle International-re: Elbridge Town Landfill.
- 9) Collective Bargaining Agreement

GUEST: Maureen Doyle- representative of the Jordan Village Center Committee. Explained the Grant Application to be considered for the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor 06/07 Pilot Grants Program. The project is an Erie Canal Heritage Walking Path in Jordan, which had much input from the historical society. It's a matching grant program that allows for in-kind services for the match. Total amount of project is \$20,000. Asked if the town would consider contributing \$1000 toward the project.

Discussion followed with interest expressed by the board. (Project attached)

REPORTS:

Assessor: No report. Thanked Penny for putting together a list of all the exemptions.

Highway Superintendent: Report is on file. Lengthy report with man-hours, mileage, overtime-etc. shown. Superintendent Pelmeared noted they have put on 3,650 miles during this time.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report on file. 5 building permits and 3 occupancy certificates of compliance for January. Total is \$690,467- much is from Allred.

Dog Control Officer: Report is in process.

Outreach Worker: Still on vacation in Florida.

Recreation Director: Report is on file. Basketball will be ending soon. Registration is going out for basketball camp that is during winter break.

Planning Board Chairman: Councilor Dygert reported that Tessy Plastics is going to the Planning Board meeting to discuss plans for a 75,000-sq.ft clean room. A 100,000 sq.ft. building is the next project. Public Hearing for the Dollar General is on February 14, 2007.

All except two people from planning and zoning boards of the town attended the county planning board training. Coverage relating to the planning and zoning board was very good. Wind power development and planning was discussed and might be something to consider. Lots of training offered to board members and can be obtained on line if you missed the meeting. Three members from the town board also attended.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Bush asked for a moment of silence in remembrance for Greg Drummond and Larry Baner, two former members on boards in the Town.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH
0 NAYS

WHEREAS: on January 30, 2007, it pleased the Almighty God to remove from this community A. Lawrence Baner and

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WHEREAS: A. Lawrence Baner served the Town of Elbridge faithfully as a Planning Board Member for fifteen (15) years, 12/7/76 – 12/31/91 and Town Councilor four (4) Years, 1/1/92 – 12/31/95.

WHEREAS: he has left a commendable record of loyal service as a citizen and
WHEREAS: in his death, this township has lost a valuable citizen and servant of government and believing that a fitting tribute should be paid to the memory of a revered friendship and association, now, therefore be it

Resolved: that this board expresses its sorrow by a tribute and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the bereaved family of the late A. Lawrence Baner and a copy spread upon the permanent record of this board.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH
0 NAYS

WHEREAS: on January 20, 2007, it pleased the Almighty God to remove from this community Gregory Drummond and

WHEREAS: Gregory Drummond served the Town of Elbridge faithfully as a Board of Assessment Review member for six (6) years.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge having reviewed the minutes of the Special Joint Board Public Hearing approved the minutes as written by Diane P. Scheufele of the Town of Brutus. Minutes attached along with proof of publication.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH
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that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge appoints Mark Grasmeyer to the Senior Citizen Coordinator Position at \$12.50 per hour effective immediately.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Councilor Betts: regarding the highway report there is a question on personnel help that are on call. Trying to find a way to compensate for when they are on call and then not called in.

Planning and zoning training was well attended and our planning board was much involved in discussions at the meeting.

Hart Lot Water District suffered a break on the weekend and it happened underneath the railroad track. Skaneateles didn't feel qualified so Bat Con was called and helped. Work is now complete. The estimate bill is \$19,000 for Bat Con's share of the work. That leaves only \$13,000 in reserve account.

Will be going to NYC for the Association of Towns conference next week. Will pick up any handouts for anyone that might be interested.

Councilor Ralston: Gave board members his report today. After the presentation at last meeting will be continuing to move forward and gave you copies of the advertisements that will run in the paper. These projects will be in process for the next few years and would like to keep tax dollars local if possible. Researching information from a gentleman from Alfred State on lightweight steel frame structures for repairing the highway garage roof.

Spent much time reviewing grants on-line. Haven't found any yet for building and grounds but will continue to study.

Need to start excavation in the spring for the north side of building and will discuss with highway superintendent for a schedule.

There is the question of consideration of using Barton & Loguidice for the engineering or to seek other engineers.

Supervisor noted the town doesn't have a specific engineer.

Dick Ottman questioned the repairing of the outside before the inside.

Susan Young and Maureen Doyle left at 7:40PM.

Reminder - Trash Day is in May.

Technology committee met on January 24th. Discussed the web site and Robin Smart is willing to manage the site. She developed the site and would like to offer her a \$500 stipend to do this.

Discussed the brown out that occurred on January 15th and caused a problem with the server, it has band-aid repair now. Lou gave a list of things that need to be done such as upgrade computer and license renewal etc. Total expenditure is \$3000.

Also discussed the laptops for the court office and reconfiguration for the office.

Thanked Rita and Vern for the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Still a nice thing that the town allows for the clothing and shoe allowance.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Supervisor enters into an agreement with Robin Smart to manage the Town Website from present until December 31, 2007 for a fee of \$500.

Councilor Richardson: Cable Public Hearing was at the high school last month with more public officials than public; it was a cold winter night. It is being reviewed in Albany and should have contract in three months.

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Recreation Advisory Board met and had many good ideas. The school is developing a web site to be able to apply on-line for use of the building.

There is a gal that is coming to the recreation center to help Vivian with her computer skills.

First meeting with the Justices – two concerns: regarding the judicial system needing to be lawyers and the State is looking to do away with town and village courts with county to do it. Town and villages will have satellite offices for all the bookwork. Discussion followed. Also discussed court clerk hours, could need more if the Village court closed. Laptop computer could cut court time down and speed up court nights. Security is a concern. Councilor Ralston said a laptop would have to remain on the premises. Discussion followed as the purchase of a laptop and that it has to remain at office.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Justices can purchase a laptop computer for the court and if proposed laptop costs more than \$500 they need to seek two price quotes.

Councilor Richardson announced he will be out of the country until February 21 but will be back for the next meeting.

Councilor Dygert: Codes Advisory Committee met, which is made up two ZBA members, two Planning Board members, myself and Attorney Oudemool. Discussing and reviewing the size of parking spaces and aisles for various uses. Want to give the planning board a little more discretion on parking issues.

Supervisor Bush: An executive session will follow this meeting for personnel and to discuss a contract.

Thanked Dennis for the work that has been done this past week with winter coming. Also appreciate that Dennis and George are going to attend the Town Association Meeting in NYC.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dan Conroy of Sandbank Road: Questioned if Barton & Loguidice possible doing the parking lot or are quotes going to be sent out. Recommended the engineering firm with Rudy Zona for drainage as a contractor as he has used them.

Asked Councilor Richardson if the recreation commission has ever contracted out to Ultimate Goal like the one in Marcellus and did he think one would be used here. Need input.

Has the Town Counsel looked into the maintenance of the easements and drainage at Cobblestone?

Attorney Oudemool said yes there was a three-year agreement with the development through August 2007. The map identifies easement but it was never granted to the town. Easement doesn't exist other than on a notation. It doesn't identify these facilities or who owns the land the detention pond is on. Should decide who owns the land the pond is on.

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Much discussion followed. Suggested the developer should contact their attorney, as he should have conveyed the easement to the town.

Richard Ottman thanked the board for the communication on the state highway department.

Dan Conroy asked if the town owns property does the town have to maintain it, property in general. Attorney Oudemool answered yes, it must be maintained so it is safe and appropriate.

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Betts, seconded by Councilor Dyge0rt 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 personnel and a contract at 8:18 PM.

Returned to Regular Session:

Returned to regular session at 9:25PM with all members present.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Richardson the meeting was adjourned at 9:26PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk