

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2007

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on March 21, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York.

Deputy Supervisor Betts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Leo Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Supervisor Bush

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Dirk Oudemool; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Dan Conroy, Gordy Franz, Deb Stapleton, Deputy Clerk and Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) Michael A. Richardson, Labor Relations Consultant –re: Employment Policies and Practices Manual.
- 2) NYS Archives – re: workshops on Preservation of Electronic Records and Disaster Planning and Response for Records Managers.
- 3) Town Clerk & Deputy -re: Will attend the 2007 Conference in Rochester, NY April 29 – May 2, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the Supervisor to sign Professional Services Agreement with Labor Relations Consultant, Michael Richardson for an Employment Policies and Practices Manual for a cost of \$2000 plus current mileage rate and tolls.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge has set May 2, 2007 at 7:00PM at the Town of Elbridge Municipal Building for a public hearing to consider 1) repealing Section 30.43, of the Municipal Code, entitled Parking Regulations, and the adoption of new parking regulations to be designated Article V of said Chapter Section 30.50 et.seq. and to renumber existing Article V to Article VI and renumber these sections appropriately.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT
0 NAYS

Resolved: that these proposed changes on parking regulations be referred to the Elbridge Planning Board and to the SOCPA.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes that the office summer hours 8:30AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Thursday and 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday will be effective April 30, 2007 through August 31, 2007.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board enters into an agreement with Plumley Engineering, PC for architectural and engineering services in association with projects to improve the town facility and site improvements at the Route 31 property at \$13,500 for three projects.

Councilor Ralston noted he had sent out information to seven different engineering firms for quotes and will prepare a letter to notify Plumley Engineering.

Councilor Dygert asked to go back to old business regarding the tabled motion of the last meeting on the acceptance of the mobile home parks applications and invited Jeff to this meeting to explain what he had reviewed at the parks on their inspections for the recommendation. My review was reviewing the applications that were turned in and checking the park property according to the ruling that the judge had said we were responsible for. Councilor Dygert asked what did the application consist of and Jeff said the same as last year. You found the information correct. They sent a list of every homeowner in the park.

Councilor Dygert asked why he hadn't supplied the information that Supervisor Bush had requested. Code enforcement officer said he is not here to answer questions but to give you his verbal notice to find someone else. I'll keep the office open until you find someone else but I don't need someone looking over my shoulder and questioning everything that I do with my job.

Councilor Ralston said people are hardly looking over his shoulder but asking for something to substantiate these permits. One of the things I have objected to over the last year or so is that your reports have never once had any fire and safety inspections on the report. Jeff responded, that is my problem, you people feel that I am never truthful to you and question everything I say and consider me a liar. I've had enough. Have a nice night. CEO, Jeff Bartoszewski left at 7:12PM.

Councilor Betts said we are at a crossroad tonight and that Champion Park has a permit and the Jack Reef's permit is the other one that was recommended.

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Attorney Oudemool suggested the board hold for a couple weeks in view of what has just occurred. Will review the paperwork from Jeff and then will be able to give some advice. Doesn't think that not meeting the deadline will be a problem and it should be OK.

Councilor Dygert wanted to note that the Supervisor did request that information on the park applications over a week ago and no reason that he couldn't have provided that information.

Councilor Betts asked that the memo from Supervisor Bush to Jeff requesting information on the mobile home applications be entered into the minutes.

Appreciated Gordy Franz of Champion Homes for coming in and its not our intent to make this a difficult situation for you but you can see the difficulty we have at this time to make a decision. Gordy said that their application was submitted some time ago and didn't see the reason for the delay. Councilor Dygert said the board didn't see the recommendation from Jeff until at the last meeting.

Councilor Betts wondered if the position could be advertised or do they need a written notification.

Attorney Oudemool suggested that an executive session be held to discuss this matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Ralston: Tentative days have been set for Trash Day and just waiting to hear back from the Highway Superintendent as which day they prefer. Earth Day on April 28th was advertised in the Shopping Guide.

Technology meeting is Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 4:00PM.

Want to set up a meeting with Plumley Engineering to discuss the projects.

Councilor Richardson: Notice from the Highway Superintendent on the summer hours for the highway department. Will be starting 4 days Monday through Thursday of 10 hours - April 18th through October 17th.

Court Clerk, Linda Faulkner has been absent in the Justice Office due to illness, hospitalized for a few days. Marie Bush has been filling in and has done court night.

Went to a Supervisor's meeting with Ken as our supreme court judges, James Murphy and James Tormey were there discussing the new action plan for justice courts.

As an over view there are about \$10,000,000 in state budget for mandates in municipalities' justice courts. Want to provide credit machines for all courts and special tape recorders.

Ask our judges to hold off on ordering laptop computers. Many changes could be coming up. Many of these changes are due to downstate wanting upstate to operate their courts like New York City. Big battle brewing in Albany with the governor, downstate wants upstate to run like them.

Councilor Dygert: Questioned the need for a resolution for the highway summer hours and after discussion it was decided to do one.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT
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Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge accepts the Highway Superintendent's recommended hours, Monday – Thursday 6:30 to 5:00 pm beginning April 18th through October 17, 2007.

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Attended the planning board meeting. Board is continuing work on sub-divisions. At the April meeting Tessy will be coming to discuss plans for an addition. Also Allred will be coming to discuss a 4000-sq.ft. addition and will also need more property from Tom O'Brien. Cobblestone has had an informal meeting to discuss the next phase.

Mark Grasmeyer was speaker at the Lions Club last night. Presented some interesting statistics on aging. Will try to have him come before the board at some time.

Mark, Leo and myself are trying to revitalize the F.I.S.H program and are pursuing volunteer drivers and to solve the liability problem. Community Council may help to provide a rider.

Advisory Committee met tonight, discussed home occupations and will have more final information available at the next meeting.

Councilor Betts: added that Mark has been very visible and hopefully will be a big help to the senior citizens.

While in NYC, I attended the seminar on action plan coming before justice courts. Essentially they are trying to upgrade the level of courts and make them more uniform, but issues occur due to scale and size of court. They want to change court operations, training of justices, security and give help with technology software and hardware. There is \$10,000,000 proposed in state budget. 1277 courts in the state and wonder if this is enough money, as many other changes are desired. Training for judges and clerks is something they definitely want to have in place.

Our court office is having a security audit on April 11, 2007.

Went to Albany yesterday to discuss the budget with our assemblymen. Proposed 6% increase with significant cuts in certain areas and increase in other areas. Question whether budget will be ready for April. There are new formulas for schools and it is not good for our school district.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dan Conroy of Sandbank Road- was surprised by the announcement of the code enforcement officer. He has done a good job and he seems to be very upset. The board should check with Jeff, he seems to always try to do things by the book.

Councilor Betts said he appreciated the feedback.

Gordy Franz wondered if the board responded to the letter from Mr. Siegel dated on the 16th, which board members had not seen. Gordy said it was inviting the board to visit the home at the park.

Gordy wanted to clarify the fire and safety inspection reports that Jeff is only required to check on commercial and rental properties. There would be none done in Champion Park. Councilor Ralston just said he has never seen any on the reports.

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson the following was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT
0 NAYS

Resolved: that this board moves into Executive Session with Legal Counsel to discuss personnel at 7:45 PM.

Returned to Regular Session:

Returned to regular session at 7:50 PM with all members present.

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ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Richardson the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk