

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bush called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM and Adam Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudemool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Steve Schwab, Environmental Commission Chairman; Adam Simmons, Bart Simmons, Dan Conroy and daughter Morgan; Gordy Franz, Steve Spinner, Deb Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk and Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge held a Public Hearing on March 7, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York 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 Use and Home occupations.

Legal notice that appeared in the February 20, 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 7:02PM.

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on March 7, 2007 at 7:02 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 Oudemool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Steve Schwab, Environmental Commission Chairman; Adam Simmons, Bart Simmons, Dan Conroy and daughter Morgan; Gordy Franz, Steve Spinner, Debra Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk and Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

ADOPT MINUTES: Councilor Richardson noted a correction that referees were paid \$10/hour for basketball games.

On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Ralston to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 21, 2007 and adopt minutes as written with correction.

UC

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: Councilor Betts seconded by Councilor Richardson, made a motion that General Bills, Abstract # 2, Voucher # 88 -166 in the amount of \$82,966.51 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 2, Voucher 21H-45H in the amount of \$ 55,223.80 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$ 138,190.31.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

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

From: A1990.0 Contingency	\$500.00
To: A5010.4 Highway Superintendent – Contractual	
From: A1990.0 Contingency	\$1000.00
To: A1010.4 Town Board – contractual	
From: A1990.0 Contingency	\$ 770.00
To: A1430.0 Personnel –Negotiations (Mike Richardson)	

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: On file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) Village of Jordan-re: March 1, 2007 meeting.
- 2) Village of Skaneateles- re: Water Rate Increase effective June 1, 2007.

GUESTS: Adam Simmons re: Eagle project. Explained and gave everyone a copy of the project that is for the Valley Drive Park which is on town property that the Environmental Commission has been cleaning up. A fence will be built along the bank of the Skaneateles Creek to serve as a barrier along with plantings of native plants and shrubs. Chris Sandstrom donated fence posts. Asked for a donation for some funds and mulch from the town for this project. He is planning on the project being complete in May or June.

Chairman Schwab asked if there was any money in the budget for the Environmental Commission and further explained the Valley Drive Park.

Supervisor Bush said the Environmental Commission has \$2000 in their budget.

On a motion by 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 grant permission for Adam Simmons to continue his Eagle Project which is on town property located on Valley Drive.

Steve Spinner re: zoning change on his property on Route 31. John Hourigan would like to use it for grain and hay storage, as he owns property on the side and back. Wondered what the feeling of the board is to changing the zone back to agricultural. Much discussion followed. Quite process to have a zone change done. It is done with the zoning board and particular procedure has to be followed. We don’t like to do spot zoning. Councilor Dygert had a variance petition delivered to John Hourigan.

It involves approximately nine (9) acres.

Steve Schwab, Bart and Adam Simmons left at 7:18PM.

REPORTS:

Assessor: Report is on file.

Highway Superintendent: Report is on file. Lovell Safety is coming up this month for training that the highway department will be attending.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report is on file. Rita made a motion to accept the code enforcement officer’s recommendation to accept the two mobile home parks’ applications. After discussion, Councilor Dygert withdrew the motion and it was tabled.

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

Possibly more documentation is needed. Attorney Oudemool, Councilor Dygert and the Code Enforcement Officer will review this matter.

Dog Control Officer: Report is on file. Appearance tickets have been issued for persons not licensing or renewing their dog's license. Councilor Richardson will attend court this Monday and the tickets will continue until all are addressed.

Outreach Worker: Supervisor Bush welcomed Leo Cooper back from Florida. The weather has been brutal so far in March and the first luncheon was cancelled. The seniors plan to attend the school play tomorrow morning at the high school. While in Florida he received a letter from Centro attempting to broaden the service to other localities. Jordan and Elbridge are down for Monday & Wednesday events. April 3 someone coming to our meeting to explain the full program that Centro will be doing and what it provides.

Will be meeting with Rita and Mark to see if the old FISH Program can be restored.

There is a great need for transportation for many seniors.

Have discovered we have no process to advertise cancellations on TV.

Councilor Dygert has found out information to know how to proceed to cancel programs due to weather on the TV stations.

Discussion followed as to how transportation may be provided for people that don't drive anymore. Meeting with Jo Ann Decker on March 19th. Grant money is available.

Recreation Director: Basketball teams are finished and basketball camp was a big success. An article was in Neighbors West on it. Now registering summer for softball and baseball.

Planning Board Chairman: Councilor Dygert attended the planning board meeting on February 27th. The Family Dollar project is dead. Tessy Plastics presented a master plan on their potential growth.

Building & Grounds: No written report this month. Much of his time has been reviewing documentation that has been presented by architects and engineers. Sent a letter to them thanking them and explaining what will follow.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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 Local Law #1 Of 2007 Section I - that chapters 26 and 30 of the Elbridge Municipal Code are hereby amended to impose a 3-month moratorium upon the issuance of a building permit for or the approval of commercial wind power electrical generation or on site individual wind power electricity generation.

Attorney Oudemool noted this resolution as well as the next were both sent to the Onondaga County Planning Agency and found that there were no significant adverse effects in the community or county implication and therefore can be acted solely by the board.

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

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

resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes Local Law #1 Of 2007 Section 2 - Chapters 26 and 30 of the Elbridge Municipal Code are hereby amended to impose a 3-month moratorium upon the issuance of a building permit for or the allowance of Residential Accessory use defined in 30.2 (2) (a)(b) and (c) and 30.2 (23).

Supervisor Bush noted he would be calling an executive session after the Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts: Grant for Community Development was turned in. There has been an increase in water rates from Skaneateles. Took the NIMS test and now certified. Attended the census workshop. Address verification is necessary. No more long forms only short forms. Inaccuracy occurs in low-density areas and with agriculture workers, rural routes, group homes etc.

Councilor Ralston: Noticed in paper that Camillus applied to Community Development for town shop roof repairs.

Have been reviewing NYSEG electric and gas bills and have signed on with NYSEG Solutions for a guaranteed savings of 8% but have had some discrepancies, which I believe has to do with previous budget billing versus current use.

Technology committee met and proceeding with the purchasing of licensing for the server and daylight savings changes.

Councilor Richardson: Still continuing with Clark and Austin Roads for cable and working on it with Skaneateles.

Councilor Dygert: There will be a feature story on Mark Grasmeyer in Neighbors West. Contacted Robin Smart on website updates.

Referring back to last meeting, minutes on line doesn't apply to towns only state agencies.

Attended PEACE luncheon last Friday, 22 attended in spite of bad weather.

Attended technology meeting and a meeting on Old Erie Pilot.

Present at the planning board meeting on the 27th for the public hearing held on Dollar General, still waiting on road cut and septic.

Will meet with Leo and Mark to discuss senior coordinator position.

The Advisory Committee will meet March 21, 2007 at 6:00 PM and expect to have a draft for review at the town meeting.

NYS Uniform Code is updated -- effective date is August 15, 2007.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dan Conroy of Sandbank Road – Regarding agricultural land trusts, is the town involved in that process at all? Supervisor Bush said no, but historically they used to come and ask for town support.

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

Dan Conroy said it impacts the town significantly. The town needs to be involved especially on state highways. As a taxpayer, to be supporting tax dollars for land parcels that are hurting our town I don't agree as it prevents further development
Would like the board to look into this.

Attorney Oudemool said that it is his understanding that all these applications must be signed off by the Town. Comprehensive Plan should be followed. It's a politically sensitive matter. Discussion followed and will investigate this matter.

Leo Cooper of Halfway Road – Questioned the reasoning of the developer of the Dollar General, as to why it was cancelled. Councilor Dygert said it had a lot to do with the state mandates as to sight distances and road cut. Planning Board had done much work to help this go through.

Resolved: Supervisor Bush, seconded by Councilor Ralston that this board moves into executive session with Legal Counsel to discuss personnel and contract negotiations at 8:18 PM.

Returned to Regular Session:

Returned to regular session at 9:00PM with all members present.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Richardson seconded by Councilor Ralston the meeting was adjourned at 9:01PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk