

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2007

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on October 17, 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, Councilor George Betts, Councilor Rita Dygert, Councilor Bruce Ralston and Councilor Vern Richardson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudermool, Attorney; Debra Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk, Michael Denton, Camillus Advocate; Richard English, Dan Conroy, Meghan Schader, Richard Ottman, John Meixner, Roland Porter and Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Betts, seconded by Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 19,2007 and adopt minutes as written.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: A motion by Councilor Betts seconded by Councilor Ralston authorized the Supervisor to transfer the following monies into the designated accounts:

FROM: A1990.0 Contingency	\$ 100.00
TO: A1450.1 Elections _ personal Services	
FROM: A1990.0 Contingency	\$1350.00
TO: A8810.4 Cemeteries - contractual	

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) NYS DOT-re: Request for Lower Speed Limit on Laird Road should go no further south than already stated.
- 2) Allred –re: Public Hearing to be held here on November 1, 2007 at 2:30pm.
- 3) Senator DeFrancisco – re: no funding is available this year for a van for transportation of seniors and disabled. Will maintain file for next year for consideration.
- 4) Verizon Wireless – re: Land lease agreement.
- 5) New York Agricultural Land Trust – re: update on progress of NYALT.
- 6) Cornell Cooperative Extension – re: Meeting reminder – Planning for Agriculture, Thursday, Oct 18, 2007 at 6:30 PM.
- 7) NYS Department of State –re: Local No.7 Signs is filed on September 25, 2007.
- 8) Town of DeWitt – re: overview of Full Value Measurement to establish Equalization. Tuesday, October 30, 2007 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Supervisor Bush noted that the request on Laird was refused by DOT and should address this with a possible request for another study to shorten the distance south.

GUESTS: Rick English – re: update of Seymour Lofft Park – I have a three fold purpose to come here tonight and first is to Thank the board for their support and commitment in helping to get the press box up and look forward to continued support. Second to bring everyone up to date on the construction of the press box. It is completely framed up; stick built with a hip roof that matches the concession stand, concrete floor is poured and just waiting for the overhead doors to be delivered. Will close up and wait until spring to finish the interior and install the PA system. Third is what the association hopes to accomplish in the coming year. Hope to have the press box ready by the first game and the opening day ceremony. Want to improve the batting cage area, work on the ground

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treatment area especially with the netting. Hope to improve the handicap accessibility down to the ball field area by installing a concrete path. We have 2-3 workdays a year usually maintenance work such as aerating, fertilizing fields and general clean up. Would like to relocate the bleachers and restore the track. Also would like to develop a 5-year plan for further improvements to the park and present to the Elbridge Board.

Dick Ottman asked about the parking on Sandbank Road. Mr. English said they have three parking lots and not much they can do about the on street parking situation. The Village would have to address it.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson 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 received \$309,921.33 from Global Signal Acquisitions for the purchase of the lease rights of Sprint Spectrum LP Lease to the cell tower site on the landfill. \$300,000 will be placed in a building and grounds reserve account. The remaining \$9,921.33 will be used toward the oil separator project.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge proposed the following changes to the personnel handbook regarding changes to the personnel handbook regarding health insurance premium contributions for the non-union fulltime employees. This policy change would replace the applicable parts of section III in the current handbook and become effective January 1, 2008.

Effective January 1, 2008 for a fulltime employee hired on or after January 1, 1980, the employer will pay 94% of the monthly premium for individual medical insurance coverage (presently – employer share would be \$342.42; employee share would be \$21.86. For two-person coverage, employer would be 80% or \$591.60; employee share would be \$147.90. For family coverage, the employer share would be 74% or \$717.67; employee share \$252.15.)

Effective January 1, 2009, for a fulltime employee hired on or after January 1, 1980, the employer will pay 90% of the monthly premium for individual medical insurance coverage (presently – employer share would be \$327.85; employee share would be \$36.43. For two-person coverage, employer share would be 80% \$591.60; employee share would be \$147.90. For family coverage, the employer share would be 70% or \$678.87; employee would be \$290.95.)

The above rates are based on 2007 premiums. They may change in 2008.

In all cases the employee's share of the cost of the premium will be deducted from the employee's regular paycheck.

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As part of this change, all fulltime employees will receive a 4.5% increase for the year 2008.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH
 0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge, upon request of Chairman John Moorehead, appoint Paige Boratko as an alternate member of the ZBA with the appropriate compensation effective January 1, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2009.

Supervisor Bush and the board noted that the salary would be brought up at the next board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts: Nothing to report.

Councilor Ralston: Have discussed with the attorney on Abscope contract on the oil separator project. Will work on the door replacement and hot water heating system.

Councilor Richardson: Marie Bush is making progress in the justice office. Haven't found temporary help for the office while Linda is out.

Marie will be closing the office at 4:00 PM on October 16th and November 26th.

Councilor Dygert: Attended the Planning Federation meeting on Friday of Onondaga County. They discussed where and when the January training is to be held. It's a larger group now and the Marx hotel is too small. May use the OnCenter, which will be more expensive, \$45 - \$65 per person. Spring training will be January 29th and fall session will be September 30th. Also talked about the different types of training to be offered and not a lot of time to develop by January. The usual courses will be offered and will have two classes, which included energy planning and manufactured homes. Discussion continued with suggestions of other training courses to develop would be rural development, green neighborhood design guidelines and transfer development rights.

Instead of the regular advisory meeting we had a work session tonight. To go over a conceptual plan being proposed by Jim Manley with 174 acres of land to sell. Conceptual plan was for senior housing for marketing purposes. He came tonight with a realtor and is wondering what the attitude of the town board would be to such plans. Much discussion continued with many issues. Additional information would be needed to put in a proposal for marketing purposes. It is to attract a developer. Attorney Oudemool said he could develop a letter for the next meeting that the board could consider.

Councilor Ralston said David Young is also thinking of developing on Route 31.

Councilor Ralston also mentioned that he was summoned to the town's court for a trial and was to call ahead the day before to see if the trial was still on. The message on the answering machine was just an electronic message on the Justice system. Several showed up but the trial had been cancelled.

Supervisor Bush: asked Meghan Schader about the special meeting next Thursday, October 25th. Meghan stated it is by Bobbi Harrison of Cornell Cooperative Extension on Rural Landscapes "To be or Not to Be". It is at 7:30 PM at the Community Center.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dan Conroy of Sandbank Road– Asked when the board would be discussing this development, as he would like to attend.

Supervisor Bush stated that there are those with experience in this that we should talk to first. Discussion continued as to size of lots and keeping the area rural. This may be discussed in a work session. Should be consultants that have helped other municipalities such as how they developed.

Attorney Oudemool said they are looking for a planned unit development, which has all types of uses in it. They want to entice a developer. Looking for a non-binding agreement from the town board and planning board. Advisory board is working on this while preserving the rural nature of the town.

Dick Ottman of Meadow Lane – Asked what the status of the court lawsuit on the mobile home parks. It was noted that all parks have received their license to operate.

Attorney Oudemool said work on the appeal hasn't been perfected and not sure it will be. No conversation of late. Will work with these park owners and all are in general compliance. Hope to hold the parks to a good standard and have a good cooperation with the park owners. Genuinely have had good progress and the town is committed in keeping a high level standard without being cost prohibited. Discussion continued with the board.

Roland Porter of Laird Road – Asked what is the status of the Elbridge Rod & Gun club. Attorney Oudemool stated that he had a letter from the club's attorney that his client was still in the process of formulating a proposal, which he expected shortly. They needed input from the membership and expected it in the next few days.

Meg Schader re: Noise ordinance and had information on a noise ordinance that had been sent to Bob Somers for review and gave the board members a copy of his reply. Vehicles not licensed for highway are not subject to noise regulations. Concerned with restricted hours from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. 24 hour corn dryers.

Attorney Oudemool said a farmer could come to the code officer and ask for a special permit to work beyond the hours. Just can't do it anytime. Discussion continued.

Dan Conroy of Sandbank Road- asked what prompted this. Supervisor Bush said the gun club; motocross bikes and farms are all issues.

Movie is underway in the town and has given the town a tentative schedule.

John Meixner of Laird Road – want to be updated on the zoning safety, noise, hours of operation and as to the keeping of the police agency practice.

Rick English left at 8:11PM.

They will present to the board on these issues. It's not a commercial adventure.

Councilor Betts asked if a letter could be sent for a response for a deadline. Attorney Oudemool said he would hold them to their time response, which is in the next few days. Should have a proposal by the next meeting.

The only violation is they are renting the facility for contract practice. Not subject to noise, hours or who can belong. Public safety is an issue. They don't violate any specific code.

Mr. Meixner should have sued the club with his attorney.

Much discussion.

The organization started in the early 60's grandfathering non-conforming rights to use this property. It hasn't been an issue with the town board until February of this year.

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Supervisor Bush left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Dygert to enter into executive session.

Resolved: that this board moves into executive session with Legal Counsel to discuss personnel at 8:33 PM. UC

Returned to Regular Session:

Returned to regular session at 9:05 PM with four members present.

Councilor Ralston showed an example of the front entrance design to board members.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Richardson the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten
Town Clerk