

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on September 5, 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, and Councilor Bruce Ralston.

ABSENT: Councilor Vern Richardson

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudemool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Jack Horner, Historian; Deb Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator; Bob Herrmann, Codes Enforcement Officer; Tony Delia, Attorney; Eileen Jacway, Manager for Rolling Hills MHP; Jeanette Horner, Dan Conroy, Floyd Godfrey and D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Betts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of August 15, 2007 and adopt minutes as written. UC

MOTION TO PAY BILLS & BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: Councilor Betts seconded by Councilor Dygert, made a motion that General Bills, Abstract # 8, Voucher # 499 -574 in the amount of \$31,978.53 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 8, Voucher # 126H – 142H in the amount of \$105,021.88 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$ 137,000.41.

And authorized the Supervisor to transfer the following monies into the designated accounts:

FROM: B 1990.0 Contingency	\$1313.
TO: B 1460.1 Records Management	
FROM: B1990.0 Contingency	\$13.45
TO: A1460.4 Records Management	
FROM: A1990.0 Contingency	\$1500.
TO: A1110.4 Justices – Contractual	
FROM: A1990.0 Contingency	\$1500.
TO: A9040.8 Work Comp.	

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SUPPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT: on file

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) Town of Skaneateles-re: Amended Local Law 2007-M for review.
- 2) Jordan Lodge No.386-re: invitation all employees to be guests for a breakfast on September 8, 2007 to honor the fallen heroes of September 11, 2001. The event starts with a talk by Rev. Floyd Duger, chaplain of Elbridge Fire Department on "Volunteerism", at 8:00 AM followed by breakfast at Jordan Masonic Lodge in Jordan 8:30 to 11:00. Cost is \$4.00.
- 3) NYS DEC-re: please report any BOBCAT, OTTER AND FISHER observations
- 4) TRASH Day is SEPTEMBER 8, 2007
- 5) Parks & Trails of New York-re: conference September 28-29 at Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY.
- 6) Eastern Shore Associates Insurance-re: Work Place Violence Seminar at Town of Clay Municipal Building, Thursday, September 13, 2007.

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- 7) Regional Director of Transportation-re: Centerline pavement markings on Route 5 between the Village of Elbridge and Champion Park are on the list of locations to be completed by our maintenance forces this year.
- 8) Manuel "Herm" Fedrizzi-re: petition signed by area residents voicing concerns about the increased activity, noise and hours of operation at the Elbridge Gun Club.
- 9) Onondaga County Planning Federation-re: Fall 2007 Municipal Training Program Meeting Notice September 25, 2007 8:00 am – 4:15 pm. at the OnCenter Convention Center.
- 10) Jordan Community Council-re: Jordan Fall Festival is September 21, 22 & 23rd.
- 11) Board of Elections-re: Primary, September 18th, 2007 between 12:00 Noon and 9:00 PM.
- 12) Jordan Volunteer Fire Company-re: house purchased in Jordan for housing of emergency medical personnel.
- 13) PACE CNY-re: a program of Loretto is cooperation with St Joseph's Hospital Health Center that helps frail seniors to remain in community.

Guests: William Jones of Elbridge Rod & Gun Club. Did not attend.

Floyd Godfrey of 5529 Sunview Drive re: fencing ordinance. Thanked the board for allowing him to address them. He is concerned with the fencing ordinance, as it now stands, there is a 3-foot set back and only two other towns have that. He had heard the board might be changing that part of the zoning law and just wanted to speak in favor of moving the set back to as close to the property line as possible. He is putting up a 6-foot privacy fence and it is going to cost quite a bit. So he wants to do it correctly and only once. With the 3-foot set back as it is now makes him have to mow that piece of property that he can't even see for a neighbor that doesn't keep a tidy yard. He would like to put the fence in before winter and appreciates anything the board can do to expedite this fencing section.

CEO Herrmann said he has more than one person that would like to put the fence on the property line.

Discussion followed and Attorney Oudemool said the Onondaga County Planning Board has to approve before we can move on it. Suggested the board call for a public hearing at the September 19th meeting to be held at the October 3 meeting and he will take it to SOCPA. Possibly can have a report verbally for the meeting. Might be ready for the first meeting in October and can adopt that night if it is agreeable.

REPORTS:

Assessor: Report is on file.

Highway Superintendent: Councilor Ralston said that the roof starts next Tuesday. Highway Superintendent Pelmeur said a pre-start meeting with the contractor is on September 11th and expect to finish the project next week. The rest of the report is self-explanatory.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report is on file. Code officer has supplied a list on the status of abandoned properties. There are 12 abandoned properties and how to deal with these is a problem. Attorney Oudemool will review the list and try to provide a course of action.

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Dog Control Officer: N/A

Historian: Jack reported he has been busy getting things ready for the Jordan Fall Festival for Jordan Historical Society and getting the cemetery books up to date.

As part of the historical society, Councilor Ralston said that Demarco's volunteers the planting of flowers around the Lock Tenders Gatehouse on festival grounds.

Senior Program Coordinator: Mark reported that they had two projects this month; one is the application to Onondaga County Office of Aging for a grant, which is \$2000. The Town will have to pay \$500. It is looks good as to receiving the grant and planning to have strength training with Megan Blumer December 1 – April 1, twice a week.

Leo, myself and other volunteers will be at the Jordan Fall Festival to showcase our programs and recruiting. Leo said the big push at the Festival would be to get volunteers to resurrect the FISH program. And to promote what we have to offer. The newsletter will be ready and have magnets to hand out.

Outreach Worker: We had our first meeting on Tuesday with about 50 in attendance. Mark had a program provided by PACE. The fall is busy with the Fall Festival and then the Health Fair with the flu clinic on October 2, 2007. Supervisor Bush said he heard that there might be a satellite in Baldwinsville for the PACE program.

23 members took the bus to the fair.

Planning Board: Councilor Dygert commended the Planning Board members for all the work they have done on the Hyrnyk property, which is the Family Dollar and Subway and the Dollar General building. They have really turned out well and look great. The Planning board deserves a lot of credit.

Meghan Schader said she would have to turn down the position as an alternate on the Planning Board as well as secretary. Also Chairman Weisskopf feels the secretary should also be the alternate member of the Planning Board.

A gentleman entered @ 7:28 PM.

Recreation Director: Report not on file and Councilman Richardson not present.

Environmental Commission: Report is on file. Councilor Ralston said it was good to have a report from the Environmental Commission. They are adopting a part of the canal way trail to keep clean.

Supervisor Bush noted that Erica O'Brien has resigned from the Environmental Commission, just received the letter and will check with Chairman Schwab as to see what he wants to do.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES

0 NAYS BETTS RALSTON DYGERT BUSH

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge approves the application from the Evergreen Communities, LLC for Rolling Hills MHC, LLC per recommendation of CEO Robert Herrmann.

Supervisor Bush recognized Eileen Jacway, manager of Rolling Hills MHC. She expressed her thanks to the board for the approval and for having them in the community. They want to let everyone know that they would like to expand and will work with the board. She was very appreciative of being at this board meeting.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge approves the application from the Mobil Manor, MHC, LLC per recommendation of CEO Robert Herrmann.

Councilor Ralston stated that Richard Mastin has asked for a month's leave of absence thus why he contacted Donna's cleaning Service.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge hire Donna 's Cleaning Service on a temporarily basis due to the absence of the regular buildings and grounds worker.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: Repealing Section 30.44 Signs of Elbridge Code and replacing with Article VII titled Signs and including Sections 30-71 et seq. (Formal Article VII attached).

Attorney Oudemool spoke and said he knows everyone received the traffic report, which says the highway system works for the present program. This report should be reviewed updated and done again with an analysis of the applicable areas before any further expansions are approved. Next time they will come directly before the planning board and not the town board. When they do come before the planning board for the 92,000, 40,000 and 11,000 expansions, the planning board will have to be aware of this and ask for an update.

From all the data furnished that was provided there were no significant adverse environmental impacts as the result of this project. There is a sensitive matter on the back part of this property with the Skaneateles Creek that runs through and feels they will be able to work out with engineers on the flood plain that it is not adversely impaired. Code Officer will have to be aware of this and I have no hesitation in recommending that declaration was a negative effect.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge declare a negative declaration for the application of H&H of Elbridge, LLC for zoning change as drafted by Town Attorney. A copy of which is attached.

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Tony Delia of Greene & Seifer – here to explain anything regarding the traffic study and/or next week will be at the planning board meeting on the site plan and sub-division review. Brought the plans and every detail has been gone over in detail by them and attorney. Realize that for now it's a nominal traffic study for this project.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: the application of H&H of Elbridge, LLC to change the zoning classification of tax map parcels 3 040.-04-23, 25.1, 26.1 and 26.2 from Business Transitional to Planed Industrial District is approved.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge hereby approves Weedsport Winter Wanderers Snowmobile Club's request contained in their letter of September 1, 2007 to use Town property at the Jordan Elbridge Community Center and the landfill as snowmobile trails again this year, and to install snowmobile signage and do maintenance along the trail. Plus a Certificate of Insurance with the Town of Elbridge added as an additional insured.

Discussion by Supervisor Bush to ask for a resolution to do another traffic study on Route 5 so the Town would be on record for this.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT BUSH
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge hereby requests the NYS DOT to review again the traffic study on Route 5 West from Hamilton Road to the Cayuga County Line especially noting Hamilton Road and Route 5 and Crossman Corners (former Route 31B & Route 5 intersection). This review is necessary due to the high rate of accidents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts: Met with Tom Brennan, prior to my vacation, on the signs for the entrances to the Town. The first draft was reviewed and will draft another. Asked if there are any color requests. Discussion followed on style etc. Some wanted more information on the sign and Councilor Betts had asked for it to be simplistic for visibility. Also will check if NYS DOT if we put our sign directly across from Town of Camillus sign. Thank you to Bob Herrmann and Superintendent Pelmeare for completing NIMS survey in a timely fashion. Supervisor Bush also helped.

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Councilor Ralston: Reminder that this Saturday is trash day and appreciates anyone that can help.

Pre-bid meeting was at 9:00 this morning for the fuel island and drainage project. Roof project will start next week and will take about one week to complete.

Have hired DeMarco to clean all the beds, prune all trees and shrubs, pull weeds and I have a long list that Tony supplied. He is going to clean up the Environmental garden.

The areas will be mulch replaced with mulch and stone replaced by stone as it is now. Superintendent Pelmeur will do mowing in Richard Mastins leave of absence.

Councilor Dygert: Not much to report. The advisory meeting is Wednesday, September 12th before the Planning Board Meeting.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Leo Cooper reported that the Defensive Driving Class by Cal Rudd is October 17 & 19th 9 2:30 both days at the Community Center.

Bruce Ralston – Historical meeting is at the Bramley Library tomorrow night and will be discussing with Maureen Doyle and others developing a walking tour in Jordan. Also reviewing the murals to be done on buildings in Jordan.

Supervisor Bush said that Jack Horner gave him information that June 1, 1961 was when the two schools merged. 1962 was the first graduating class with 69 graduates. Graduation class in 2007 is 107. 1963 was the first class that sat together. 1964 was first class to graduate from the new High School.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Supervisor Bush seconded by Councilor Ralston the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten
Town Clerk