

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 1, 2008

**REGULAR MEETING:** The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on April 1, 2008 at the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York. Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Jolene Pelmear led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ABSENT:** Councilor Rita Dygert.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dirk Oudermool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmear, Highway Superintendent; Outreach Worker, Leo Cooper; Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Herrmann; Senior Program Coordinator, Mark Grasmeyer, Douglas Blumer, Dan Conroy, Jolene Pelmear, Dana Anthonson and Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion of Councilor Betts, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 19, 2008 and adopt minutes as written. UC

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS & BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:** Councilor Betts seconded by Councilor Ralston made a motion that General Bills Abstract # 3, Vouchers # 170 -225 in the amount of \$ 32,390.09 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 3, Vouchers # 38H –55H in the amount of \$24,512.53 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$56,902.62.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Department of Finance- re: 2007-2008 Centralized Property Tax Administration Program Grant Proposal Onon.Co. Office of Real Property.
- 2) OCWA- re: Hydrant Use Policies & Procedures.
- 3) Environmental Commission- re: minutes from February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) JECS re: Level 1 sex offender.
- 1) NYS Comptroller re: Audit report on use of Solar Power.

**REPORTS:**

Assessor: Report on file.

Highway Superintendent: Report on file. The Town of Elbridge will be hosting the County Highway Superintendents for a luncheon/meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Town Supervisor's have also been invited regarding the salt bidding discussion. Expect approx.. 70- 75 attendees. Dennis also has two suggestions regarding the ongoing problem with Valley Drive and complaints by neighbors of partying. One would be gates installed and one would be signage. Presently there are no restrictions.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report on file. Bob is trying to work on same goals for the year. Buttoning up old permits and violations. Work being done on the former Prior place. Supervisor Bush has had inquires re: the Mini storage on the west end of Elbridge, they are clear cutting, and Bob said right now a site plan is being drawn up including drainage as it's been an issue in the past. Also other problems with unsightly buildings, and gates that were unauthorized and fences too close to the building. The new plan is to make it code compliant. Supervisor Bush hoped whatever happens it be taken into consideration the beautiful neighborhood behind it and no longer blemished with those metal buildings.

Dog Control Officer: Report is on file for February. Had some problems with dogs in Jordan and decided any violations in the Village of Jordan will go to the Village Court.

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Outreach Worker: Back from vacation. March was a busy month, still doing HEAP applications with people. Attendance today was up-we had been down the last three months because of illness. We're working on getting the FISH program going.

Recreation Director: Joe's report is on file. 170 kids are signed up for summer softball/baseball programs-meeting with coaches, which are well attended-going very well. May 3<sup>rd</sup> is opening day ceremonies for Seymour Lofft Park. The concession stand will be open; we are hoping for good weather and hoping everyone can attend.

Senior Recreation Coordinator we're wrapping up this "Projects Safe Roads" grant-sent out surveys-768 people over 60 to ask about transportation needs and received about 300 responses back which is good. We now have an idea who needs FISHS' services, and we have a small core of people that can provide transportation. There is, unfortunately, an epidemic of people that need a lot of transportation. 30 trips for Chemo- is a specialized request for help. Discussion followed with Leo also giving information about other Towns and their policies regarding volunteer drivers. Centro Bus and Call A Bus information was discussed. It's difficult to get help this far West in the County.

David Dix entered the meeting at 7:15 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** That the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the office summer hours, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday will be effective May 1, 2008 through August 29, 2008.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge supports the 2009 reassessment project.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge will advertise to accept sealed bids for One (1) New and Unused 2008 Heavy Duty Diesel Powered Front End Loader to be received by April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 by 10:00 AM.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

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**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the salary for Karen Platten, as part time Deputy Clerk at \$19.39 per hour effective 4/1/08-9/30/08.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the salary of Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk at \$33,000 annual salary.

Also under new business, Supervisor Bush received a letter from Ellen Bryant, a member of the Junior Honor Society and is looking for a community service project and Ken suggested she send a letter of intent for your review and approval. She would like to work on two of the town's cemeteries-some general maintenance. She would like to work on the Whiting Road cemetery and the Kester Road cemetery. She would provide rakes, etc.and have help. Councilor Ralston wondered if we need a resolution, as he also has a request from Emily Rosebush, a Girl Scout who wants to do a community project around the Town Center and I called today under a grant, Community Green Development and asked if the scouts would be qualified for some money for them to do that project. It's possible they will be eligible, so now what do we need to do to allow them. Attorney Oudemool said there are two issues. First we need to make sure there is insurance coverage. The next issue is supervision. Dirk wants to make sure there is an endorsement on your insurance so if there is a personal injury claim, there is some kind of coverage. You don't want to discourage volunteers.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** That the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge approve the request from Ellen Bryant to do volunteer work on two Town cemeteries based on the fact that we have insurance coverage.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** That the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge approve the request from Emily Rosebush to do Girl Scout volunteer work on the Town Center property based on the fact that we have insurance coverage.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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Councilor Betts: Met last night with the residents of Sunview Drive along with the engineer that was hired to perform the feasibility study. It went very well with levelheaded discussion and the next step would be for the residents to petition for a water district.

Councilor Ralston: we are about to start some of our projects. One of Karen's last acts was to contact Senator DeFrancisco's office - the \$50,000 grant for the security fence is secured and we actually do the work first and then submit for payment. For the next meeting I will have the 3 bids out from the 3 fence companies for approval. This plays in conjunction with the Girl Scout project as the trees being donated from 3B's Tree Farm will be moved soon and then will be landscaped near the new security fence. We'll also start on the stoop replacement and it's the first part of re-grading the parking lot. He'll have the 3 bids for that project at the next meeting. The other project is the replacement of the doors at the garage end.

Councilor Richardson: things are going well in the Justice office. Elaine continues to come in and help Marie a couple times a week.

Supervisor Bush: there was discussion on how to resolve some Valley Drive concerns, and at the next meeting we'll have a resolution to call for a Public Hearing concerning parking restrictions and hours.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Dan Conroy had a question on the volunteers and what if the insurance company comes back and says there's no coverage? Supervisor Bush would then ask how do we get them covered? Attorney Oudemool said the way to do this is to have the volunteer respond to someone in the Town. Or they possibly are an independent contractor and have their own insurance.

Leo Cooper then asked about water districts and discussion followed about procedures and hooking onto other lines.

Bruce asked Bob Herrmann, CEO, of his request to advertise with Village of Jordan CEO, Jim Johnson on the issue of blowup pools.

Dana Anthonson asked for advice on testing well water and received many responses.

On a somber note, Supervisor Bush would like to acknowledge the passing of Richard Mastin, a Jordan resident, employed recently by the Town as a maintenance worker. He certainly did enjoy his time here-had a good attitude.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Betts, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton, Town Clerk