

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2008

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on April 16, 2008 at the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York. Deputy Supervisor Betts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Councilor Ralston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Supervisor Ken Bush and Councilor Rita Dygert.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudemool, Attorney; Douglas Blumer, Floyd Godfrey, Floyd Duger, Mary and Wayne Devaney, and Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 1st, 2008 and adopt as written. UC

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) Rick English re: Seymour Lofft Park
- 2) Senator John DeFrancisco re: \$40,000. Grant to benefit The Town of Elbridge
- 3) Community Development re: Cooperation Agreement Automatic Renewal.
- 4) NYS Canal System re: 2008 operating hours.
- 5) Senator John DeFrancisco re: 2008-09 Budget includes a 5% increase in Aid for the Town of Elbridge.
- 6) Laberge Group re: Grant funding available for programs that protect and improve the quality of natural resources, etc.
- 7) Town of Manlius re: Task Force on VTC Shared Services minutes of 3/6/08.
- 8) Onondaga Co. Health Dept. re: information for "Procedures for Dealing With Wildlife".
- 9) Town of Sennett re: Local Law #3 of 2008.

GUESTS: Wayne and Mary Devaney of Camillus re: a business in the former Smith MHP. Mr. Devaney would like to operate a Bulk Coal and Stove business at 1707 Rte. 5 East at the site of a former Mobile Home Park, where all units were removed. He would construct a building and discussion continued on the need for alternative fuel options and the use of coal. Also discussed was the Zoning for the area and that it's not Business Transitional, it's Agricultural. It might need to be Industrial. Attorney Oudemool pointed out the Advisory Committee met before the Town Board meeting and they were discussing this very thing. This kind of business would not fit in a traditional shopping district, and you wouldn't change the zoning to Business Transitional or Industrial. Councilor Betts pointed out he drives that stretch of road everyday, and it's a dangerous place. State DOT would have an issue. Attorney Oudemool said you really don't want to reduce the speed limit on Rte. 5 in an area, which should be a good commuter Road. Councilor Betts advised their next step would be to talk to DOT, and they would also discuss it. Attn. Oudemool thought this would be a tough sell.

Mary and Wayne Devaney left at 7:22PM.

OLD BUSINESS: Before the meeting was in session, Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent discussed with Attorney Oudemool the parking problems on Valley Drive and signage. The Attorney felt there were issues with the placement of these signs and if they would actually be effective. He suggested we table this issue for two weeks when Superintendent Pelmeur would be there.

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NEW BUSINESS: The Town is in receipt of a Petition from 12 out of 22 residents of Sunview Drive that would like us to go forward with forming a water district.

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

ADOPTED: 3 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson
0 NAYS

Resolved: Res. 46-08, that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the Supervisor to sign a contract with Douglas Miller, PE at a cost of \$1500 to complete a Map, Plan and Report for the proposed Sunview Drive Water District.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts:

Councilor Ralston: Had a nice meeting with Emily Rosebush/ Girl Scout group re: Grant for Green Space Improvements- they're on board and Bruce has the questions he needs to finish up the Grant. This is in conjunction with the fence project and the donated trees from 3B Nursery. Also had a conversation with Abscope about coming in and finishing up the oil separator project that was shortened by the weather.

Councilor Richardson: Had a Jordan Pool meeting a week or so ago and gave copies of their projected Budget. Met with Joe Patrick, Recreation Director, tonight and we'd like to do something different this year with the concession stand. Joe's been talking to different Scout groups and the Elbridge Fire Department. They would run it for two weeks each. Discussion continued on how this might work. Hoping for good weather for the opening of Seymour Lofft Park on May 3rd. Games all day long.

Councilor Ralston: The Girl Scouts do have insurance and have requested copies of their policies for our insurance company review.

Councilor Richardson: was contacted by Brian Richardson of the JE Lacrosse League in re: to the Little Sticks camp (K-2nd grade) previously insured by the Lacrosse association. There were some problems this year and he wanted the Town to insure them, but Councilor Richardson explained to them that like the JE Community Players, all the money would need to come through us. Discussion ensued re: paying bills for groups and how it winds up. A request was made to see the final tally on the JE Player group.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Floyd Godfrey of Sunview Drive asked where does the Sunview Water Project goes from here. Councilor Betts said the engineer would produce a Map, Plan, and Report which becomes a document with some firm estimated numbers. Next a meeting to lay out the information with residents/property owners. Then the petition goes to the assessor to be certified. Once certified, if there's a majority of hand to go forward with the project, then hire Doug Miller and it's put out to bid. Procedure and cost discussion followed.

Floyd Godfrey left at 7:47 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: with no further business, on a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Ralston, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton, Town Clerk

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