

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD REGULAR
JULY 9, 2008 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and Danielle Karlik, Deputy Town Clerk, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilor Betts, Councilor Ralston, Councilor Richardson and Supervisor Bush.

ABSENT: Councilor Dygert

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudemool, Town Attorney; Danielle Karlik, Deputy Town Clerk; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator; Larry Larrabee, William Callahan, Deb Stapleton, Clerk. Doug Blumer entered at 7:09 PM.

Public Hearing #1 to adopt a new Local Law amending §60.35, by adding two new provisions to read as follows; 1) to prohibit parking on both sides of Valley Drive between County Bridge BIN #102208 and the barricaded dead-end including the turnaround on the west side of said highway during the hours of 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM; 2) on Valley Drive between the Village of Elbridge corporate line and the barricaded dead-end during the hours of 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Legal notice that appeared in the June 25,2008 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 speak in favor? No one.

Supervisor: Does anyone wish to speak against? No one.

Supervisor Bush declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:04 PM.

Public Hearing #2 to consider creating a new chapter 45, to be titled Town Property, for the placements of two Local Laws adopted at the meeting of June 4, 2008. 45.1 is a Local Law to grant the Town Board, by resolution, to establish the hours of all Town Offices and Departments. 45.2 is a Local Law which grants the Town Board the authority to establish, by resolution, the meeting dates and times of all Boards, Committees, and Courts who utilize the Town Hall for meeting places. Legal notice that appeared in the June 25,2008 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 speak in favor? No one.

Supervisor: Does anyone wish to speak against? No one.

Supervisor Bush declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 PM.

Public Hearing #3 - the purpose of which is to amend §60.41 to exclude vehicles 5 ton and over from using Foster Road. Legal notice that appeared in the June 25,2008 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 speak in favor? William Callahan of Foster Road spoke in favor of this amendment.

Supervisor: Does anyone wish to speak against? No one.

Supervisor Bush declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:07 PM.

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REGULAR MEETING:

PRESENT: Councilor Betts, Councilor Ralston, Councilor Richardson and Supervisor Bush.

ABSENT: Councilor Dygert

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Betts, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 18, 2008 and adopt minutes as written. UC

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Councilor Betts seconded by Councilor Ralston made a motion that General Bills Abstract # 6, Vouchers # 359-437 in the amount of \$72,937.79 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract #6, Vouchers # 83H –101H in the amount of \$18,754.80 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$91,692.59.

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) Teresa Frank, NYSORPS Regional Director re: mutual agreement to complete work involved in the town's 2009 reassessment project.
- 2) Mayor Doerr, Village of Elbridge, sent a copy of the pre-application DWSRF re: the UV Water treatment.
- 3) The Brutus Town Board has hired the American Farmland Trust (AFT) to develop an Ag and Farmland protection plan, and recommended a representative of the Town of Elbridge be interviewed to help with their planning process.
- 4) Onondaga County Dept. of Aging & Youth re: 2008 2% reduction from NYS Office of Children and Family Services.
- 5) Lovell Safety- re: annual Group meeting – Association of Governments Safety Group #496.
- 6) Information from Lee Badman, Village of Jordan, re: a Security Seminar in Buffalo, on August 19, 2008.

Guests: Jeff Devine from "Save the County".

Mr. Devine gave a power point presentation on "Save the County Land Trust" and described its origin and the essence of the organization. He is the Executive Director and there are three nature preserves in the Town of Elbridge totaling 288 acres. The Elbridge Swamp is the largest and Jeff called it a beautiful high quality wetland.

Penny Ceratt, Assessing Clerk entered at 7:38 PM.

Bob Herrmann, Code Enforcement Officer; and Floyd Duger, Planning Board member entered at 7:47 PM.

REPORTS:

Assessor: Report is on file. Penny was there and had nothing to add to her report, however, Supervisor Bush requested a list of exemptions that are available to people. Discussion ensued.

Highway Superintendent: Report is on file.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report is on file. Bob finished up his classes- he is now certified and had a 96 average. The NYS classes were very beneficial. Fire and rental inspections are ongoing, as are abandoned properties.

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Dog Control Officer: Report is on file.

Historian:

Outreach Worker: had their 1st Tuesday luncheon and looking forward to their third Tuesday luncheon as they're having a picnic at the Fish Hatchery with 45 people signed up. Numbers are increasing.

Planning Board: Floyd Duger reported their meeting, held earlier in the evening, went quickly. Three members are out on vacation.

Recreation Director: Report is on file. Summer Rec. and the Learn to Swim Program are up and running. Sign up was slow, but last minute there were many more. Joe has been very busy and there are many compliments from parents on how well things are run.

Senior Program Coordinator: Mark said travel is up. One trip to the Syracuse Rose Garden at Thornden Park and on August 6th, they'll travel to the Corning Glass Museum. Strength training is finished and Chi Kung will be done in a couple weeks.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution: 77-08

Resolved: to adopt a new Local Law amending §60.35, by adding two new provisions to read as follows; 1) to prohibit parking on both sides of Valley Drive between County Bridge BIN #102208 and the barricaded dead-end including the turnaround on the west side of said highway during the hours of 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM; 2) on Valley Drive between the Village of Elbridge corporate line and the barricaded dead-end during the hours of 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

The Highway Superintendent will move the cement barricades. The Village of Elbridge will purchase a gate and Dennis will help install. NYSEG will put a streetlight up in the cul-de-sac.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 78-08

Resolved: to create a new chapter 45, to be titled Town Property, for the placements of two Local Laws adopted at the meeting of June 4, 2008. 45.1 is a Local Law to grant the Town Board, by resolution, to establish the hours of all Town Offices and Departments. 45.2 is a Local Law which grants the Town Board the authority to establish, by resolution, the meeting dates and times of all Boards, Committees, and Courts which utilize the Town Hall for meeting places.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 79-08

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Resolved: to exclude vehicles 5 tons and over from using Foster Road.

Highway Superintendent Pelmeur said it will take a couple weeks to get the weight limit signs and then they'll put them up.

Attorney Oudemool stated while reviewing our code book for the purpose of determining where the weight limit for Foster Road will go, he noticed our code addresses weight limit provisions in two chapters. Chapter 44A deals with Chatfield Road and Chapter 60 deals with all vehicle and traffic matters and in particular section 60.41 deals with Kingston Road. It's his recommendation that they all be in the same chapter. Therefore, he recommends that we repeal Chapter 44A and put the Chatfield Road provisions in Chapter 60 and notice a public hearing at the first August meeting to repeal Chapter 44a and to amend Chapter 60.41 to include therein the restriction on trucks for Chatfield Road.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 80-08

Resolved: to call for a Public Hearing, the purpose of which is to repeal Chapter 44A and to amend Chapter 60.41, specifically to include the restriction on trucks on Chatfield Road and to include all vehicle and traffic matters therein Chapter 60.41.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 81-08

Resolved: authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement with the Village of Elbridge to provide code enforcement at an annual amount of \$9000.00.

OLD BUSINESS: discussion of bids on Loader. Legal counsel suggested the Highway Superintendent contact the next highest bidders to negotiate interest.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 82-08

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge rejects all bids on the sale of the John Deere 624H Loader with discussion to follow on auction.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

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Resolution 83-08

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge agrees to hire W-M Engineer, P.C., in the amount of \$1600.00 to perform a feasibility study to evaluate alternatives for extending water service to the Hart Lot Water District, with a tentative completion date of July 31, 2008.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 84-08

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge agrees to utilize the grant money allocated on behalf of the Elbridge Rural Cemetery Association for mowing for the balance of the 2008 and the 2009 mowing seasons, a second estimate will be obtained prior to award in the amount of \$2000.00.

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

ADOPTED: 2 AYES Ralston Bush
2 NAYS Betts Richardson

Motion not carried.

Resolution 85-08

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the Supervisor to sign a letter of agreement which allows for a pilot project between the Town of Elbridge and Onondaga County to implement a shared services arrangement to collect property taxes beginning January 2009.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

WHEREAS: the town board having received bids on June 25, 2008 at 10:00 AM for the sale of the Bandit Chipper from:

Syracuse Utilities at \$4900.00
Pullens Truck Center at \$3050.00
Eugene J. Plucinik, Jr. at \$2282.00
Mannise Tree at \$3500.00
John Scanlon at \$3637.00

Resolution 86-08

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge awards the bid for the Bandit Chipper to Syracuse Utilities being the highest responsible bidder at \$4900.00.

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

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0 NAYS

Resolution 87-08

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge has set August 6, 2008, at 7:00 PM for a Public Hearing at the Town of Elbridge Municipal Building, Rte. 31, Jordan, NY to consider amending Chapter 30 Zoning § 30.2 (B) (13). Chapter 28 Mobile Home Law § 28.2, and Chapter 28 Mobile Home Law § 28.6.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 88-08

Resolved: to proceed with the Gregory and Picciano Electric estimate for redirecting the electrical supply for the town offices underground with the project not to exceed \$6000.00.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 89-08

Resolved: to write change orders to the fence contract which include two addenda that were quoted in the public bid, with the cost not to exceed \$10,480.00.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 90-08

Resolved: that the lease payment from Verizon Wireless, on town property, will be allocated for building repair, maintenance, and capital improvement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts: re: Sunview Drive Map, Plan and Report- we have satisfactory numbers and will be presenting to the residents. There will be a summary to the board.

Councilor Ralston: fence project has started and we need to add two addenda to the original work order.

The next part of the project is the parking lot and masons will give us quotes on work re: front door and sidewalks. Drainage has been looked at also.

Councilor Richardson: the Justice has applications for Jcap grants- also received hand held metal detector. Vern was made aware of ten million dollars in grants, regarding high speed Internet, will be available between August and November, but might not go far between 932 towns and 2000 plus villages.

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Supervisor Bush: At our next meeting Rhoda Smith from Onondaga County Health “Tobacco Free” is giving a presentation to our town. The County Comptroller’s office contacted me and I suggested the 1st or 3rd Wednesday evening to come out and address the board and audience. Budget sheets are appearing and will be a challenge.

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Dog Control Officer, Codes Enforcement, Assessing, Highway, Town Clerk, Supervisor, Recreation, and Senior Coordinator.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: discussion on updated Ag district maps with Doug Blumer and board.

ADJOURNMENT: on a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Ralston, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton
Town Clerk