

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 19, 2008

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on March 19, 2008 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 followed by a moment of silence in memory of Christopher Simpson, Joan Lukenbill grandson, former Deputy Town Clerk and had attended Jordan Elbridge Schools, who was killed in Iraq on March 17, 2008

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

ABSENT: Councilor Rita Dygert.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Platten, Village of Jordan Mayor; Debra Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk; Ronald Atwell, Tom McGuire, Dan Conroy, Carl Tompkins and 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 March 5, 2008 and adopt minutes as written.
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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Judges Patricia DeRue and Gale Mitchell – re: JCAP Grant & Justice Court Automation Equipment Project.
- 2) Town of Skaneateles – Public Hearing on Local Law 2008-B the 2008 Zoning Map Amendment on May 1, 2008 for 7:30 PM at Skaneateles Town Hall.
- 3) Town of Skaneateles – Public Hearing on Local Law 2008-E “The 2008 Mining Moratorium Law on April 17, 2008 at 7:30PM at Skaneateles Town Hall.
- 4) Clyde Ohl – re: Meeting on March 26, 2008 @ Immanuel Methodist Church in Camillus on Modernizing Local Governments.
- 5) Spring Clean Up Day – May 10th 8:00 am – 11:30 am. September 6th is the Fall Clean Up day.
- 6) NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets – re: review of the Noise Ordinance.
- 7) NYS Office of State Comptroller – re: Teleconference on Justice Court Finances April 22, 2008 6:30 – 8:45 PM.
- 8) Town of Skaneateles – re: water rate increase. Total cost per 1000 gallons is \$3.57.
- 9) **Govsphere** – re: NYSERDA Letter of Commitment.
- 10) Stan Fordyce – re: School-- limiting activities for students during a sport season.

Councilor Richardson spoke about the justice grant and asked that a copy of the letter from the Judges be attached to the minutes.

Councilor Ralston checked with Unified Court regarding a warranty and how the database is stored. Would look to the Town for support with backup.

Guest: Honorable Richard Platten, Mayor of Jordan – The Village of Jordan is exploring the idea of having curbside pickup of trash in the Village and wondered if the Village would be allowed to bring it here for the Town’s Trash Day. Have discussed with Highway Superintendent. The residents would buy a sticker from the town and the village. Some residents had asked for the service as they don’t have access to a truck or are unable to load the items in a vehicle. The village would separate the different items. Anything with freon would not be brought. Discussion continued.

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Councilors felt it didn't seem to be a problem. It could be a logistical problem for the village. Highway Superintendent said things could be brought ahead of time.

Councilor Ralston asked about the earlier request of combining discussions and building of the water filtration system. Discussion continued on how this could be done collectively.

Supervisor Bush asked the Mayor to discuss the meeting called by Superintendent Marilyn Dominick that was held at the school today with the assistant Superintendent, local business person, library, local police department, sheriffs and state police. Mayor Platten said the problem we are facing is that mostly middle school students who are dismissed at 2:00 – 2:45, congregate at the library posing intimidation to patrons. Many times fights occur. They looked at different ideas to address this situation. Activities need to be provided for these kids. Trustee Sullivan and myself met with the kids for ideas and want to be proactive. The kids are not just from Jordan so it's not just a village or school problem.

Supervisor Bush noted there is a lack of opportunities for kids in this area and is a major concern for society.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion of Councilor Richardson, 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 authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Regional Medical Services, Inc effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009 and then will automatically renew for additional one-year terms unless otherwise terminated as provided herein. Formal agreement attached.

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 appoints Debra Stapleton as Town Clerk effective April 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008.

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 is changing the next town board meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 2, 2008 to Tuesday April 1, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Councilor Ralston: Have asked for help from BOCES and Syracuse Architectural School for help on some the town's building projects.

Also remarked about the letter from Ag & Markets as to the Town's proposed Noise Ordinance and we need to discuss this.

Haven't had a chance to speak with Larry Fitts as to not being able to complete the revaluation this year and want to discuss this with him.

The Girl Scouts wanting a project and noted that maybe they can apply for a \$700 grant. An Eagle project for the Boy Scouts is to repaint the Lock Tenders Building.

Councilor Betts: Will be holding an informational meeting on the engineering studies for Sunview Drive Water District on March 31st 7:00 PM at the JE Community Center.

Also checking with Duane Milton on replacement of the door in and out of the assessor's door.

Councilor Richardson: Justice office is continuing on updating the computers.

Also Linda Faulkner of Court Office has had a setback and will be out longer.

Supervisor Bush: Received a letter from Tom McGuire on the foil request and forwarded this on the Town Attorney.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dan Conroy of 5722 Sandbank Road – remarked that if kids are at the library their parents should take some of the responsibility.

Tom McGuire of Towpath Road – (This is the ongoing problem about providing plowing on Towpath Road.) Have sent letters to Superintendent Pelmear as to providing information as to any services provided for county parks. Superintendent Pelmear said he would be glad to sit down with him. Discussion went back and forth. Maybe need a public hearing on this. Have contacted Assemblyman Barclay, Senator DeFrancisco, County Executive, Nick Pirro and Walsh's office. And it comes back that the Town created this problem and need to address it. He realizes that this is county property and the road doesn't meet town specs but would like it addressed. The town could reach out to the county for help. Much discussion continued. Mr. McGuire would like everyone to come together to discuss.

Superintendent Pelmear thanked Mr. McGuire for being polite and will sit down with him with an open mind.

Supervisor Bush asked if there were other places in the state that are shared.

Discussed the trail as to possibly widen it and/or make just a bike trail.

Ron Atwell of Sandbank Road – Spoke and said he came for the Town Clerk's last meeting. He and board members gave accolades to the Town Clerk. (Much appreciated by the Clerk)

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Richardson the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk