

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 5, 2008

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on March 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York.

Deputy Supervisor Betts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Dan Conroy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Supervisor Ken Bush and Councilor Rita Dygert.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudermool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmeear, Highway Superintendent; Debra Stapleton, Deputy Town Clerk; Outreach Worker, Leo Cooper; Douglas Blumer, Dan Conroy and Karen Platten, Town Clerk.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Betts, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 6 and February 20, 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 # 2, Vouchers # 104 -169 in the amount of \$ 60,287.14 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 2, Vouchers # 27H –37H in the amount of \$23,957.42 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$84,244.56.

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

FROM: A1990.0 Contingency \$3500.00

TO: A7310.44 Seymour Lofft Park (press Box)

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Onondaga County legislature-re: Cold War Veterans Exemption.
- 2) Town Clerk – re: Retirement letter effective April 1, 2008.
- 3) NYS Coalition of Concerned citizens-re: NYS Legislature to revise and reestablish Article X (10) of the NYS Public Service Law.
- 4) NYS Office of Real Property Services- re: Town of Elbridge Residential Assessment Ratio is 74.52.
- 5) OCRRA-re: Earth Day Clean-Up on Friday, April 25 until 1:00PM & Saturday, April 26 until 11:30 AM.
- 6) Highway Superintendent – re: Trash Days -- Spring, May 10 and fall is September 6, 2008.

Deputy Supervisor Betts remarked on the communications acknowledging the Town Clerk's retirement with regrets.

Also that the trash days be noted in the paper with the correct date (last year had a problem)

REPORTS:

Assessor: Report is on file. Councilor Ralston reported on a separate letter from Assessor Fitts that due to circumstances he will be unable to complete the Townwide revaluation for 2008 but will complete in 2009. Will do some investigation.

Highway Superintendent: Highway Superintendent Pelmeear noted that councilors have a copy of the specs for the new highway loader and it can be reviewed with any comments on it added. This does have to go out for bid.

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100 tons of salt came in today with another 100 tons on reserve. There has been a shortage.

Explained different ways of financing for the loader.

Attorney Oudemool read it over and felt that maybe it could be bid a different way. This has two items used as a trade in and sometimes a straight bid is better then sell the two others. Discussion followed on the different options of how it could be done.

Attorney said the board could authorize it to go out for bid subject to final review and comments by Counsel for the document.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report is on file.

Dog Control Officer: Councilor Richardson said report from the DCO would be at next meeting.

Outreach Worker: Leo Cooper is back from Florida. The first Tuesday luncheon had a speaker from St. Camillus, which was well received.

Leo noted that there are two people in the Jordan Elbridge area that need rides for chemotherapy at St Joseph Hospital everyday for 7 weeks, which calls for many drivers. These people don't have family in the area. It's very difficult to find these drivers and the Cancer Society doesn't help with rides anymore. There is a great need for transportation for people out here.

Recreation Director: Councilor Richardson reported that there were 76 kids for basketball camp, which was a success. Healthy lunches were provided. Basketball season is over but five teams made it for the playoff on Saturday.

Baseball and softball registration are in process.

May 3rd. is the opening day ceremony at Seymour Lofft Park for the press box and hope to have a Syracuse Chief Player in attendance that day.

Planning Board – Nothing at the present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion of Deputy Supervisor Betts, seconded by Councilor Richardson the following

resolution was

ADOPTED: 3 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON

0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the advertising of the bid for the loader per legal advice. The bid opening would be April 11, 2008 at 3:00 PM.

Deputy Supervisor Betts discussed that Supervisor Bush had met with Linda DeFichy about that fact there is not enough money for the Hart Lot Water Transmission Line. Since the town didn't request anything from Community Development this year that the town could still submit a request.

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

ADOPTED: 3 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON

0 NAYS

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Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorize the Supervisor to submit as our 2008 Community Development project a request for funding for the Hart Lot Water District Transmission Line.

Discussion on the lowest proposal for the feasibility study was W&M engineers for transmission waterline for Hart Lot with Community Development being the driving force.

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

ADOPTED: 3 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge accept the proposal and hire W&M Engineers for a feasibility study on the Hart Lot Water District Water Transmission Line for the initial phase not to exceed \$2000.

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

ADOPTED: 3 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge accepts the Highway Superintendent's recommended summer hours the for highway department, Monday – Thursday 6:30 to 5:00 PM beginning April 16th through October 15, 2008.

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

ADOPTED: 3 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge accepts the mowing proposal from Scott C. Miller, Speedy's Landscaping and Lawn Service for the contract price of \$5,500 for the 2008 season subject to insurance certificates provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Supervisor Betts: Covered most everything earlier.

Councilor Ralston: All projects have been on hold, and will be starting the addition to the back of this building and explained the layout.

Councilor Richardson: Had another request to extend cable on Sandbank Road to Whiting Road.

The justice department has received 4 laser printers and 4 laptop computers from Albany and the court office will be networked to Albany. The question now is the server.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

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Dan Conroy of 5722 Sandbank Road – It is always a pleasure to come to the Town Hall as Karen always made it a pleasant experience. She will be missed.

Discussed the loader bid and said the village always does a bid without a trade in. Better to sell out right rather than trade in.

Also has the Town looked into going up Hamilton Road for the water line for Hart Lot and others along the way would benefit. He felt it should be considered.

Amending the resolution on the advertising for the loader.

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

ADOPTED: 3 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON
0 NAYS

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes amending the resolution for advertising the bid for the highway department loader, that money received for the loader if sold outright will be returned to the highway fund. Advertising will be postponed temporarily.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Richardson the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karen Platten, Town Clerk