

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
May 21, 2008

**REGULAR MEETING:** The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on May 21, 2008 at 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. A moment of silence was given for Aaron Guadagnolo, an Elbridge Fireman, and recent graduate of JE, killed in an accident the previous evening.

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

**ABSENT:** Councilor Rita Dygert.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ami Olson, The Advocate; Dan Conroy, Karen Carney, Onondaga County Real Property Director and Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk. Doug Blumer entered at 7:05.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion of Councilor Betts, seconded by Councilor Ralston to dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 7, 2008 and adopt minutes as written.

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- FROM:** 1) Association of Towns Planning and Zoning Summer School Schedule  
2) Hourigan's Dairy Farm EFC agreement-'06 EFARM grant.  
3) Locust Lawn Farms EFC agreement-'05 EFARM grant.  
4) State Comptroller-re: Report issued on Cost of Other Post-Employment Benefits.  
5) CEO of the Town Elbridge and Village of Jordan-re: Permits for pools of more than 24", unregistered vehicles and rubbish.

**GUEST:** Karen Carney. Supervisor Bush invited Karen to talk to the town board re: tax collection options for our town. A little over a year ago, the town of Lysander decided not to reappoint their tax receiver and approached the county for assistance, or discuss options. This is called a Pilot Program to see if it would work. Karen detailed what they did for Lysander and discussion followed. It was clear customer service is an important part of tax collection- to pay cash, or to have their receipt in hand. Three towns have approached county, and Broome and Monroe counties have begun. At this point there is no state legislation for the county to collect taxes. More discussion followed re: credit card use, and how mailing payments would work. The board thanked Karen for her presentation, and she exited at 7:42.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** 55-08 The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, State of New York at the Town Hall on Route 31, Jordan, NY, set June 4, 2008 at 7:00 PM to hold a **Public Hearing** to adopt a new Local Law to grant the Town Board, by resolution, to establish the hours of all Town Offices and Departments.

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

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ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** 56-08 The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, State of New York, at the Town Hall on Route 31, Jordan, NY, set June 4, 2008 at 7:00 PM to hold a **Public Hearing** to adopt a new Local Law to grant 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 their meeting places.

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

ADOPTED 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** 57-08 The town proceeds with the door replacements using Mid-State Doors as the contractor. There are three doors to be installed at a cost of \$1488.00 each.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Betts: Ken had a good idea to have Doug Milton look at the Map, Plan, and Report for the Sunview Water project, as he worked on another water project to see if he had ideas re: crossing Rte. 5. Spoke with our contracted mower re: Memorial Day and making sure the cemeteries are tidied up.

Councilor Ralston: Received check from Central NY Community Foundation re: Green Spaces Grant for the Girl Scout project, and will have a progress report. Trash day was very successful-218 stickers were sold-well attended for help and the Highway Dept cleaned it up quickly. The security fence project is hard to make sense of and I will have discussions with Attorney Oudemool re: today's bid opening. Had calls from local masons for concrete work out here in front and they'll submit quotes and had a quote from Picciano Electric to remove pole out in parking lot.

Councilor Richardson: Justice audit was postponed and rescheduled for June 13. Marie is on vacation next week, so, office will be closed. Linda expects to return to work at the end of July.

Supervisor Bush: the conflict between DA court and the Planning Board has been resolved as DA court will now be on a Monday. Invitations are out on "Older American Day" held on May 27 at the Community Center. Request for a "Children at Play" sign was addressed. It is not recommended. A resident of Chatfield Road called to talk about speed reduction.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Dan Conroy commented on the Calvary Bible Baptist Church addition and how much progress they've made.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Betts, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton  
Town Clerk