

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD  
MAY 7, 2008 MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING:** The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on May 7, 2008 at the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York. Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Rick English led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ABSENT:** Councilor Dygert

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dirk Oudemool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator; Jack Horner, Historian; Joe Patrick, Recreation Director; Douglas Blumer, Dana Anthonson, Rick English, and Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk. Dan Conroy entered the meeting at 7:10.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 16, 2008 and adopt as written. UC

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS & BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:** Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Betts made a motion that General Bills Abstract #4, Voucher #226-286 in the amount of \$25,931.23 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract #4, Voucher #56H-73H in the amount of \$30,643.88 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$56,575.11.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**FROM:**

- 1) DOT re: closing of Bridges in Onondaga County. One of the Bridges is C-28, Plainville Road over the Seneca River.
- 2) Pitney Bowes re: renewal of maintenance agreement for mail machine.
- 3) Office of County Executive Mahoney re: exploring options to address sewer and storm water problems.
- 4) NYS Division of Alcohol Beverage Control re: a task force to review application process and recommend changes and improvements.
- 5) DOT re: Highway Safety Investigation along Rte.5 beginning West of the Village limits extending to the Cayuga County Line.
- 6) Invitations from both villages of Elbridge and Jordan to participate in the Memorial Day Parades, on Monday, May 26, 2008.
- 7) Town of Skaneateles-re: Local Law as it relates to fireworks.

**Guests:** Rick English came before the Town Board in regard to Seymour Lofft Park. He was pleased with the turnout Saturday at opening day. Wanted to bring everyone up to date on progress-two things the Town helped to purchase- the PA System and the Scoreboard. The PA System is completely installed and working and is a nice change from some systems used in the past-everyone can now hear well. The new Scoreboard is in our possession and when Dan Conroy and Dennis Pelmeur, who are helping, looked at the installation instructions from the manufacturer, they weren't thrilled and came up with an alternate plan. The Village wanted an Instructional Engineer to look at it and voted to do so. It's 800 lbs. and they want it done correctly. We're very appreciative of your help with those two things. Also, we're looking to create more handicap access to the Park. Most areas already comply, but to get down to the fields with a wheelchair

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would be difficult. We'd like a path and an area where they can sit and see the game. The Batting Cage has been installed and we're looking into flooring with very little maintenance. We'd like to see all the parking lots paved, but that's not going to happen now.

**REPORTS:**

Assessor: Report on file.

Highway Superintendent: Report on file. Bruce has the fence area that's been revised and the new Town signs have been an issue. Trash Day takes a week or so and Duane should be back around the 21<sup>st</sup>. The dumpsters are here for Trash Day, and after the high winds earlier today, a lot of debris, from helping out the Village of Jordan, has been blowing around. This has been a lesson as there's been a lot of trash picked up. Discussion followed concerning people picking scrap metal here and around the village. One other thing is an email Dennis received and he went to take pictures re: Bernice Jarosz's property. She had some large trees come down and it's not the Town's policy to go and clear them for her.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report on file. Councilor Ralston said he put out the word he's looking for a mason to do some work out in front of this building, would rather use someone local, and Bob gave a couple names.

Dog Control Officer: There are two months of reports on file. One house in particular is a repeat problem and Councilor Betts asked Attorney Oudemool if anything could be done about these people. The Attorney had some concern if the Village of Jordan shouldn't have their own DCO as it has its own Court and discussion followed on this issue.

Historian: Last year I worked on a brochure that's now been published on historical museums. I'd like to thank Dennis for getting the replacement sign up for Lock 51. I'd also like to get signs for the Canal parkway that say you're entering Elbridge, Peru, and California and after seeing the one they put on Rte. 5, it should probably be brown with white or yellow lettering. Some discussion followed concerning budget and permission concerns.

Outreach Worker: We had the first Tuesday luncheon. We had two programs. One was the JE School budget program. Marilyn Dominick and Bill Hamilton were both there and we'll be voting on the Budget in May. We've been busy with the FISH program, the Newsletter, and a meeting with Beth O'Hara of PEACE, Inc. Mark and I had a meeting with the two active FISH volunteers and we've been using them when we get an emergency call, but it appears we will have drivers to take the people that are mobile, and we'll eventually have a van with handicap accessibility for dr. appointments. Discussion about insurance for these drivers ensued. May is Senior Citizen Month- this is something we celebrate every year- May 27. Shirley Drummond received the award for Senior Intergenerational Volunteer of the Year in Onondaga County and will be honored on May 15,2008 at a dinner at the Empire Room, NYS Fairgrounds. Supervisor Bush complimented Leo and Mark on all the exposure and publicity/services available to seniors.

Planning Board: In Councilor Dygert's absence, Attorney Oudemool discussed the O'Brien/ Allred subdivision and the pending transaction problem. The State will not allow the curb cut and Allred does not want to share the driveway. There's a possibility the State might convey the abandoned weigh station to the Town. Spoke with Larry Hazard and they will not convey to private enterprise. But, if he were to receive a

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communication from the Town Board that it is willing to consider taking this piece for highway access purposes, there's a strong chance the State would be receptive to that. It would be a sort of service road, and maybe include Acrolite's driveway. Discussion followed re: the amount of traffic on Rte. 5 and these driveways on such a service road. Mr. Allred and Mr. O'Brien are anxious to move forward and cannot move at all without addressing the curb cut, so when to approach the State? Supervisor Bush wants the Planning Board to request the Town to act after they've reviewed next week.

Recreation Director: Joe Patrick reported baseball is open-the concession stand working wonderfully with new food products. Team sponsors are strong. Spoke with the director at Ultimate Goal on how to provide an appropriate soccer program. Discussion then followed on training and coaching and the Town possibly taking over the park. What both villages pay now to support Jordan Pool and Seymour Lofft was also discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion of parking and hours of use on Valley Drive. Attorney Oudemool said there are issues with details. On one end there is close proximity to the Village of Elbridge and on the other end we've got Town owned property of a significant distance. There was discussion on hours- Dusk to Dawn, or 9PM to 5AM. Dennis will measure it off.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** 47-08 To set a Public Hearing for a Local Law to prohibit parking on the terminus of Valley Drive North and South for a distance to be described by the Highway Superintendent between the hours of 9PM to 5AM.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** 48-08 To set a Public Hearing for a Local Law to prohibit public access parking on Town land contiguous to the terminus of Valley Drive from 9PM-5AM.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** 49-08 amends a previous resolution to pay Doug Miller \$1520.00 rather than \$1500.00.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** 50-08 that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the salary of the Deputy Town Clerk at \$22,000 annually and prorated for 2008.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

**Resolved:** 51-08 Congratulating Shirley Drummond for being named Senior Intergenerational Volunteer of the Year and the award being presented by Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush

**Resolved:** 52-08 to proceed with Public Bid for the Security Fence Project. The bid opening will be at 11AM on the morning of May 21, 2008.

Councilor Ralston spoke with Attorney Oudemool re: verbiage and Highway about the area that's to be fenced. This is a project that we have a \$50,000. grant from Senator DeFrancisco's office.

Highway Superintendent requested further discussion on the Front End Loader Bid. Clerk has all Bids that came in.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush

**Resolved:** 53-08 to accept bid from Five Star Equipment for the Front End Loader at \$126,300. without trade.

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

**Resolved:** 54-08 Publicly advertise a John Deere Loader and Bandit Chipper for sale.

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush

Supervisor Bush feels Don Bard deserves recognition for re-doing the Whiting Road Cemetery sign.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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Councilor Betts: Received an email from Doug Miller re: Map, Plan, and Report for the Sunview Water District. Estimated at 2-3 weeks.

Councilor Ralston: Ready for Trash Day- everyone welcome to come and help. Also, looking for local Masons for work on Town Hall. Money in place for Girl Scout planting by the new security fence.

Councilor Richardson: Received a letter from Sarah Hunter re: the Community Players production of "The Secret Garden" August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, received a letter from the Justice Court re: a conflict with DA Court- Justice would like to schedule later times, but the Planning Board meets at 7PM, and has for years, and times will overlap. Attorney Oudemool said the Town Board controls the office hours across the board for all the offices.

Supervisor Bush: Met with various Mayors and Skaneateles Supervisor, and County people re: advanced treatment for water coming off the Syracuse line. Discussion continued. To Dan Conroy, even though the Town doesn't own Seymour Lofft Park, we appreciate your efforts to upgrade the facility.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Ralston, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton, Town Clerk