

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
November 5, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Dirk Oudemool, Floyd, Laura, and Michele Godfrey, Robert Fedigan, Richard Gosbee, Donald and Shirley Hake, Robin Marsh, Rod and Colette Richardson, Ed and Diane Bronson, Roger and Marty Tumber, Gretchen and Dan Leary, Barb and Dave Rinaldo, Eleanor Barber, Arsene Landry, Donna Hill, Stephen and Kathy Schwab, Jim and Deb English, Matt and Kelly Hill, Marge and Kevin Rudd, William and Gina Clifford, Lori Eggleston, Neil and Jeanette Rivenburgh, Todd Rinaldo, Dan Conroy, Doug Blumer, Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Jack Horner, Historian; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator; Ami Olson, The Advocate; Doug Miller, Engineer; and Debra Stapleton, Clerk. Joe Patrick, Recreation Director, entered the meeting at 8 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: #1, and #2

The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge, Onondaga County, State of New York, met at the Jordan-Elbridge Town Hall, 5 Route 31, Jordan, NY set November 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM to hold two (2) **Public Hearings.**

PUBLIC HEARING # 1: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge held a Public Hearing on November 5, 2008, to consider a petition for the establishment of the Sunview Drive Water District at 7:05 PM at the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York. Legal notice appeared in the October 22nd, 2008 Post Standard was available and was posted at the Town Hall, Elbridge M&T Bank, Jordan Lyons Bank, and Jordan and Elbridge Post Offices.

Supervisor Bush: Does anyone wish to speak in favor of the petition for the establishment of the Sunview Drive Water District?

Floyd Godfrey was the first to speak in favor, and ten other residents spoke in favor. Reasons cited were water heaters, softeners, public safety, quality of drinking water, etc. and the hardness of the water. This was a lengthy discussion. Supervisor Bush limited comments to people who had not yet spoken with the intent to later let them respond.

Supervisor Bush: Does anyone wish to speak against the petition for the establishment of the Sunview Drive Water District?

Kevin Rudd, whose mother resides on Sunview Drive, felt the information and petitions were underhanded and manipulative. Many residents thought the economic climate was wrong for additional bills. Marty Tumber had questions regarding the effect of the water district on people's assessments. A resident came in several days before the public hearing and wanted to remove her name from a petition she'd signed in favor of the district and there was discussion on the relevance of this issue. The town attorney explained it was too late to remove a name. A copy of the law was available for people to see and this resident was not at the meeting. Gina Clifford and Neil Rivenburgh both felt left out of information and there were questions if some could join and some not. There

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was also discussion of joining at another time and if there were repairs to be made, who would be responsible? Todd Rinaldo felt there was no need for it as people have plenty of water. Many people had comments and the majority of people against it said it was because of financial reasons. Councilor Betts explained to all how the process works and when a resident requests a water district, how the Town Board then proceeds. Supervisor Bush asked the residents how they would like to be notified of their decision- in a letter, or come to the next meeting. Attorney Oudemool also explained procedure. Supervisor Bush declared the hearing closed at 9:18 PM having heard all persons.

A majority of people left immediately after the first public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING # 2: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge held a Public Hearing on November 5, 2008 at 9:20 PM at the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York to consider the adoption of the proposed 2009 budget. Legal notice that appeared in the October 27, 2008 Post Standard was available and was posted at the Town Hall, Elbridge M&T Bank, Jordan Lyons Bank and Jordan and Elbridge Post Offices.

Supervisor Bush: Does anyone wish to speak in favor of the proposed 2009 Budget? No one.

Supervisor Bush: Does anyone wish to speak against the proposed 2009 Budget? Dan Conroy had questions on the Sandbank Road water district, and Councilor Betts responded. Discussion ensued re: water and assessments.

Supervisor Bush declared the hearing closed at 9:35 PM having heard all persons.

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on November 5, 2008 at 9:36 PM in the Town Municipal Building, Route 31, Jordan, New York.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Dirk Oudemool, Jack Horner, Leo Cooper, Mark Grasmeyer, Joe Patrick, Dan Conroy, Doug Miller, Doug Blumer, Dan and Gretchen Leary, Dennis Pelmeear, Ami Olson, and Debra Stapleton, Clerk.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 15, 2008 and adopt minutes as written. UC

MOTION TO PAY BILLS & BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Betts made a motion that General Bills Abstract # 10, Vouchers # 673- 741 in the amount of \$ 72,216.55 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 10, Vouchers # 139H- 159H in the amount of \$31,367.94 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$ 103,584.49.

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

FROM: A3310.1 Traffic Control- Personal Services 3000.

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TO: A1620.1 Buildings and Grounds- Personal Services
FROM: A1990.0 Contingency 218.
TO: A7310.14 School/ Home/ Community Worker
FROM: A1990.0 Contingency 150.
TO: A7550.4 Celebrations (for Christmas Party; over \$400. spent on hosting inter-municipal breakfast)
FROM: DB5130.4 Rental of Equipment 5000.
TO: DB5110.1 General Repairs- Personal Services
FROM: A1110.11 Justice Clerk- Personal Services 500.
TO: A1110.4 Justice Contractual
FROM: A1110.1 Justice Clerk- Personal Services 1500.
TO: Justice Clerk Assistant

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) From NY Agricultural Land Trust re: their progress in conserving farmland.
- 2) From Lorraine Cortés-Vásquez, Secretary of State re: the acceptance of grant applications from communities for Brownfield Opportunity Areas (BOA).
- 3) From NY Agricultural Land Trust's (NYALT) progress in conserving farmland.

REPORTS:

Assessor: on file.

Highway Superintendent: outside work on this building is progressing. Ready for winter.
Councilor Betts said there were a couple of changes in the budget.

Code Enforcement Officer: Councilor Dygert commented on Bob's report, and said there is a company that has worked for other municipalities, and help with rental inspections, as we have 200. Bob is trying to clean up properties.

Dog Control Officer: September report on file.

Outreach Worker: busy working on the HEAP program and helping folk with their applications.

Historian: in October 2005, Mrs. Gene Sniffen from Rayrene Drive gave the town two lithographs by James Arnold, Hap's father. One is the road to Jacks Reef (Cooper Road) and St. Paul's Chapel in NYC. Jack just picked them up from the framer (they were at the meeting on display), and on the first Sunday, December 7, we will display these, and other work of James, and Hep's, from 1-3, at the Jordan Library.

Senior Program Director: Christmas party on December 2nd. On December 10th, we'll take a trip to Crystal Lake.

Recreation Director: Joe commented on his report. Soccer is over tonight. Like to thank the village of Elbridge, Tom King, and Dan Conroy for their help with the fields. Girl Scouts want to clean and paint school colors on the concession stand.

Planning Board: we've received four applications for the Planning Board position and have scheduled interviews for November 12th.

OLD BUSINESS: Fire Contracts and Ambulance Contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Dygert Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 133-08

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge proposes the following year-end schedule as follows:

Wednesday, November 26th close at 1:00 PM (day before Thanksgiving)

Thursday & Friday, November 27th & 28th. Closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, 12/3- regular monthly meeting

Wednesday, 12/17 no meeting

Wednesday, December 24th close at 1:00 PM (Christmas Eve)

Thursday, 12/25 & Friday, 12/26-closed for Christmas

Monday, December 29th, 7:00 PM- Meeting to pay bills (vouchers in by 12/22) to be paid on 12/30

Wednesday, 12/31-close at 1:00 PM for New Year's Eve.

Thursday, 1/1/09 closed for New Year's Day.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Dygert Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 134-08

WHEREAS: the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge, on the 5th of November 2008 commencing at 7:03 PM, held a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget. Discussion occurred wherein Councilor Betts indicated the Preliminary Budget should be amended. Whereupon a motion was made by Councilor Betts, seconded by Councilor Richardson the following was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Dygert Bush
0 NAYS

Resolved: to amend the 2009 budget by increasing highway account DB5112.2 to \$130,000 (capital outlay) and put \$30,000 in highway account DB3501 which represents expected revenue from NY State CHIPS funding and

Thereupon, the Supervisor called for a vote to approve the Preliminary Budget as amended, which was adopted.

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Dygert Bush
0 NAYS

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Dygert Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 135-08

Resolved: Resolved that the Resolution adopted by the Town Board on October 1, 2008, regarding the continuation of health insurance benefits in retirement for employees who retire on or after November 1, 2008, (Resolution #117-08) is herewith amended to exclude current unretired members of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 545 from coverage. Therefore, the provisions of Resolution #117-08 do not apply to non-retired members of the bargaining unit.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Dygert Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 136-08

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorized applying for a grant to the NYS Division for Youth, which if received, will be used to reimburse the Town for the Recreation Program and the School/ Home/ Community Worker.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Dygert Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 137-08

Resolved: the Town Board approves the sale of the 1995 Jeep to Dan Conroy as the highest responsible bidder at \$1600.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Dygert Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 138-08

Resolved: the Town Board passes the Town of Elbridge Recreation Mission Statement, a copy of which are incorporated in the minutes, as an attachment.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Dygert Bush
0 NAYS

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Resolution 139-08

Resolved: to call for a public hearing on November 19, 2008, to amend Chapter 45 by creating a new section to be numbered 45.3 which shall read as follows:

The possession of a firearm, BB gun, pellet gun, crossbow, bow and arrow, sling shot or any other device which can be used for hunting is prohibited upon any lands owned or leased by the Town of Elbridge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts: discussion with attorney regarding how to deliberate the difficult decision re: the proposed water district.

Councilor Ralston: spoke of the temporary front entrance.

Councilor Richardson: have a guest coming to the next meeting- Carmen Branca, Jr. of New Visions Powerline Communications. This is a high-speed Internet company that may be of interest to this area.

Councilor Dygert:

Supervisor Bush:

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Recreation, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Codes Office, Senior Program Coordinator, Assessor, and Highway.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Discussion with the Learys regarding revaluation and assessing.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Betts the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk