

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD REGULAR  
OCTOBER 1, 2008 MEETING

**REGULAR MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dirk Oudemool, Attorney; Dennis Pelmear, Highway Superintendent; Bob Herrmann, Codes Enforcement Officer; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator; Jack Horner, Historian; Brenda Kayn, Town Auditor; Earl Schell, highway employee; Danielle Karlik, Deputy Town Clerk; Dan Conroy, Doug Blumer, and Deb Stapleton, Town Clerk. Ami Olson from the Advocate came at 7:12 PM. Tom McGuire entered at 7:23 PM.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 17, 2008 and adopt minutes as written. UC.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** Supervisor Bush, seconded by Councilor Ralston made a motion that General Bills Abstract # 9, Vouchers # 597-672 in the amount of \$53,004.47 were ordered paid and highway bills, Abstract #9, Vouchers # 128H- 138H in the amount of \$19,448.06 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$72,452.53, omitting Voucher # 650, until further review.

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:** on a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Richardson, the following budget modifications were approved:

From: A1990.0 Contingency           \$500.00  
To:   A1320.4 Auditor

From: B8010.4 Codes- Contractual   \$75.00  
To:   B8010.11 Codes- Secretary Personal Services

From: DB5110.1—Road Repairs-Personal Services   \$7500.  
To:   DB5110.4—Road Repairs- Contractual

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**FROM:**

- 1) Revised Map, Plan, and Report for the proposed Sunview Drive Water District.
- 2) From Prevention Network re: CNY Underage Drinking prevention Summit on October 23, 2008.
- 3) Letters of Appreciation to the highway men for their help at Seymour Lofft Park from Rick English, SLPA President.
- 4) A letter of retirement from Linda Faulkner, Town of Elbridge Court Clerk.

Brenda Kayn, Town Auditor, from BMK Services, submitted her 2007 Audit on September 30, 2008 and gave her report to the Town Board. She said this was a very clean audit and she had comments on the Supervisor's Office, Town Clerk's, Recreation, Justice, and Highway. Her overall report was extremely positive.  
Ms. Kayn exited at 7:23 PM.

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**REPORTS:**

Assessor: on file.

Highway Superintendent: Report on file. Dennis reported on the gate installation on the Elbridge end of Valley Drive, and that the cement has been poured, posts are in and needs to cure, so next week on gates. Town entrance signs next week.

Code Enforcement Officer: Bob is organizing his office and color-coding files for easy availability. Attended the Onondaga County Planning Agency last week re: Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, which is preplanning for disaster.

Dog Control Officer: August report is on file.

Historian: two programs recently and had Skip McIntyre donate many things his mother had collected over the years.

Outreach Worker: Very busy with HEAP applications.

Planning Board: Tessy was given approval for their site plan and B&L will also review Elbridge Mini Storage.

Recreation Director: Businesses really stepped up, and all teams are sponsored. Rick English will be at next meeting to outline what they'd like to accomplish. Vern reported weight equipment was purchased from the Ultimate Goal, for a very good price.

Senior Program Coordinator: Mark dropped off grant application for "Fit for the Next Fifty" today. The Fall Festival in Jordan was a big accomplishment- sold 175 salads. Next up is a trip to Western NY for an eating tour.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 117-08*

**Resolved:** Whereas the Town Board finds it both appropriate and fiscally responsible to establish policies that will serve to contain costs to local taxpayers and appropriately reward employees for their service to the Town, and

Whereas such policies are consistent with the recommendations provided for in an independent Town of Elbridge Retiree Benefits review conducted by AMTEK Human Resource Consultants

Be it resolved that effective November 1, 2008, the requirements for the **Continuation of Health Insurance Coverage in Retirement** are as follows:

**If hired or elected before 1/1/08**

- 1) **Must have at least 20 years of service**
- 2) **Must be at least 55 years of age**
- 3) **Must retire directly from the Town**

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- 4) **Must have applied for and been granted a retirement benefit from the New York State Employees Retirement System**

**If hired or elected after 1/1/08**

- 1) **Must have at least 25 years of service**
- 2) **Must be at least 62 years of age**
- 3) **Must retire directly from the Town**
- 4) **Must have applied for and been granted a retirement benefit from the New York State Employees Retirement System.**

Retiree will have the same Medical Insurance coverage as active employees to age 65. Retiree coverage in the Town program ends upon becoming Medicare eligible. Spousal coverage may continue in the regular insurance program for those spouses under 65 provided the retiree/spouse pays the full cost of the regular insurance premium.

**Retiree Premiums**

- 1) The **Town will pay 90% of the premium for individual coverage.** The retiree will pay the difference between two-person or family and the individual rate.
- 2) Employees retiring with less than the required length of service and age combination may join at their own expense provided they are still employed at the time they make application for retirement

Widowed spouses may join at the group rate at their own cost.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 118-08*

**Resolved:** That the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge resolves to purchase a 2008 Chevrolet TrailBlazer from Hoselton Automall at the State bid price of \$20,906.10.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 119-08*

**Resolved:** That the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge received the 2007 Town Audit from Brenda Kayn, at BMK Services.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 120-08*

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge thanks Linda Faulkner for over 20 years of service as Town of Elbridge Justice Clerk.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 121-08*

**Resolved:** to call for three Public Hearings to be held on October 15, 2008 at the Town of Elbridge Municipal Building, Rte. 31, Jordan, at 7:00 PM in the matter of considering a Fire Protection Contract for Fire Protection District #1 with the Village of Elbridge and Fire Protection District #2 with the Village of Jordan. The third Public Hearing is for the purpose of the annual Ambulance Contract with the Jordan Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for emergency medical ambulance service to the Town of Elbridge residents.

There was discussion at this point where Councilor Ralston suggested a resolution be made to proceed with architecture and engineering work on the proposed addition for the Town building, and Supervisor Bush suggested the board hold off because this might be an opportunity for a “shared services” grant application with the Village of Jordan court and the Town of Elbridge justice court. The supervisor will send a letter to the mayor to see if there is interest in this project.

Councilor Betts said the Elbridge fire department has an open house on October 11, 2008, and would like the “training devices” off their property and onto the landfill site for training purposes and discussion ensued re: where precisely they can be placed, who will have access to them and how secure that will be.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON DYGERT RICHARDSON BUSH  
1 NAYS

*Resolution 122-08*

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge approves the storage of the Elbridge Fire Department’s training containers stored on the Town’s former landfill site for 30 days, at which time a permanent and legal agreement will be in place for the utilization of these devices.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Betts: requested updated map, plan, and report from Doug Miller for the proposed Sunview Drive Water District on a smaller format.

Councilor Ralston: still hoping to hear from masons re: front door work, and Duane is working on lights.

Councilor Richardson: jcap grant has been received and is being reviewed and hopefully we'll hear by the end of November.

Councilor Dygert: discussion on brochures received re: vehicle for our seniors, and price options with add-ons. There is a state bid list and Bruce Walters at the school may be a helpful contact.

Supervisor Bush: hopes everyone received the flyer regarding the fall inter-municipal breakfast at the JE high school on November 8. The main presentation will be on the proposed capital renovation project that the school is putting forth to the voters in December.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Earl Schell, Town Highway employee, representing the highway workers, made a statement regarding changes to health care—" After being advised by counsel, it is the Union's position that the employer, the Town, has a legal obligation to bargain regarding any changes to health benefits for future retirees."

Dan Conroy, of Sandbank Road, asked about the containers the fire department will be using for training and inquired what will become of them after training.

Tom McGuire, of Towpath East attended a meeting held at the County Executive's office on Monday re: the dilemma concerning maintenance on Towpath East, with Jane Smiley, Bob Jarosey, Town Attorney, and the DOT Commissioner. It is County Park's property and Bob Jarosey said it is a unique situation because, in this case, private individuals maintain County Park's property and the Town created this problem by letting people build there. Town Highway Superintendent Pelmeur was also at this meeting. The conclusion of the meeting was they'd like some support from the Supervisor and Town Board and would like a resolution to dedicate the Towpath so they'd have legal access to their properties. The DOT Commissioner suggested maybe there could be a shared municipality effort to work together. Supervisor Bush apologized for not being at the meeting, but was not contacted. Superintendent Pelmeur gave him a detailed report of the meeting, and will share with the Board.

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**Executive Session:** On a motion of Councilor Betts, seconded by Councilor Richardson, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 123-08*

**Resolved:** that this Board moves into executive session at 8:48 PM to discuss personnel.

**Return to Regular Session:** On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Ralston the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES BETTS RALSTON RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 124-08*

**Resolved:** the Board returns to regular session at 9:20 PM.

**MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE:** Recreation report, JE Senior Program Coordinator, Assessing report, August Dog Control Officer report and Codes Enforcement report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Dygert, and seconded by Councilor Richardson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton  
Town Clerk