

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 17, 2008

**REGULAR MEETING:** The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on September 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM in 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.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Ken Bush Jr., Councilor George Betts, Councilor Vern Richardson and Councilor Rita Dygert.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Bruce Ralston.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patti and Russell Cooper, Floyd Godfrey, Dan Conroy, Kathy and Stephen Schwab, Diane Bronson, Ami Olsen, The Advocate; Dirk Oudemool, Town Attorney; 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 September 3, 2008 and adopt minutes as written. UC.

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:** Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Betts, made a motion to approve the following modifications. UC

From: DB5110.4--General Road Repairs- Contractual \$500.00

To: DB5148.1—General Road Service to other Governments

From: DB5110.4—General Road Repairs- Contractual \$7500.

To: DB5112.2—Capital Projects

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**FROM:**

- 1) Notification from Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency re: Tessy's Public Hearing on October 7, 2008. A copy of their notice was posted in the two Post Offices, as well as Jordan's Lyon Bank and M&T Bank in Elbridge.
- 2) from Onondaga County Health Department re: updated reporting emergencies from Hart Lot Water District.
- 3) from Association of Towns re: new exemptions reporting requirements.
- 4) from the Town of Lysander re: notification of a hearing on the transfer of Development Rights Program held on Sept. 8, 2008.
- 5) Also from the Town of Lysander re: a Public Hearing on Sept. 22, 2008 to amend a Zoning Law re: a moratorium on wind energy.
- 6) From W-M Engineers re: their invoice of services performed for a study on the Hart Lot Water Transmission Main.
- 7) From the Association of Towns re: a one-day seminar on Personnel Management and Labor Relations on November 17, 2008.
- 8) From Onondaga County Department of Transportation re: follow-up of their presentation in August re: Town/ Village plowing rate for County-owned roads.
- 9) From Doug Miller of Miller Engineers re: proposal for Town Hall additions.
- 10) From NYS Department of State re: Community Projects Appropriation Agreement concerning acquisition of a van.
- 11) From Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency re: Multi- Jurisdiction all-hazards mitigation plan kick-off meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

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- 12) An invitation to Supervisor Bush from AARP and the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce to attend a forum on health care for all Americans on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Genesee Grande Hotel.

**GUESTS:** 1) Patricia and Russell Cooper, of Halfway Road, with concern re: Dog Control Officer. Rusty Cooper spoke of a recent encounter with Steve Remp, Town of Elbridge Dog Control Officer who came to his house with a complaint from a neighbor regarding the Cooper's dog, and did not like Mr. Remp's demeanor. The Coopers submitted a letter of formal complaint. Attorney Oudemool responded regarding Mr. Remp's authority and due process. The Coopers left at 7:15 PM. Attorney Oudemool advised the Town Board to supply Mr. Remp with a copy of this complaint, and a request to respond.

2) Floyd Godfrey of Sunview Drive re: proposed Sunview Drive Water District. Mr. Godfrey expressed frustration over having a majority, or not, of residents signing up to join the water district. One faction is there are two parcels in question on Rte. 5 and he'd like to know where the board stands. There was much discussion re: alternatives and if there's a possibility of additional signatures. The Map, Plan, and Report may need to be adjusted, and the petition re-signed. Mr. Godfrey and the three residents of Sunview Drive that also came left at 7:52 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Onondaga County Health Departments program "Tobacco Free".  
**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 108-08*

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge changed the health insurance premium contribution levels of non-union employees at the same time the contribution levels changed for union employees; therefore this resolution is intended to ratify a practice that occurred January 1, 2008; and  
Be it further resolved that the Town of Elbridge Employee Handbook be amended to reflect this change.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 109-08*

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes the Senior Program Coordinator to submit a grant proposal for the "Totally Fit for the Next Fifty" program to the Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 110-08*

**Resolved:** The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge authorizes Duane Milton to sell used computers to interested parties.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Betts: expects to have the Fire contracts very soon.

Councilor Ralston: Absent, but in his absence there was discussion re: the front entrance renovation and the parking lot needs to be sealed and patched up. Also, Midstate Doors will be here tomorrow to install new doors at the Highway, and Assessing.

Councilor Richardson: late sign-ups for the Recreation Department are difficult to add onto teams.

Councilor Dygert: another bus company will bring a van out for review at 6:30 PM on October 1, 2008 (before the regular board meeting). Discussion ensued re: wheelchair lifts and options. A letter came to the Town Board, from SBA Network Services, who are in the process of purchasing an existing cell tower. They are praising Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Herrmann, and said his professionalism was greatly appreciated and was a very good reflection of our jurisdiction.

Supervisor Bush: Mac's Restaurant is hosting a radio station promotion between 5AM and 9AM on Friday for the Jordan Fall Festival. There was discussion re: the Justice Court end of the building, and renovation.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Dan Conroy saw the plans for proposed work on the building and contacted his mason. He had some questions and suggestions.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 111-08*

**Resolved:** that this Board moves into executive session at 8:21 PM to discuss personnel.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES BETTS RICHARDSON DYGERT BUSH  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 112-08*

**Resolved:** resolved that the Board return to regular session at 9:13 PM.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 113-08*

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge terminated the employment of Linda Faulkner as Justice Clerk, effectively immediately.

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

ADOPTED: 3 AYES Betts Dygert Richardson  
Abstention 1 (Supervisor Bush)  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 114-08*

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge appoints Marie Bush to the position of full time Justice Clerk that is now vacant by reason of Linda Faulkner's termination at a salary of \$24,000.00.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 115-08*

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge moves to abolish the temporary Justice Clerk position which has been held by Marie Bush.

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 116-08*

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge resolves, in the event Linda Faulkner chooses to retire within a reasonable period of time of the termination of her employment, for medical reasons, she shall receive all benefits she is entitled to.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Dygert seconded by Councilor Richardson the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton, Town Clerk