

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2009

**REGULAR MEETING:** The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on April 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Town Community Center, 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 Bruce Ralston, Councilor Rita Dygert and Councilor Vern Richardson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Dirk Oudemool, and about forty residents of the town, also Danielle Karlik, Deputy Town Clerk; and Deb Stapleton, Clerk.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 1, 2009 and adopt minutes as written. UC.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**FROM:**

- 1) Jordan Mayor Platten requested to offer its residents curbside pick-up again this year, on May 9<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Town's spring trash day.

**GUESTS:**

- 1) Janet Lasell, a representative from NYS Real Property Services.
- 2) Joe VanLiew of Dodier Drive.
- 3) Dr. William Childress of Wheeler Road.
- 4) Terry Ecker of Wheeler Road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 35-09*

**Resolved:** that the Town of Elbridge Town Board hereby appoint the following individuals to the Town of Elbridge Senior Transportation Committee with each appointment carrying a term of two years: Gretchen Leary; Jan Richardson; Floyd Duger; Phil Dann; Catherine Isbell; Gloria Novak; and Dan Conroy.

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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 36-09*

**Resolved:** the Elbridge Town Board resolves that the Village of Elbridge will be the lead agency in the LT2 Water Project.

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 37-09*

**Resolved:** that the Elbridge Town Board approves the request from the Village of Jordan to participate in the Town Trash Day, on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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 38-09*

**Resolved:** that the Town of Elbridge Town Board approves the contract with Dan Dullen of Dullen Cabinetry and Construction for the Town Hall canopy project and authorizes the Supervisor to sign said contract.

The Supervisor would like to appoint an ad hoc committee to study and review fire protection services in the Town of Elbridge, and name George Betts as Chairperson, with two members of the Town Board, two members each of the Elbridge and Jordan Fire Departments, and two members of each Village Board. Councilor Richardson will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Board member.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Betts: nothing to report

Councilor Dygert: looking into grant money that may be available to help with the cost of a driver and someone scheduling appointments for the senior transportation vehicle.

Councilor Richardson: looking into grants from the state stimulus money that would help get Internet service to rural areas. 30% of the town cannot get high-speed Internet service.

Councilor Ralston: discussed scanning and revising our codebook.

Supervisor Bush: invited a representative from the NY State Real Property Services to come and explain the equalization rates and market values re: the Townwide revaluation, and all the things that go into it and why it's done.

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Because this guest, Janet Lasalle, was running late, the Supervisor went to the next guest on the list, Joe Van Liew from Dodier Drive and Joe asked that the letter he submitted to the board be on public record. He was representing the Dodier Drive Homeowners Association, and submitted a letter with signatures. They believe their assessments to be among the highest increase in the town at an average of a 50% increase, and it's unacceptable.

Janet Lasell arrived and the Supervisor invited her to speak. She handed paperwork out and started speaking on why a reassessment was done and what we hope to get out of it. This was a lengthy discussion, and there were many questions from members of the audience, and she explained real property tax law and procedure. Audience members wanted to know what the Assessor based his decisions on and who was responsible for the Assessor's actions.

Dr. William Childress of Wheeler Road addressed the board and had questions re: the validity of the appraisals.

Terry Ecker, also of Wheeler Road, wondered why it took so long for another reval? Many questions were asked discussion ensued.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Richardson the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton, Town Clerk