

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA
August 5, 2009

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on August 5th, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the J-E Community Center, Route 31, Jordan, New York.

Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Gretchen and Dan Leary, Dan Conroy, Bill Kuhn, Dana Anthonson, Doug Blumer, Tom McGuire, Todd Rinaldo, Robert Herrmann, Jr., Codes Enforcement Officer; Penelope Ceratt, Assessing Clerk; Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Jack Horner, Historian; Dennis Pelmar, Highway Superintendent; and Ami Olson, The Eagle Observer.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 1st, 2009 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 # 7, Vouchers # 408-470 in the amount of \$ 60,627.62 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 7, Vouchers # 82H-94H in the amount of \$ 19,499.97 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$ 80,127.59.

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

FROM: A1990.0 Contingency 1350.
TO: A1430.0 Personnel-Negotiation
(advisement for union negotiations)

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) A request from the Weedsport Winter Wanderers, Inc. looking for permission to use portions of Town property once again. The property is the Town Community Center, and the former landfill property off Peru Road.
- 2) The Town of Sennett will continue a Public Hearing for review of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, August 18.

REPORTS:

Assessor: on file.

Highway Superintendent: on file. There was a short discussion re: the AC in the Community Center hasn't been working correctly, and Dennis will give Holbrook a call.

Code Enforcement Officer: report on file, and Bob also mentioned he's been working with the fire chiefs to address the issue of abandoned homes.

Dog Control Officer: report on file.

Senior Program Director: Mark's been very busy with the JET program- they are at 2-3 trips a week (taking people to appointments), and get more calls and requests daily.

Outreach Worker: At the seniors summer picnic at Carpenter's Brook Fish Hatchery, the County legislator was there, and Channel 10 News, to publicize that the County was talking about closing the park, and we wanted to show them how active the park is, even on a Tuesday. Leo started the petition process there, and we're trying to get as many

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signatures as we can. There are petitions distributed, and we'd like them sent to the County Executive. No decisions will be made until later in September.

Historian: been very busy with people coming in from other states. We're working on organizing photographs and a distant relative of Captain Stevens has found a likeness of him to get to Jack, so we'll have an idea of what the founder of the town looked like.

Recreation Director: Joe's report is on file, and Councilor Richardson said there were many compliments from parents re: the summer programs. Joe will be trying a fall youth baseball league for 8- 12 year olds. Soccer camp is coming up in August.

Planning Board Chairman: Doug Blumer, member of PB, reported the LT2 treatment plant is being worked on, and continued rumors re: Allred expanding.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 58-09

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to give permission to the Weedsport Winter Wanderers, Inc, to use two portions of Town property for their trails, those being the former Town Landfill and at the JE Community Center, from the Erie Canal Trail to the Center for their meetings.

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 59-09

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Thoma Development Consultants to assist the Town in its application for the Rural Broadband Grant.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 60-09

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to authorize the Supervisor to sign the JCAP Grant Application for the Justice Office.

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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 61-09

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to seek additional part-time temporary, hourly assistance for the Justice area, due to the heavy volume from the Thruway construction, not to exceed \$2160.00.

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 62-09

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to support the resident's petition to prevent the closing of Carpenter's Brook Fish Hatchery.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 63-09

Resolved: The Elbridge Town Board resolves, on the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, to increase Roger Darling's pay, from \$15.68 to \$16.25 per hour, effective immediately, since his probationary period has been completed.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 64-09

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to forego the second meeting in August and will resume in September on the 2nd.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Dygert: wanted to thank Leo and Mark for all their help with the JET transportation project in her absence. Also thanks to the Town Board. Meeting on the 6th with the Transportation Committee and Liz Foster, to discuss the scheduling of the vehicle's use.

Councilor Richardson: explained the grant application process for high speed broadband Internet service is very involved with 118 pages of information, and we may not qualify anyway, as most area the Dept. of Agriculture considers "remote" is all west of the Mississippi. He is pursuing options.

Councilor Ralston: requested a quote from DeMarco for landscaping and maintenance. Also, presented to the town a gift of a marker for the new entrance- he's having cut a large piece of Pennsylvania Blue Stone with the logo and name.

Councilor Betts: Adhoc Committee for Fire Consolidation met last month with representation from both Fire Depts, both villages, and two town board members. Will meet next on August 12th. Also, thanks to Vern for chasing down grant money.

Supervisor Bush: there was an article in the newspaper re: manufacturing companies in Onondaga County, and Allred was featured with a photo. And, Ami Olson wrote an article in the Eagle Observer about the filming of a movie in the Village of Jordan. This is the second movie filmed in the area and it's a horror film called "Germ" and involves zombies.

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Dog Control Officer, Senior Citizen Outreach Report, Senior Program Coordinator, Recreation, Assessing, Zoning Officer, and Highway Superintendent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dan Conroy mentioned the JE Community Players production of "South Pacific" and what a great job everyone did.

Tom McGuire: of Towpath East is curious what, if any, decisions have been made since the community development grant was refused. Is there another step to move toward a public hearing, or look into a bond? There was much discussion with Supervisor Bush and Attorney Oudemool concerning needing a report outlining economics and whether to hire an engineer for a map, plan, and report. This project involves the trail maintained by the county, and possibly taking 10-15 feet of front yards. Attorney Oudemool said he'd revisit this situation, and we'll talk about this at the next meeting in September. Mr. McGuire said that would be fine.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Richardson, seconded by Councilor Ralston the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk