

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 3rd, 2009

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on June 3rd, 2009, 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, Councilor George Betts, Councilor Bruce Ralston and Councilor Vern Richardson.

ABSENT: Councilor Rita Dygert.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudemool, Attorney; Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator; Robert Herrmann, Codes Enforcement Officer; Jack Horner, Historian; Mr. Robert Hill and son, Rob Hill, Steve Walburger, Dan Conroy, Dave and Todd Rinaldo, Dana Anthonson, Ami Olson, The Eagle Observer; Doug Blumer, and Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Betts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 20, 2009 and adopt minutes as written. UC

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Betts made a motion that General Bills Abstract # 5, Vouchers # 270-334 in the amount of \$ 71,222.56 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 5, Vouchers # 61H- 71H in the amount of \$16,887.68 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$88,110.24.

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) Renewal liquor license application for Julie Bilinski at Millstone Golf Course.
- 2) Renewal liquor license application for Craig and Mary Saunders at Mac's Family Restaurant.
- 3) A letter from the Office of the County executive to the fire chiefs re: funding to replace interoperable radio systems and for support in advocating this funding in Albany.

GUESTS: Mr. Robert Hill

Mr. Hill read a letter he received from the Office of Real Property Services in regard to the valuation of farm property. He receives 12 tax bills, and he would like the parcels assessed as one unit. He discussed buildings no longer on some of his property, and he would like it straightened out.

REPORTS:

Assessor: report is on file. Understandably very busy.

Highway Superintendent: report is on file.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report on file and Bob reported Allred will be expanding and will come before the planning board next week. Angelo's Pizza is up and running.

Dog Control Officer: report on file.

Senior Program Director: transportation committee will meet again, and have been busy to be up and running by July 1st.

Historian: will be giving a historical tour in Elbridge on June 11th, at 6:15, and at 6:00 will be placing a historical marker at the Peck residence, as it was the first house in Onondaga County to have electricity.

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Outreach Worker: report on file, and in Leo's absence, Mark mentioned the possibility of a second PEACE luncheon.

Recreation Director: report on file. Village of Elbridge keeps fields in great shape. Auditions are coming up for the Community Players production of "South Pacific". This is the third year, and they'll have 3 performances this year.

Planning Board: Doug Blumer, Planning Board member, reported there's a lot line adjustment on the table, and ongoing work with Kingston Road and the LT2 project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob McLean from Credit Card Company MunicIPAY (Nationwide Payment Solutions) came to the clerk's office and gave a presentation of their system. This company, unlike the last one considered, does not have many of the fees in place for starting up. The Village of Jordan just began with them, and one of the Village trustees researched this. There is still an issue with Visa card acceptance.

Mr. McLean was able to stop in at the meeting, and spoke briefly on how the credit card service works, fees, and to answer any questions. Attorney Oudemool will review the contract before we move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

ADOPTED: 4 AYES Betts Ralston Richardson Bush
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Resolution 43-09

Resolved: that the Town of Elbridge Town Board hereby adopts the attached transportation policies dated May 2009 as proposed by the Town of Elbridge Transportation Committee.

The Attorney reviewed the attached transportation policies, and would recommend adding a policy regarding the conduct of drivers and escorts. Mark said this would be done, and he'll talk to Councilor Dygert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts: spoke with a contractor re: a possible water line under the Thruway and there was discussion on cost, feasibility, and the future. The Town of Brutus will be doing this, but the circumstances are different, as we have railroad tracks, and Carmer Road to consider.

Councilor Ralston: front entrance is just about done- discussion on catch basin, and parking lot lights/ parking lot.

Councilor Richardson: almost time again for Jcap grant applications, which have been available the last three years. Time Warner meeting-looked over map where Internet is not available.

Supervisor Bush: mentioned the monthly reports on file.

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MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Dog Control Officer, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Water Superintendent, Assessing, Senior Citizen Outreach report, Recreation and Zoning Officer.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: In regard to Councilor Betts report on going under the thruway with a waterline,

Mr. Hill mentioned they've been trying to get a water line up to Fikes Road for 15 or 20 years, why doesn't the board take a look at that? Jack Horner commented on the request for water out to Eno Point and many people signed a petition, but it was too expensive with a tower involved. Doug Blumer also commented that it doesn't make sense to go under the thruway because there's not a lot of clientele there. He thought it would be more cost effective to go at it from another water district. There was discussion on the pros and cons.

Mr. Steve Walburger gave the board a letter a couple weeks earlier with a request to change the zoning in an area on Route 31. The Supervisor advised that since Councilor Dygert is in charge of zoning, and she's absent, then they'd have to wait to discuss this issue. The Supervisor did comment, though, that zoning change is uncommon. There was then discussion, at Mr. Walburgers request, how he could proceed to build a commercial building to store equipment. He is a residential contractor, needs a pole barn, and has an opportunity to buy land in an agricultural district. He was advised to hold off as our town codes are being updated.

Dan Conroy asked re: the mulch out front, and if the town contributes to the grinding. He wondered if people need to come over here to get mulch when there is some on Sandbank Road and vice versa.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Richardson the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk