

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2009

**REGULAR MEETING:** The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on October 21, 2009 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 Bruce Ralston, Councilor Vern Richardson and Councilor Rita Dygert.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Dirk Oudemool, Robert Herrmann, Codes Enforcement Officer; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Louis and Christine Flask, Dave and Todd Rinaldo, Dan Conroy, Keith Hotchkiss, Tom McGuire, and Deb Stapleton, Town Clerk. Doug Blumer entered at 7:05, Dan Leary at 7:06, Ami Olson, Eagle Observer at 7:08PM.

**ADOPT MINUTES:** On a motion of Councilor Richardson seconded, by Councilor Ralston to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 7, 2009 and adopt minutes as written. UC.

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:**

On a motion of Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Dygert the following Budget modifications were approved:

From	A1990.0	Contingency	1000.
To:	A1430.0	Personnel-Negotiations	
From:	DA5140.4	Brush and Weeds- Contractual	4000.
To:	DA5148.1	Service to Other Govts.	

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**FROM:**

- 1) A letter from NYMIR re: the Town's Highway employees attended a Snow and Ice Safety Workshop on October 7<sup>th</sup> in Oswego County.
- 2) A letter from County Executive Joanie Mahoney stating her opposition to a proposal of the pending Election Chargeback Plan that shifts costs of elections back to towns and the city.
- 3) A letter to Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator, from Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth, confirming receipt of request for funding, and awarding \$1200. to the JE Community Center for Classes in Exercise, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Towpath East

A continued discussion on what the town's options are for property the town does not own. Attorney stated a document would be coming from the County re: what can and cannot be done on the "trail", by the time the snow flies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 18-09*

**Resolved:** that the Elbridge Town Board resolves to waive posting of position and hereby

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appoints Celeste Karakas as Town of Elbridge Assessor to serve until September 30, 2013. Her compensation is to be determined through an agreement with the Town of Camillus.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 79-09*

**Resolved:** that the Elbridge Town Board hereby reappoints Louis T. Flask, Jr. to the Board of Assessment Review, his term expiring on September 30, 2014.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush  
0 NAYS

*Resolution 80-09*

**Resolved:** that the Elbridge Town Board resolves to hire Robert Herrmann, Jr. as a seasonal winter highway worker, with a rate pay MEO level of \$15.68 an hour, with his hours of duty not to conflict with his scheduled hours as Codes Enforcement Officer.

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 87-09*

**Resolved:** that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge proposes the following year-end schedule as follows:

Wednesday, 11/25/09- Thanksgiving Eve-Office hours 8:30 AM- 1:00 PM

Wednesday, 12/2/09-Regular monthly Board meeting 7:00 PM

Wednesday 12/16/09-No Board meeting

Thursday, 12/24/09-Christmas Eve-Office hours 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

Tuesday, 12/29/09- Board meeting to approve bills 4:00 PM

Thursday, 12/31/09- New Years Eve-Office hours 8:30 AM- 1:00 PM

Friday, 1/1/10- New Years Day- Closed

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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 88-09*

**Resolved:** the Elbridge Town Board resolves to waive the Building Permit fee of \$174. for the Village of Elbridge for the LT2 Water Project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilor Betts: Fire Department safety meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Ralston: ran reports of the five pending projects.

Councilor Richardson: compliments from parents re: how the soccer program was run. Quieter in the justice office.

Councilor Dygert: discussion on (JET) Transportation Committee and insurance requirements plus maintenance of the vehicle. There will be an open house on November 7<sup>th</sup> to introduce the program and encourage volunteers.

Supervisor Bush: had a productive meeting with County Executive Mahoney and at a Supervisor's meeting, head of County DOT, Brian Donnelly, spoke about cutting back without "wing" people. Also-much concern about spending, pension costs, and the retirement system. Exciting to see Tessa and Allred expansions.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Louis Flask appreciates the opportunity to serve the Board of Assessment Review.

Tom McGuire of Towpath East received a letter the Supervisor forwarded to him from Jean Smiley re: the "road" or "trail" and also appreciates the continued open-mindedness the board has to work with the county.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Ralston seconded by Councilor Richardson the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton, Town Clerk