

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 7th, 2009

REGULAR MEETING: The Town Board of the Town of Elbridge met in regular session on October 7, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Town Municipal Building, 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 Bruce Ralston, Councilor Vern Richardson, and Councilor Rita Dygert.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dirk Oudemool, Attorney; Robert Herrmann, Codes; Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Ami Olson, Eagle Observer; Larry Fitts, Assessor; approximately 18 residents, and Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk.

Tom McGuire entered at 7:22 and Assessing Clerk, Penny Ceratt entered at 7:23 PM.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Ralston to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 16, 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 # 9, Vouchers # 543-609 in the amount of \$ 87,872.64 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 9, Vouchers # 102H- 119H in the amount of \$180,223.80 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$268,096.44.

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

FROM: B1990.0 Part Town –Contingency \$575.

TO: B8010.13 Zoning Board- Personnel

FROM: DB5110.4 General Repair- Contractual \$500.

TO: DB5148.4 General Repair- Other Government

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) a letter from Carl Gilmore of Cobblestone Ridge re: signs at the intersection of Quarry Stone Dr. and Sandbank Rd..

GUESTS: Mr. Robert Hill

Mr. Hill stated he's been working with the assessor for three months and have been getting things worked out. They've been working on the barns, land, and power lines. He asks the board to please look at the farmers.

Supervisor Bush said because of the amount of people there, we'll let the audience address the board now, before the official portion of the meeting (rather than at the end).

Several residents questioned how the CAP (coordinated assessment program) with Camillus came to be, how an annual reassessment will work, and can this new assessor fairly assess agricultural property, since Elbridge has much more than Camillus.

REPORTS:

Assessor: on file

Highway Superintendent: positive feedback on trash program and should be better next year.

Code Enforcement Officer: report on file.

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Dog Control Officer: nothing yet.

Outreach Worker: report on file.

Historian: report on file.

Senior Program Director: report on file and Mark reported there were about 70 flu shots given out the day before. Trip to Letchworth on Friday. Defensive driving class coming up on the 26th and 28th.

Recreation Director: report on file.

Planning Board Chairman: Tessa expansion and lot line adjustments.

OLD BUSINESS:

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 15-09

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to approve the Municipal Cooperative Agreement between the Town of Elbridge and the Town of Camillus to create a Coordinated Assessment Program pursuant to Section 579 of the Real Estate Property Tax Law effective October 15th, 2009 and authorize the Supervisor to sign.

Assessor Larry Fitts exited the meeting.

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

WHEREAS: The Town Board received the 2010 Tentative Budget on September 21, 2009, now therefore be it:

Resolution 16-09

Resolved: that the detailed statement of revenues and expenditures be the same, and is hereby adopted as the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Elbridge for the year 2010 and such budget is on file with the Town Clerk where it is available for public inspection and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a Public Hearing will be held on November 4th, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Town Municipal Building on Route 31, Jordan and the Clerk will have a notice published in the official paper of the town at least five days prior to said Hearing and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the legal notice include the yearly salaries of the following officers:

Supervisor	\$11,400.00
Town Clerk	\$ 35,175.00
Highway Superintendent	\$ 44,555.00
Councilors	\$ 5,400.00
Justices	\$ 10,400.00

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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 77-09

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to hire Harold Meaker and Aaron Bouchard as seasonal winter highway workers, with a rate of pay MEO level at \$15.68 an hour.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Dygert: transportation committee met that morning and they're training new drivers and Councilor discussed insurance issues re: the JET bus. NYMIR is also requiring drivers to have physicals. There will be a JET open house in early November. Still researching coverage for Medicare eligible retirees.

Councilor Betts: discussed the committee progress with the two fire departments and two villages, and are troubleshooting. Both departments are looking for volunteer firefighters.

Councilor Richardson: in the justice office the influx of tickets from the thruway project is going down. Councilor discussed the broadband grant money in rural areas and the 22 towns allocated are all in the North Country.

Councilor Ralston: still looking at numbers for the parking lot project. No masons have responded.

Supervisor Bush: received a letter from Shirley Drummond thanking the town and villages regarding the Jordan Fall Festival this year.

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Water Superintendent, Recreation, Outreach Worker, Senior Program Coordinator, Assessor, Historian, Zoning Officer, and Highway Superintendent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dan Conroy had questions re: Cobblestone Ridge Architectural Committee and Attorney Oudemool answered with differences between a Homeowner's Association and other committees.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Stapleton, Town Clerk