

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2009

REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Blumer, Dan Conroy, Tom McGuire, David Rinaldo, Dennis Hoe, Gretchen and Dan Leary, Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator; Dennis Pelmar, Highway Superintendent; Robert Herrmann, Codes Enforcement; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Danielle Karlik, Deputy Town Clerk; Dirk Oudemool, Town Attorney; and Deb Stapleton, Clerk. Ami Olson of the Advocate entered at 7:08 PM.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 21, 2009, and adopt minutes as written. UC

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Councilor Ralston, seconded by Councilor Betts made a motion to pay General Bills, Abstract#1, Voucher# 1-80, in the amount of \$ 114,642.95, and Highway Bills, Abstract#1, Voucher# 1H-17H, in the amount of \$ 80,333.79 were ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$ 194,976.75. UC

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM:

- 1) Applications for 2009 Community Development funding.
- 2) PEACE contract

REPORTS:

Assessor: no report

Highway Superintendent: discussion on a complaint Dennis received re: snowmobiles on town owned property in Hart Lot.

Code Enforcement Officer: Bob and Penny (Assessing Clerk) compiled a detailed list of properties in the town, commercial and rentals, which require safety and fire inspections. This is the first complete and extensive list of its kind. Discussion followed. Councilor Dygert thanked Bob for this report.

Dog Control Officer: Steve Remp is up to date on his reports.

Historian: no report.

Senior Program Coordinator: the weather has held the numbers down, and there are a couple trips coming up in the spring.

Planning Board: no report

Outreach Worker: Leo reports there's a national and state push on HEAP- it's toning down, but now a huge push on for food stamps. Many more people are now eligible for this help. Tracey Clark from CNY Food Bank, will come in March, and would like to sign people up. She'll come to the 1st Tuesday luncheon from 11AM-4PM. People attach a stigma to food stamps, where they'll apply for help elsewhere.

Recreation Director: Joe's report is on file and things are moving along- getting ready for February break and camp, and sign ups will begin soon for spring sports.

OLD BUSINESS: New York Shale Gas. Supervisor Bush asked if there were any comments from the board. Councilor Richardson said he received a call that they apparently signed a big farm in the town. There was discussion on what the town can regulate as far as drilling goes, and it's all in DEC's hands. We'll table it for the time being.

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 12-09

Resolved that the Town Board hereby establishes a Senior Transportation Committee comprised of nine members, which will be responsible for managing and overseeing the Town's senior transportation program.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 13-09

Resolved that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise to recruit volunteers to serve on the Senior Transportation Committee for a two-week period beginning February 9, 2009 through February 20, 2009.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 14-09

Resolved that the Town of Elbridge Town Board hereby appoints Dan Leary as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term effective immediately.

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 15-09

Resolved that the Town of Elbridge Town Board hereby accepts the Planning Board's recommendation of Timothy Filkins as Chair for the duration of his term, 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 16-09

Resolved that the Town Board agrees to purchase a new copier, a Copystar CS-2560, from Fulton Typewriter for general town office use.

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 17-09

The Elbridge Town Board authorizes Supervisor Bush to enter into an agreement with Time Warner Security for maintenance.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Ralston Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 18-09

The Elbridge Town Board resolves to authorize the release of 75% of the engineering deposit to Dennis Hoe regarding his property at 1124 Rte. 5 East, and will return the last 25% upon completion of signage.

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 19-09

Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Elbridge set February 18, 2009 at 7 PM, for a Public Hearing to discuss the use of Community Development grant applications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Dygert: met with Carl McKinnon re: insurance, and will meet with someone next week to consider viable options. Met with Mark, Leo, and Shirley to discuss the

transportation committee guidelines- like how far should we travel, and fees, and donations. There's much to consider.

Councilor Richardson: Received a call from Time Warner Cable, and fees are increasing 5% nationwide. Court grant furniture arriving, and new carpet will be put down next week.

Councilor Ralston: Spring trash day just around the corner.

Councilor Betts: would like to hold tight with the formation of Sunview waterline project and get community development applications for hook up funding. Also, the Highway Superintendent sought out a couple quotes for Towpath East, and what road construction costs might be.

Supervisor Bush:

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Supervisor's, Town Clerks, Code Enforcement, Dog Control, Recreation Director's, Senior Program Coordinator, and Highway Superintendent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Tom McGuire asked if there are any more community development projects on your list? Supervisor advised we have a five-year list, but more crucial projects can be addressed.

Dan Conroy asked in regard to the code report and rental properties in the town, is it an annual inspection, or could it be done every two years, considering the amount of them? There was discussion re: rental properties and liability issues.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion of Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Ralston, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. UC

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton
Town Clerk