

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 3rd, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilor George Betts, Councilor Bill Kuhn, Councilor Rita Dygert, Councilor Vern Richardson, and Supervisor Ken Bush.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Attorney Dirk Oudemool, Robert Herrmann, Codes Officer; Dennis Pelmeur, Highway Superintendent; Leo Cooper, Outreach Worker; Bruce Ralston, Gordy Franz, Dan Conroy, Gretchen and Dan Leary, Dave and Todd Rinaldo, Maureen Doyle, Ami Olson, Eagle Observer; Celeste Karakas, Town Assessor; Doug Blumer, and Deb Stapleton, Clerk. Mark Grasmeyer, Senior Program Coordinator entered the meeting at 7:05.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson, the minutes from February 17, 2010 were approved. UC

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: Councilor Betts seconded by Councilor Dygert made a motion that General Bills Abstract #2, Vouchers # 86-153 in the amount of \$38,821.43 were ordered paid and Highway Bills, Abstract # 2, Vouchers # 18H-35H in the amount of \$29,743.04 were also ordered paid for a total disbursement of \$68,564.47.

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

From: A1990.0	Contingency	4500.
To: A1430.0	Personnel- Negotiations	
From: B1990.0	Contingency	3000.
To: B8010.11	Codes Enforcement Sec'y	

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Revised Town Highway Construction Specifications from Barton and Loguidice, P.C.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Highway Superintendent Pelmeur read a statement apologizing to the town board and the town residents for a recent lack in good judgment for plowing a private resident's driveway. As for recent rumors that he's been seen on Schaap Road, the town has entered into an agreement with the county, and he plows Towpath East, which is off of Schaap Road. He has received a letter from the supervisor, and will reimburse the town for the use of a town vehicle involved in the matter of the private residence.

Dan Conroy of Sandbank Road, said, pertaining to the same issue, that he wants it on record, that he knows it was not an isolated incident, and it happened on more than one occasion.

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REPORTS:

Assessor: Assessor Celeste Karakas reported that because of recent weather, the March 1st deadline, for exemption applications, was extended to Wednesday. It's been very busy- Penny (and Paige) have done a very good job. Have had some informal meetings with residents, and things are settling down from last year's reval. Supervisor Bush again encouraged anyone who questions the validity of the data on their parcels, to make an appointment to meet with the Assessor.

Highway Superintendent: Dennis asked the board their opinion if they want to continue the trash transfer program- time to line up dumpsters if they start early. Councilor Dygert asked about an item on his report re: Internet service in the Lyon's Den at the Community Center, and Dennis said Mark Grasmeyer asked for it at a renter's request for future power point presentations and such. Mark said nothing has been done at this point.

Code Enforcement Officer: Bob reported he and Paige have been chipping away at rental inspections, and are in great shape. Will be doing more in Jordan now, and the Village Clerk is helping get things on the website for site plans and ZBA, so things are more accessible off site. Codes and assessing offices work well together. Councilor Dygert asked Mr. Herrmann about the William May property and proposed pole barn and how close to Rte 5 it will be.

Dog Control Officer: report is on file.

Senior Program Director: report is on file, and Mark wanted to welcome Leo back, as he'll be busy, as there are already HEAP requests, and food stamps.

Outreach Worker: Leo reported at the first Tuesday luncheon, Emma Milton brought in a birthday cake for Lillian Van Fleet, who is 99 years old.

Historian: Jack's report is on file.

Recreation Director: Report is on file. Joe is starting to plan summer program.

Planning Board: Doug reported just a couple subdivisions going on.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 52-10

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board hereby approves the operating permit application for Champion Mobile Home Park for April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 53-10

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board approves of the agreement between the Highway Superintendent and the Town Board for the Expenditure of Highway Monies.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 54-10

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to hold a joint Public Hearing with the Village of Elbridge on April 7th, 2010, at the Town of Elbridge Municipal Building pertaining to the request of property annexation by Hourigan Farms of Elbridge, LLC. to begin at 7 PM.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 55-10

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to approve the 5 Year Plan at the request of the Onondaga County Office of Community Development, for grant applications.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 56-10

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter into agreement with TMD Consulting and Technology for anti-virus and anti-spam software for the town computers at a cost of \$716.13.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 57-10

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board resolves to hold a Public Hearing on April 7, at 7:00 PM to amend Chapter 30 by creating a new Section 30.48 to be titled "Prohibited Uses" which shall read as follows:

"The exploration of land for natural gas by horizontal fracturing is prohibited."

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 58-10

Resolved: that the proposed amendment to Chapter 30 creating Section 30.48 be referred to both the Planning Board and Syracuse/ Onondaga County Planning Agency for their consideration.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts: re: revised highway specifications, there was discussion on asphalt kick-up curbing and concrete gutters. Also, has spent a lot of time with respective fire departments and has more meetings coming up.

Councilor Kuhn: has fixed light on flagpole.

Councilor Dygert: transportation meeting was held this morning and discussed how many volunteers they have and are being trained for the JET.

Councilor Richardson: JCAP justice grants news wasn't great; then discussed the grant money situation in NY.

Supervisor Bush: thanked department heads for coming to meetings. Also discussed Onondaga County's devised sales tax formula coming up.

MONTHLY REPORTS ON FILE: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Water Superintendent, Codes, Historian, Recreation, Assessing, Senior Program Coordinator, Dog Control, and Highway Superintendent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Dan Conroy wanted to comment on the asphalt tip up curbing issue and his experience with the Cobblestone subdivision.

Doug Blumer wanted to thank the board for adopting the resolution he presented at the February 17th meeting in support of the Farmland Protection Program.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Dygert, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Stapleton
Town Clerk