

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING
MAY 5th, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and Councilor Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: From the Town of Elbridge: Supervisor Ken Bush, Councilor George Betts, Councilor Rita Dygert, Councilor Vern Richardson, and Councilor Bill Kuhn. From the Village of Elbridge: Mayor Hank Doerr, Trustee Allen Webster, Trustee Fred Weisskopf, Trustee Chris DeCola, Village Attorney Harry Armani, and Deputy Village Clerk Jennifer Thorpe. (Absent; Trustee Robert Conlan)

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Attorney Dirk Oudemool, Outreach Worker, Leo Cooper; Robert Herrmann, Codes Officer; Dennis Pelmear, Highway Superintendent; Celeste Karakas, Assessor; Ami Olson, The Eagle Observer; Dave and Todd Rinaldo, Dana Anthonson, Dan Conroy, Dan and Gretchen Leary, Doug Blumer, Dawn Bersani, and Clerk Deb Stapleton.

PUBLIC HEARING: to consider the petition to annex property, from the Town of Elbridge into the Village of Elbridge. This property, being part of parcel 040.-03-25.0 and beginning south approximately 1733 ft. from W. Main St. (State Route 5) along the easterly side of Military Lot 82 and continuing south with a description of a drainage easement with approximate dimensions of 50 ft. wide by 591 ft. length.

Legal notice that appeared in the April 13 Eagle Observer was available.

Supervisor Bush: Would anyone like to speak in favor of this proposed annexation?

Mayor Doerr explained issue with drainage, and Attorney Armani described this parcel to the Boards and the audience.

Supervisor Bush: Would anyone like to speak against the proposed annexation? No one.

Supervisor Bush declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:12 PM.

REGULAR MEETING:

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ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Betts the minutes from April 21st, 2010 were approved. UC

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: On a motion by Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Betts, Abstract #4, General Voucher #'s 213-265 for a amount of \$40,328.34 and Highway Voucher #'s 61H- 74H for an amount of \$12,970.72, for a total disbursement of \$53,299.06 were ordered paid. UC

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) a letter from Guy Hulbert, Syracuse Division of Public Affairs, NYSTA, outlining the hauling routes for 2010 work taking place on the Interchange 39-40 project, and what to expect.
- 2) Jordan Fire Chief's Annual Report.

GUEST: Dawn Bersani of Grimes Road.

Ms. Bersani moved to Grimes Road on 8/08, and has had problems with a neighbor playing loud music, in his vehicle. Music is played at all hours of the day and night, and she has called the police numerous times, but because there is no noise ordinance in place, they can't do anything. She asks the town board to consider an ordinance. The board will look into other noise ordinances, revisit a previous attempt, and see how they can help. Councilor Kuhn also asked her to call him, as he lives nearby, so he can hear this first hand.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: At this point, Supervisor Bush, Mayor Doerr, and Councilor Betts all commented on the county sales tax formula that was recently voted on, and many people are angered by the outcome, as towns were completely ignored. Villages and schools were hit as well, and the legislators were smug, and patting themselves on the back. It was felt as a slap in the face to everyone outside the city of Syracuse.

Mayor Doerr, while everyone from the town board, and village board were there, asked to talk about Seymour Lofft Park, owned by the Village of Elbridge. Councilor Richardson said he would rather put it off, for a committee meeting, but Mayor Doerr insisted since all key decision makers were there. He went back over the last six years or so, and was questioning the amount of money the town contributes. Trustee Weisskopf commented on the recreation report how many times the fields at the park were used, for various sporting events, and said Joe heard from three different coaches that the unprepared fields are insulting. The amount of money needs to be increased, or if we don't want to use it, then they'll reduce the park. If, in next year's budget they're not included, they could lock us out. There's a matter of \$26,000 maintenance cost that needs help.

Dan Conroy spoke up and asked how much money were they talking about, and Trustee Weisskopf asked the supervisor that this was not the place for community involvement, and Dan said it was a public meeting. Doug Blumer stood up and said this is the part of the meeting for public comment, and then said the park is for all people of the town, and why doesn't the village donate it to the town and make it a town park?

Supervisor Bush asked that the village trustees finish their say, and then when we get to the part of public comments, everyone can have their appropriate time. Appreciate the time they took to explain the information, and between the recreation subcommittee we can sit down and go over it in more detail.

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The village trustees, deputy village clerk, and village attorney exited the meeting at this point, and Supervisor Bush restored the meeting to order, and asked to continue the public comment portion of this meeting.

Dan Conroy said he helped build the park, and he did it for the kids. The village bought materials, and he built the concession stand, bathrooms, press box and more.

Dana Anthonson, of Pine Street, in Jordan, commented on another park- the small memorial park across from Wheeler's Farm and Home, and he is going to the village meeting, and would like to see the park expanded, maybe with more benches, a birdbath, roses, and an apple tree.

Dan Leary, of River Rock Drive, would like to revisit the sign issue at the Cobblestone Ridge subdivision. Talks, from a year ago, were halted because of the issue of a formal homeowners association, and now with renewed interest in the signage, he would like assurance that the resolution still stands. We'll look again at the resolution, and Attorney Oudemool had a suggestion that the homeowners form a not-for-profit organizational entity, that is inexpensive, and will serve the purpose so the sign does not burden the town. This will be a nice amenity to the town.

REPORTS:

Assessor: Ms. Karakas commented on the town being at 100%, informal meetings, and the grievance process being on the website. She met with the Board of Assessment Review last night, and they're okay with the procedure she uses.

Highway Superintendent: began paving Reeves Road, and the trash program has started out light.

Code Enforcement Officer: all inspections are up to date, and Paige has done a great job. Over 300 inspections have been done. Also, if anyone has American flags to dispose of, he is willing to take them and will bring them to the watchfire on Memorial Day.

Dog Control Officer: the Dog Control Officer, and the assistant DCO, will be going to the training seminar in Webster, NY in May.

Senior Program Director: Leo mentioned that on May 18th, it's Older Americans Celebration, and there will be a nice gourmet luncheon, free to area senior citizens. This is the fourth year. Community Center reservations have been up, and there are trips planned. The next is Saratoga Springs on May 24th, and the annual summer picnic is at Carpenter's Brook on July 20th.

Outreach Worker: Leo said that since OCRRA first started Earth Day in 1991, his family has participated cleaning up their neighborhood, and now all the grandkids are involved.

Historian: report is on file.

Recreation Director: Opening day was last Saturday, and they had a great day, with hundreds of people, 18 teams- all have sponsors, 225 kids, and Joe did an excellent job organizing all of it.

Planning Board: there are some subdivisions and Tessy has begun the process for a final additional building.

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NEW BUSINESS:

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 72 -10

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board wishes to honor the Village of Jordan's 175th Anniversary. The Village was incorporated on May 2nd, 1835.

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

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 73 -10

Resolved: that the Elbridge Town Board hereby petitions the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to section 1622.1 of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law, to review the speed limit on Kester Road and Hall Road.

Councilor Richardson said many residents on Kester and Hall Road would like the speed limit reduced to 40 mph.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Betts: thanked Ken for helping with a water leakage issue in Hart Lot. The Elbridge Fire Dept. hosted a training session where the Jordan Fire Dept. had 8 members involved. Talk of combining district 1 and 2, possibly.

Councilor Kuhn: prototype window has been ordered to try in the supervisor's office.

Councilor Dygert: expanding information on the website re: JET program. Still looking into emergency roadside assistance for JET vehicle.

Councilor Richardson: Justice Office is picking up due to construction on the Thruway. Commented on the Chamber meeting at the State Police Barracks in Elbridge.

Supervisor Bush: Summit Ford has moved to Auburn (second car dealership to move out), and it's sad to see since they've been here since the 1920's. Nice article in Sunday's paper on Allred's involvement with the Syracuse Research Corporation.

On a motion by Supervisor Bush, seconded by Councilor Betts, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Betts Kuhn Dygert Richardson Bush
0 NAYS

Resolution 74 -10

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board expresses its great disappointment in the County Legislature's adoption of the new sales tax formula.

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

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Dygert, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton
Town Clerk