

## **10/07/09 Town Board Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Elma Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 8:00 PM, Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, New York, with the following members present:

Supervisor Michael Nolan  
Councilwoman Susan Glownia  
Councilman David Polak  
Councilman Dennis Powers  
Councilman Dean Puleo

Also: Town Attorney Phyllis Todoro  
Building Inspector Joseph Colern  
Highway Superintendent Wayne Clerk  
Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson-Absent  
Town Engineer James Wyzykiewicz

Approximately 24 people attended the meeting.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Making the Legal Notice for the Public Hearing on the Community Block Development Grant part of the minutes Supervisor Nolan opened the public hearing at 8:00PM. Mr. Meaney from Elderberry Land suggested the waterline replacement due to numerous waterline breaks and the age of the waterlines on Elderberry. Mrs. Baumgartner from the Historical Society suggested a mechanical wheel chair lift for the museum. Councilman Polak suggested a joint Fire Company ambulance service for the Town. Also Rural Transit has always been requested. Supervisor Nolan closed the public hearing at 8:03PM.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2009 meeting.  
Ayes-5. Noes-0.Carried.

Department Reports

Town Engineer James Wyzykiewicz noted that the drainage problem in Elma Meadows needs to be further discussed for installation of about 150' of drainage pipe instead of just cleaning out the ditch. This will be on the next Work Session.

Building Inspector Joseph Colern presented his monthly report for September with 37 permits issued, fees collected of \$11,895.34 with an estimated value of construction \$1,892,526.

Supervisor Nolan in the absent of Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson for Mrs. Jakubowski to attend the 2009 Spectrum Conference, this will be added to the agenda. Highway Superintendent Wayne Clark noted that a gate has been installed at the Handy Road park, Briggswood and Jackman Roads drainage project is complete. Mr. Clark is requesting to take a 2001 Dodge pickup to auction, this will be added to the agenda. Town Attorney Phyllis Todoro has solved the problem of the deeds for the Creek Road Park with the NYS Parks and Recreation Grant project.

Supervisor Nolan presented the 2010 Tentative Budget as follows:

Transmittal Letter to the 2010 Tentative Budget

To the Town Board, Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Elma:

The Town of Elma, New York's proposed budget for the year 2010 is hereby submitted. As required by Town Law, this version of the budget has been prepared by me as Town Supervisor and is known as the "Tentative Budget" for 2010. It is respectfully submitted to the Town Board, citizens and Town taxpayers for review, consideration, resident input and potential adjustment prior to adoption by the Town Board. The annual budget process is an important undertaking. We, as management of the Town, must take many factors into effect, including: The services which are vital for the health and safety of our residents. Service that provide "quality of life" to our residents. The cost of these services and the ability of taxpayers to pay for these services.

I am happy to present a budget that provides services for health, safety and quality of life, while also controlling costs. As with each year, the Town faces many challenges - we have always acted responsibly and looked for the long-term benefit of our community. We consider the 2010 budget not to be a one year spending plan, but a long-term blue print for the Town's future. Some highlights include: In 2010, the Town will continue to focus attention on our infrastructure and will dedicate additional funding to road projects. The Town is scheduling no Major Capital Improvement projects due to the economic downturn our Country is now facing. That may change if stimulus monies are dedicated from the Federal Government towards projects located in Elma. It is critical that all Government entities in New York State not overspend and keep Taxes as low as possible.

A complete detail budget and summary of estimated tax rates can be found in the Tentative Budget. These decreases are the result of: Careful control and monitoring of Town expenses. Town management acts in a conservative manner and we do not have any excess employees or employee costs. During 2010, all Town Employees will be contributing towards the cost of health insurance. Maximizing and protecting our outside revenue sources. Continual monitoring of our financial controls, policies and procedures. We have and will continue to act with the best interest of our taxpayers in mind. In summary, I believe this budget proposal provides for continued high quality services to our residents at an extremely fair price. It also provides for the future by funding for additional road and park improvements. All of which comes at a cost that is less than the prior year. In closing, I wish to thank all the employees and department heads for their dedicated service to the Town, and the Town Board for their leadership and support. Additionally, thanks to the Elma residents who volunteer their time in many different ways to make Elma the great community that we call home. Respectfully submitted Michael Nolan Supervisor.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glowonia seconded the motion to approve the Supervisor to sign the agreement with EMW Little League Football for \$5,000 for 2009. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glowonia seconded the motion to approve the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Meals on Wheels for \$1,500 for 2009. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilwoman Glowonia seconded the motion to approve the installation of a street light near 100 Strief Road with 100 watt high pressure sodium light with an annual cost of \$93.68. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan set a Public Hearing date of November 4, 2009 at 8:00PM for the Drainage District #185, 951 Bowen Road.

Supervisor Nolan opened the RFQ's for the Billington water tank rehabilitating project as follows: Greenman-Pedersen, Inc \$56,800, Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc \$82,700, Wendel Duchscherer Architects & Engineers \$58,800, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates \$62,800,

Clough Harbour & Associates LLP \$38,840 and Clark Patterson Lee \$\$13,900. These will be reviewed.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to add the Harris Computer Customer Conference to the Agenda.  
Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glowina seconded the motion to approve P. Jakubowski to attend the 2009 Spectrum Customer Conference in Rochester at the cost of \$125. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to add the 2001 Dodge pick up to the Agenda. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glowina seconded the motion to approve Mr. Clark taking the 2001 Dodge pick up to the auction.  
Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan announced that the next Work Session will be October 21, 2009 at 6:30PM with the Town Board meeting at 8:00PM.

All have received the Planning, Zoning and Conservation Board, Design Guidelines Committee minutes that apply.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia King  
Town Clerk