

03/05/08 Town Board Minutes

A regular meeting of the Elma Town Board was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at 8:00 PM, Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, New York, with the following members present:

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

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

Approximately 12 people attended the meeting.

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

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilman Puleo seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2008 meeting. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Department Reports

Building Inspector Joseph Colern presented the monthly reports for January and February, 2008: January had 10 permits issued, fees collected of \$3,264.72 with an estimated value of construction of \$679,810. February had 16 permits issued, fees collected of \$4,854.33 and an estimated value of construction of \$1,395,924. Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson noted that the sink, cabinets and countertops have been installed in the craft room at the Senior Center.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilman Puleo seconded the motion to approve a negative declaration on a short form SEQR for Landmaster's Group Inc at 3021 Transit Road.

Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to issue a Business Use Permit to Landmaster's Group Inc at 3021 Transit Road for the sale of landscaping supplies, including pre-cast and stone. Building Inspector notes: permit required for advertising signs and fire inspection required 30 days after occupancy. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Mark Bielefeld as assistant Code Enforcement Officer. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to approve Raymond Balcerzak as assistant Code Enforcement Officer. Ayes-3. Noes-0. Abstain-1. (Supervisor Nolan abstained) Carried.

Supervisor Nolan opened the bids for the Water Tank RFQ's as follows: Conrady Consultant Services \$3000, Underwater Solutions Inc \$12,800, Liquid Engineering Corp \$3735 and Robotic Observation Ventures \$5620. Bids will be reviewed at the next Work Session.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilman Puleo seconded the motion to award the bids for the seventeen (17) generators at the cost of \$819 each and ten (10) pole saws at the cost of \$569 each to Philipps Bros. Supply Inc. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to award the bid for the eighteen (18) chainsaws at the cost of \$299 each to Dival Safety & Supplies. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to approve the Service Award point for the Blossom, Elma and Jamison Road Volunteer Fire Companies as presented. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan read the following Proclamation: Senate Resolution, Recognizing March 13th, 2008 as

“World Kidney Day”

WHEREAS, healthy kidneys are essential to regulate the body by water and other chemicals in your blood, remove fluids, waste, toxins and drugs introduced to the body, release hormones that regulate blood pressure, make red blood cells and promote strong bones, and, WHEREAS, more than 26 million Americans, about one in nine adults, suffer from chronic kidney disease and, WHEREAS, of the 31,000 New Yorkers afflicted with end-stage renal disease, approximately 40 percent are African American and 16 percent are Hispanic, and, WHEREAS, the two main causes of chronic kidney disease are diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible for up to two-thirds of the cases, WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of WNY has a health screening program to identify people in the early stages of kidney disease, and, WHEREAS, the mission of the National Kidney Foundation of WNY is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation, WHEREAS, early detection including regular reporting of the GFR calculation, currently the best indication of kidney disease staging can help prevent the progression of kidney disease to kidney failure, which requires continual dialysis or kidney transplant to maintain life, and, WHEREAS, the cost of treatment for kidney disease patients is disproportionately higher than any other chronic disease, and,

WHEREAS, most patients who have end-stage renal disease rely primarily on Medicare and Medicaid to cover the costs of their life-sustaining care, which includes dialysis treatment, medications, laboratory testing, and as necessary, transportation services to the dialysis facility, and as a consequence, any changes in Medicare and Medicaid eligibility, significantly put them at risk, NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by: That March 13th is recognized as “World Kidney Day” in New York State and the Town of Elma in the hope that all possible support will continue to be extended to Chronic Kidney Disease patients in New York and throughout the country and the world.

Councilman Powers made the motion Councilman Polak seconded the motion to honor “World Kidney Day” on March 13th, 2008. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan set a public hearing date of March 19, 2008 at 8:00PM for Local Law #3-2008 Cold War Veterans Law.

Supervisor Nolan noted that the next Work Session will be on March 12, 2008 at 6:00PM.

All have received the Planning, Zoning, Conservation Board and Code Review Committee that apply.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to add the Re-Tree WNY program to the Agenda. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to approve the following resolution: In its continuing efforts through its policies, procedures and laws, to protect farmland and to support land conservation and to provide areas of natural habitat for wildlife, the Town of Elma desires to establish a Reforestation Program in conjunction with Re-Tree WNY. The goal of the Program will be to plant and/or replace lost or damaged trees on Municipal properties.
Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to approve 20 trees for the Re-Tree WNY program. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia King
Town Clerk